



# QUEEN OF PEACE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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### **Welcome Back**

We hope you enjoyed your summer and are refreshed and energized for the 2017/2018 school year. To emphasize Mrs. Naughton's Welcome Back letter, "A new year provides so many possibilities of growth in learning, in faith, in friendships, and in service to others. I encourage every student and parent to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. We anticipate a very positive, productive year together and extend a special, yearlong invitation to join us at school activities and events whenever you can. We want, we need, and we value your involvement and support in your child's education."

### **Home School Association**

The QPGS Home School Association ("HSA") is a vital part of the school's success and requires active involvement by our parents and teachers. The HSA plans activities throughout the school year, and supports the school by administering school sponsored events. The HSA contributes to the school financially through fundraising activities. We look forward to a successful year of fellowship and fundraising as well as parent-teacher communication. We invite you to plan ahead and participate as often as possible!

Research has shown that children with involved parents perform better in school, thrive in social activities and build positive relationships with their families. If families and parents show an interest and participate, chances are, so will your children. Our goal this school year is to continue to make QPGS academically challenging and provide a nurturing environment for our children while also establishing a new sense of community.

### **Who We Are**

The HSA is a group of volunteer parents with children attending Queen of Peace Grammar School and teachers.

#### **Officers**

President: Mary Ellen Zidiak

Kevin: Grade 6, Riley: K

Vice President: Patricia Bleviss

Charles: Grade 7

Secretary: Melissa Castro

Elijah: Grade 6, Isabella: K

Treasurer: Diane Cardoso-Kupp

Cristiano: Grade 1

**Teacher Liaison:** Mrs. De Rogatis

#### **Members at Large**

Rita McDermott

Andrew: Grade 7

MaryBeth Green

Matthew: Grade 6

Denise Cartagena

Milena: Grade 5

Tammy Lemanowicz

Leah: Grade 2, Ellie: K

#### **Visit our website at:**

[www.qpgs.org/parents/home-school-association/](http://www.qpgs.org/parents/home-school-association/)

### **Why should families get involved:**

- ✓ Lead by example for your children
- ✓ Form relationships with classmates and their families
- ✓ Establish a network
- ✓ Experience a sense of community
- ✓ Raise funds for school
- ✓ Earn community service points
- ✓ Spend quality time with your children
- ✓ Help make school events a success

### **How to Get Involved:**

- ✓ Fundraise
- ✓ Volunteer for HSA events
- ✓ Attend school events
- ✓ Donate to Food Pantry – every first Friday of the month
- ✓ Collect Box Tops
- ✓ Attend Home School Meetings
  - 10/11
  - 1/24
  - 3/14
  - 5/16

**If you attend all 4 meetings you will be entered in a raffle to win \$400 off of next year's tuition (2 winners chosen on 5/16)**

- ✓ Provide feedback

### **Plan Ahead for Upcoming Events:**

- 9/11-9/22 Innisbrook Fundraiser
- 9/11-9/22 Kidstuff Book
- 10/2-10/13 Yankee Candle
- 10/12-10/12 Book Fair
- 10/21 Food Truck Festival
- 11/3 Pocketbook Bingo
- 11/6-11/10 Thanksgiving Pie Sale
- 12/4-12/15 Winter Raffle
- 12/6 Christmas Bazaar
- 12/9 Breakfast with Santa
- 1/8-1/19 Chocolate Bar Fundraiser
- 2/5-2/15 Gertrude Hawk
- 2/9 Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 3/5-3/16 Tuition Raffle
- 4/13 Tricky Tray
- 4/23-5/4 Spring Raffle
- 5/9 Mother's Day Plant Sale
- 6/1 Mother/Son Night

### **Recognition and Rewards**

In an effort to boost participation, this year students and families will be recognized for their involvement in our school events. Top earners for each fundraiser will be announced during opening day prayers and will earn a dress down day. In addition, top performing classes will earn a pizza party hosted by the HSA.

***"Parent involvement in education is crucial. No matter their income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school."***

Sources, related articles and research on parental involvement:

1. National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education. 2006. Research Review and Resources. Retrieved September 16, 2011, from [www.ncpie.org/WhatsHappening/researchJanuary2006.cfm](http://www.ncpie.org/WhatsHappening/researchJanuary2006.cfm).
2. <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/what-research-says-about-parent-involvement/>
3. <http://www.nea.org/tools/17360.htm>

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