



# Faithful Connections

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## Tenets To Live By:

- \* Faith
- \* Respect
- \* Compassion
- \* Integrity

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## Q of A Technology Initiative

Queen of Apostles School kicked off its technology initiative this school year when students in grades 5-8 received their very own Netbook!

The initiative put technology in the hands of students earlier than most schools.

Schools in the area have provided their high school students with laptops but few have provided this tool starting at the fifth grade level.

Catholic schools are often considered behind in terms of technology implementation. "This is a significant investment in the school and stu-

dents that will truly set the bar for future technology initiatives in our school," says Queen of Apostles Principal,



**Sixth grade students working with their Netbooks**

Laurence Patterson. Parents of fifth through eighth grade students pay a yearly \$150 technology fee to fund the

initiative, but after their time at Queen of Apostles the Netbooks will be theirs to take on to high school.

The students carry their Netbooks from class to class just as they would a textbook. Students use their Netbooks to take notes and access the Internet to conduct classroom research.

"When I was in school the teacher would say, 'Why don't you go over to the encyclopedia and find the answer to that.' Now teachers say, 'Why don't you Google that and see what you can find...!' ->

## Students Receive Own Netbooks

-> So, in real time and immediately, they can do that," says Patterson.

He believes this investment will position the school for the future of education. "We anticipate that our curriculum

information will be delivered to us, not in written form, but electronic form. We won't buy textbooks, we will be subscribing to curriculum services that provide electronic media."

The story received wide me-

dia coverage from Fox 6 Television News, The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, The Waukesha Freeman and the Lake Country Reporter.

# Test Scores Show Students Excel!



Queen of Apostles students in grades 4 and 8 take the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination each school year along with their public school counterparts in Pewaukee and across the State of Wisconsin. The latest test results (SY 2009-10) show that Queen of Apostles students exceed the scores of the local public schools in all subject areas!

<u>Queen of Apostles</u>	
<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Proficient/Advanced</u>
Reading	100%
Social Studies	100%
Science	86%
Language Arts	100%
Mathematics	100%

<u>Pewaukee Horizon School</u>	
<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Proficient/Advanced</u>
Reading	88%
Social Studies	93%
Science	85%
Language Arts	81%
Mathematics	90%

<u>Queen of Apostles</u>	
<u>Grade 8</u>	<u>Proficient/Advanced</u>
Reading	100%
Social Studies	100%
Science	100%
Language Arts	100%
Mathematics	100%

<u>Pewaukee Asa Clark</u>	
<u>Grade 8</u>	<u>Proficient/Advanced</u>
Reading	92%
Social Studies	90%
Science	89%
Language Arts	73%
Mathematics	94%

*“Queen of Apostles students exceed the scores of the local public schools in all subject areas!”*



## Tuition Cost A Barrier For Families

Catholic schools are funded through a formula that includes parish support, fundraising and tuition/fees. At Queen of Apostles School, tuition and fees paid by families equals 56% of educational costs. This is an average of about \$3,000 per year per student enrolled. Compare this amount with the minimal book fee charged a generation or two

ago and it is easy to imagine that many Catholic families feel priced out of Catholic school education for their children. Queen of Apostles Parish provides some help to struggling families, but neither the parish nor the school have an established scholarship fund to help ease this burden. Fundraising, or third-source funding, is an attempt to keep tuition

from rising out of reach for all school families and provides some relief but does not bring in sufficient revenues to provide meaningful assistance to financially struggling families. Many schools establish tuition scholarship funds for this purpose. Queen of Apostles School is embarking on just such an initiative!

## Alumni Scholarship Appeal

Queen of Apostles School is launching an annual Alumni Scholarship Appeal to raise much needed funds dedicated to tuition assistance scholarships for families experiencing financial difficulties that make Catholic school education out of reach for their children. The Rev. Carl Alberte Scholarship

program at Queen of Apostles Parish provides scholarship assistance to parish families sending their children to Catholic high school. We do not have a similar program for funding scholarships for children attending our own parish grade school. Please read the enclosed appeal letter from St.

Mary School Alum Paul Hurtgen '74 and give prayerful consideration to the decision to become part of our important mission of providing a Catholic school education to all children of Queen of Apostles Parish. Thank you for your prayers and continued support of your grade school!

# Student Outreach a Priority— Salt & Light



**Our Salt and Light Outreach Program** asked students and their families to help sponsor items for our *refugee families*.

During the month of September, students donated bars of soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. In October, socks, were collected. In November, Q of A School collected canned vegetables and fruit, and grocery store gift certificates to help buy turkeys for our refugee family. In December, jammies, socks, tea and hot chocolate were donated. During the month of January, new underwear was collected. In February, students collected Jasmine Rice.

Forced to leave their homeland of Burma due to ethnic cleansing -

they are Christian and part of the ethnic group, Karin, that is unwanted by the government of Burma (now Myanmar). They lived in a refugee camp in Thailand for 20 years. All of their kids were born in the refugee camp.



*“Queen of Apostles*

*School is one of the largest contributors to the pantry. “*

## St. Vincent De Paul Society

The St. Vincent DePaul Society requested our help in collecting gifts for families in need at Christmas. St. Vincent DePaul needed over 65 gifts this year. We helped make this Blessed Season a little brighter for those in our community who are less fortunate. Over 100 gifts for both boys and girls aged 3-13, as well as family games for any age level, were collected! God has truly blessed all of us and we wish to share His many blessings with others.

The 8th grade class, with the help of the 7th grade class, collected over 2,300 food items and donated \$800 to the Pewaukee Food Pantry this school year. Students conducted the food drive throughout the month of October.

The food drive has been conducted for many years. Queen of Apostles School is one of the largest contributors to the pantry.



**Grade 8 collected over 2,000 food items for Pewaukee Food Pantry**

## Pewaukee Food Pantry & Cecilia Place

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class was privileged to visit Cecilia Place Living Center in Pewaukee during the month of October. The children wrote Halloween stories, learned Halloween songs and played Halloween Bingo with the residents. The students shared their stories and sang songs to the residents during their visit. Halloween Bingo was played on bingo cards that had ghosts, pumpkins and other Halloween themed pictures on the squares and were made special by the class. Everyone was lucky and won a prize! The residents asked if the students could come back to visit again. It was a wonderful experience

for both young and old.

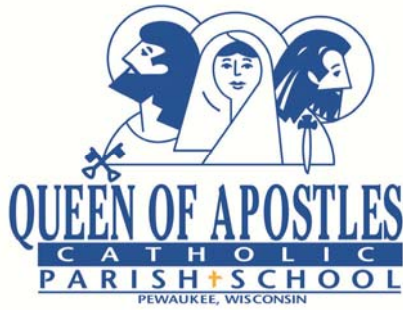
In November, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Ms. Eineichner's religion class visited some of the senior residents of Cecilia Place as part of our community outreach through the Salt & Light program. The students made beaded Indian corn magnets according to the specifications of the residents. Then the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders sang one of their songs from the upcoming Christmas Program. The song was accompanied by 5<sup>th</sup> grade bell ringers.

The seventh/ sixth grade religion class

went to Cecilia Place on February 16th. Since it was only two weeks before the Academy Awards, "Oscar Nite Bingo" consisted of computer generated Bingo cards highlighting awards winners from the 1940's through the 1970's. Categories included Best Actor/Actress, Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Song. Students decorated the cards, and brought word search and Sudoku books as prizes. Residents and students enjoyed chatting together - learning about the residents' children and previous occupations. Some of the girls were especially fascinated by one woman's

clip-on earrings which she obligingly removed for closer examination. For our students with pierced ears, it was quite a revelation!





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**Believe and Achieve!**

St. Mary's Students  
1958—1999  
Queen of Apostles  
Students  
1999—Present

## Alumni Round-Up

We want to hear from you! Please take a moment to let us know what you have been doing since attending St. Mary's/Queen of Apostles School. We plan to include news on a former student in future issues of **Faithful Connections**.

**Return by fax: Alumni Outreach 262-691-8606**

**By mail: Queen of Apostles School, 449 W. Wisconsin Ave., Pewaukee, WI 53072**

**Online: Go to [www.QueenofApostlesSchool.net](http://www.QueenofApostlesSchool.net) and click Alumni & Friends!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year (or Years Attended): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

News or Comments for publication:

- I prefer to receive this newsletter via email.
- I would like more information on Alumni Outreach programs.

*Know of any St. Mary's/Queen of Apostles alumni who we may have trouble finding? Please pass along this information so we can include them in future mailings!*