

Queen of Angels is a regional Catholic school, a small school with an exceptionally strong sense of community.

Queen of Angels School is committed to:

- A safe community environment
- Faith formation and sacramental preparation
- Emphasis on values of respect, compassion, diversity, and dignity of life
- Students empowered to make moral and responsible choices
- Daily prayer and weekly Mass
- Local and global awareness demonstrated through community service
- A core curriculum supporting consistent excellence in state and national test scores (WASL and ITBS)

Queen of Angels has a certified faculty and skilled staff committed to teaching different learning styles.

Queen of Angels is accredited with Western Catholic Education Association and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

This booklet shows just a portion of what happens throughout the school year. We continue to grow, and we welcome your volunteer hours to do that.

If you have any questions or comments, please come to the school office or call the school at (360) 457-6903.

Our school is what it is because of everyone working together to make a great environment and learning workplace for everyone.

Queen of Angels School welcomes preschool through eighth grade students. The school day begins at 8:20 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. The school office is open between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Every person entering the school MUST stop by the school office, sign in, and get a visitor's pass. All late lunches, books, coats, etc. may be dropped off at the school office and will be delivered to the student. Classroom visitors must have permission from the teacher before going to the classroom so that the class will not be interrupted.

- **Awards Assemblies**
Assemblies are scheduled after each trimester and focus on the academic work and sports accomplishments of students. Assemblies are open for all parents and friends and are scheduled in the St. Anne Room or the gym during the school day. Day and time will be announced in the Wednesday envelope.
- **BASH Auction**
The "Building a Scholastic Heritage" (BASH) Auction is the main source of income for the Parents' Club, bring in over \$50,000 each year. The annual auction needs many, many, many volunteers to make it successful. It takes place in May. Each family is responsible for donating to the auction, and is encouraged to attend. It's a fun evening of wonderful food and great items up for bid. There is an oral auction following the silent auction. Auction items vary from those the classes make or donate to large items donated by businesses.
- **Book Fairs**
The school has two book fairs during the school year. Mrs. Mitchell, the school librarian,

makes it all happen and schedules each grade to shop during their scheduled library time. Parents and friends are urged to shop the fair also. The book fairs are open to the entire parish and to all the school families after the weekend Masses.

- **Box Tops for Education**

We collect General Mills Box Tops throughout the year. Send them to school whenever you have a few. The Box Tops are on all General Mills products. We appreciate your efforts in this program.

- **Bus**

We have morning and afternoon bus service for Port Angeles and Sequim.

- **Campbell's Labels for Education**

Campbell's labels include more than just soup labels -- there are over 1,200 quality Campbell's products participating in the program. Anytime you have a few send them in to school.

- **Catholic Schools Week**

This week is full of activities celebrating Catholic School Education. The week begins on the last Sunday of January with the students' participation in all the Masses and an Open House. Student activities, assemblies, free dress, and the Friendship Luncheon highlight the week.

- **Carnival**

A favorite for the students . . . The carnival is held around Halloween and is organized by the Parents' Club. Traditionally the school students go to the Carnival during the afternoon, and in the evening it is open to the public as well as our school families. There are lots of game booths, cake walks, food and fun!

- **Class Parties**

Throughout the school year classes celebrate different holidays or special days. These parties are organized by the room parents and the teacher.

- **Conferences**

Conferences are scheduled at the end of the first trimester, before the Thanksgiving break. Conferences are a time for parents and teacher to meet regarding the progress of their student(s). Middle school has student-led conferences.

- **Curriculum Night**

This evening is in September and is specifically for parents. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Queen of Angels Gym with the principal welcoming parents and discussing goals for our school. Afterwards, the teachers present an overview of the year in their classrooms.

- **Eighth Grade**

During the school year the 8th grade students have several functions that prepare them for leaving Queen of Angels School and for graduation in June. The 8th grade exit project culminates in May with an oral presentation before judges. The 8th grade retreat is a special time during which the class grows spiritually and bonds personally. The finale of the year is their graduation awards and reception for family and friends.

- **Field Day**

This event is held in early June and brings the entire school together for a full day of games, relays, and lunch held at a local city park. The students and staff are divided equally among teams. It's one of the greatest events of the school year.

- **Field Trips**

During the school year each teacher plans field trips for the students. All volunteer parents who work with the children MUST have a completed driver's form and a Washington State Patrol background check BEFORE the field trip.

- **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist**

These two very special events are for second grade students who prepare for several months for the sacraments. Retreats and receptions are part of these celebrations. Parents are informed of the schedule and dates through the teacher.

- **FUNDWRAP**

This fundraiser is the pre-selling of wrapping paper and other gift items. There are prizes for the students who sell, and the monies go to the Parents' Club. The usual amount brought in by this sale is between \$7,000 and \$11,000.

- **Geography Bee**

The school Geography Bee is held during the first two weeks of January each year for students in grade 4 through 8. This "Bee" is sponsored by the National Geographic Society for students through the United States. Each classroom has a competition, and the top students from these competitions then go on to compete in an all school final competition. The school champion takes a written exam, which is sent to Washington, DC, to be graded. If the student is one of the top 100 in the state, he or she then goes to Seattle to participate in the State Geography Bee.

- **Hot Lunch**

Hot Lunch is offered to all students almost every Wednesday of the school year. The menu varies each week and is announced in the Wednesday envelope. Students may purchase lunch tickets in advance in the school office. There are two sizes of lunches -- regular and super. The regular lunch has one entree, and the super has two entrees.

- **Italian Dinner**

This family event takes place the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. It includes homemade spaghetti sauce, homemade bread, salad, spumoni ice cream, and lots of enjoyment for the families that come. The cost is by donation with proceeds benefiting the school. The preparation, serving, and clean up takes many hands. Our middle-school students serve and bus the tables.

- **Kindergarten Get Acquainted Day**

Kindergarten Get Acquainted Day is held in August/September for all incoming kindergarten students.

- **Milk Tickets**

The school sells 1/2 pints of 1% milk. The purchase of an annual or monthly ticket is encouraged. Milk tickets have 20 milks per ticket. The price varies from year to year depending on the cost to the school. All tickets are available through the school office.

- **Move-Up Day**

Just before school ends for the year, each class "moves up" to the class they will attend the following year. They get a chance to see how the classroom feels and talk with the teacher about the upcoming year.

- **Musical Programs**

Preschool through fifth grades have music as part of the curricula twice a week. All of the students are involved in the Christmas Program and Spring Concert.

- **Parents' Club**

This organization oversees many of the school activities. Parents' Club is responsible for a portion of the school budget and has fund raising events throughout the school year. All parents are members and are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings.

- **Partners in Excellence Fund Drive (PIE)**

Partners in Excellence is our major fund drive of the year. An Annual Report is sent out to all supporters in August. The event begins with a Kick Off Dinner in September and is followed up with a phone-a-thon. Many volunteer hours are needed to make this successful.

- **Phone Tree**

Each classroom room parent organizes a "phone tree" at the beginning of the school year. This process will be used when there is a need for classroom communication between the school and families. The room parent makes sure that the SCHOOL OFFICE and each parent of their class has a copy of the phone tree.

- **Port Angeles Symphony**

Queen of Angels School has the pleasure of having several concerts during the year performed by various artists and groups. This program is sponsored by the Port Angeles Symphony. The students enjoy these events. Parents, family, and friends are welcome to attend.

- **Preschool and Little Angels**

Queen of Angels has three preschool classes. The 3 year old preschool class has class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The 4/5 year old classes have class on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, one class in the morning and the other in the afternoons. The preschool is its own program and participates in some, but not all, of the other school activities. We do send home complete school information to the preschool families, so that they can be informed as to what activities are happening around the school. We encourage preschool parents to participate in all activities.

- **Queen of Angels Parish Angelic Festival**

The school participates in this parish bazaar in November and encourages each family to donate one homemade item. Participating in parish events is a good way to unify the school and the parish.

- **Report Cards**

We use the trimester system for reporting students progress. Students in grades K - 3 use a grading scale from "outstanding" to "needs improvement". Students in grades 4 - 8 receive letter grades, A, B, C, D, and F. Students in grades 5 - 8 receiving 3.5 or better are on the honor roll and are recognized at an assembly.

- **Room Parents**

Each classroom has a lead room parent and most classes also have additional room parents. Room parents play an important role in helping the teacher implement classroom activities, such as special projects, parties, and field trips. They need to keep in touch with the teacher about the needs of the class.

- **School Commission**

The school commission assists the Pastor and Principal with expertise and experience in planning, finances, decision making, policy formation, and public relations for the school. The meetings are open to the school and parish community with the exception of scheduled closed meetings that deal with the following year's budget.

- **School Pictures**

Individual school pictures are usually planned for early September. FULL UNIFORM is required. Class pictures and the "all school" picture are taken on the scheduled day. The preschool pictures are taken on the same day, but because it's a day that the other grade preschool is not a school, they will have their pictures taken on re-take day. Re-takes are taken in October for those who were absent or those who wish to have their first packet redone. A "group photo" session happens in January / February for different groups: altar servers, safety patrol, sports, choir, etc.

- **\$CRIP Program**

\$CRIP is a program where you purchase gift certificates for merchandise that you would normally buy. Participating stores give the school a discount on the gift certificates. Many stores that you use on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis are in the program. \$CRIP is available in the school office or after the 8:30 Sunday morning Mass. This program brings in a substantial amount of money for the school each year.

- **Sports**

Queen of Angels School offers cross-country and basketball for both boys and girls in the middle school. Cross-country begins in late August and has intramural meets with other schools. The boys begin basketball in November and play in a league with other schools during their season. The girls follow the boys' season in January with the same format.

- **Sweatshirt Day**

Every Wednesday students are permitted to wear a sweatshirt or T-shirt with the Queen of Angels School logo on it.

- **Standardized Testing**

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) is given to students in grades 3, 5, 6 and 8 in the spring. The Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) is given to grades 4 and 7 at the same time.

- **Uniforms**

The Uniform Sale Day is scheduled for one Saturday in August. This is a day when families can order uniforms from our own school uniform store. The Marymount plaid jumpers need to be purchased from the Dennis Uniform Manufacturing company.

- **Visits / Visitor's Pass**

Parents, family, and friends are encouraged to visit the school, especially during Open House and special activities. During the school day every person entering the school MUST stop by the school office, sign in, and get a visitor's pass. Classroom visitors must have permission from the teacher before going to the classroom so that the class will not be interrupted.

- **Wednesday Envelopes**

A manila envelope will come home with your eldest student each week on Wednesday. Inside you will find information about school and student activities. This is a means of keeping the parents / guardians informed. Please read the material in the envelope, keep the information at home, sign the outside of the envelope, and return the envelope to school. Your signature shows that you have received the information.

- **Yearbooks**

The Yearbook is distributed in late May or early June. The Yearbook Committee needs volunteers and lots and lots of photos of school students and activities.