



April 4, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our April Cougar Spirit day will take place tomorrow, Friday, April 5. Students may show their QR pride by wearing any QR logo shirt or QR sweatshirt with school pants, QR sweatpants/QR pajama pants, or QR gym shorts. 8th graders may wear their Class of 2024 t-shirts/sweatshirts and the Kid's Choir may wear their t-shirts.

Many thanks to our Parent Club for sponsoring tomorrow's assemblies through The Ocean Assemblies.

The solar eclipse takes place on Monday, April 8. Our school is planning to provide an opportunity for students to experience this unusual event. Students who have permission are going to be provided with eclipse-safe glasses that meet the ISO 123-2 safety standards. No other devices will be permitted.

Each child received a Solar Eclipse Viewing permission form. The forms are due today, Thursday, April 4. The form asks you to indicate if your child will be allowed/not allowed to participate in the viewing. Only students with the signed permission forms will be allowed to participate in the outside activity. Although we have a limited supply of the glasses, parents are welcome to join us for the viewing. We plan to gather, weather permitting, in the front of school.

Monday, April 8 will be an indoor recess day for all students and no PE classes will be held outside.

Student Council's next food drive is on Wednesday, April 10. There is a need for cereal, peanut butter and tortillas.

### Fun Lunch-April 19

Fun Lunch orders are due on or before April 12- <https://Buona.h1.hotlunchonline.net> **After placing/paying for your order, you will receive an email confirmation from Buona. If you don't, please go back in and check to make sure the order went through.** *If you choose not to order, your child/ren will bring lunch as usual.*

### Track-a-thon 2024

- **Shirt Order Forms** If you have not submitted the Track-a-thon shirt order for your child/ren, please complete one Google Form for each child by April 10. <https://rb.gy/apc8or>
- **Logo Contest** - we are once again calling on our students to help create the logo for this year's shirt. Logo submissions are due by **Friday, April 5th**. Please see [attached flyer](#) for additional information.

- **Volunteers** (day of Track-A-Thon) - a sign-up to help out on the day of the Track-A-Thon will be sent out the week of April 8th.
- **Fundraising** - pledge collection will begin the week of April 29th; more details will be provided at that time.
- **Corporate/Family Sponsors** - we invite you to consider supporting Track-A-Thon with a corporate or family sponsorship. Please see attached forms for more information. [Corporate Sponsor Letter](#) [Corporate Sponsor Form](#)

The current Track-a-thon Committee has been running this event since it started, and the school will need some individuals to take over organizing and running this much loved student-centered event. If you are interested in helping with the event in the future, we invite you to join us this year as we plan this special day for our student body. Please e-mail Amy Boyle - [amyboyle839@gmail.com](mailto:amyboyle839@gmail.com).

## Volunteering

**Volunteering- Please remember that you are responsible for entering your volunteer hours. Hours for the 2023-2024 school year need to be completed April 30.**

- **Link to Volunteer Requirements/ Service page on website**
  - **Hours:** [https://qrschool.org/QR\\_Parents/volunteer\\_requirements](https://qrschool.org/QR_Parents/volunteer_requirements)
- **Record Volunteer Hours:**  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLLAlpkC41b977fnpGIH2Bhf2SzolqFGAeAH7eKJmWE\\_dCNRA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLLAlpkC41b977fnpGIH2Bhf2SzolqFGAeAH7eKJmWE_dCNRA/viewform)

## Need hours?

Volunteers are needed for the following events:

- If your child is an altar server, hours can be earned if he/she serves at one of our parish weekend Masses.
- Athletic Program: <https://volunteersignup.org/CXKP8>
- School Lunch- lunch supervisor for a classroom lunch (11:00-11:40). You must be Virtus compliant.

## Archdiocese of Chicago Religion Assessment

This spring, Catholic schools will again participate in a unique, Chicago-specific religion assessment based on the [religion curriculum standards](#) for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago. All students in four-year-old preschool through Grade 8 in the Archdiocese of Chicago schools will take part in the assessment between **April 22-May 10, 2024**. We plan to administer the assessment on Monday, May 6.

## Parent Club

**All flyers, forms, and links can be found on the Parent Club page on the school website:**

**Trivia Night:** Feedback from the Parents Club survey in February showed that a Trivia Night is what people wanted and that is what we are going to have! Join us for trivia fun on May 11 @ 7PM in the school gym. Get a group of school families together, or gather your friends from the parish/community, or be placed at a table where you can make new friends, but be sure to join us! \$10/person, BYOB (this is an adult only event so alcoholic beverages enjoyed responsibly are welcome) and bring food to share with your table. We encourage you to come up with a theme for your table. You can decorate your table to go along with your theme, and

don't forget to dress up! The sky is the limit so be as creative as you want and make sure to bring your thinking caps! Prizes for best theme and best trivia will be awarded along with bragging rights!

**Parent Club Board Elections:** Want to be more involved in school life? Want to help organize events that enhance the children's school experience and create community amongst our school and parish families? Want to help initiate new events or enhance the ones that already exist? Well, look no further, Parent Club elections are coming up! Please see attached for all open positions and the position description. Email a brief statement describing your interest in and qualifications for the position to [qrschoolpc@gmail.com](mailto:qrschoolpc@gmail.com) by April 15. Reach out to any of us if you have any questions about the positions or board, or email us at [qrschoolpc@gmail.com](mailto:qrschoolpc@gmail.com)

**Parent Club Meeting:** Join us on April 10 @ 7PM in Room K to help us jump into Spring and hear about our events for the last couple of months of the school year! RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAAAC22A5F9C70-april>

**Art Appreciation:** Art Appreciation volunteers are needed for multiple grades from K-8th. You can do art appreciation for any grade level, your child does not need to be in that grade level. You must be Virtus trained. For more info and details email Lauren Shaffer at [lmshaffer3@gmail.com](mailto:lmshaffer3@gmail.com)

### Athletic Program

- Registration for spring sports is now open. <https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1772850>
- **If a student athlete is not in school he/she may not play in a game or practice on any day that he/she is not in school.**
- Athletes must have a current physical on file. (He/she may not practice or play until the current physical is on file.)
- Many opportunities to volunteer through our Athletic Program: [volunteersignup.org/BEP9R](http://volunteersignup.org/BEP9R)
- **If the school has a weather-related or emergency closing, no after school practices or games may take place.**
- **Any student attending games needs to be accompanied by an adult and is expected to be in the gym watching the games and not in the lobby. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times.**
- **All coaches and assistant coaches must complete all Virtus volunteer requirements (www.qrschool.org Parent Tab/ Volunteer). In addition, the online concussion training needs to be taken and the certificate turned in to school.**
- **Eligibility** will be run weekly for players in grades 5-8. If a student is placed on supervision, he/she may practice and play. However, a student who is placed on suspension may not play or practice.

### St. Viator High School

**Summer Camp Offerings-** Various camps for grade levels 3 to 12. See the link below.  
<https://saintviator.8to18.com/dashboard/catalog>

### Parish Happenings

<https://olbsegu.org/weekly-updates/>

### OLBS Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m. St. Julian Campus

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Queen of the Rosary Campus

9:15 a.m. St. Julian Campus

10:30 a.m. Queen of the Rosary Campus

*Every Sacred Family: A 52 Week Catholic Mass Discussion Guide- April.* This is an excellent tool to use to prepare for the weekend Mass. It would be wonderful if each family could find time each week to look at the handout.

### School Masses

04-02 Mass is led by Grade 2

04-09 Mass is led by Grade 1

04-16 Mass is led by Grade 7

04-23 Mass is led by Grade 6

04-30 Mass is led by Grade 5

05-07 Mass is our May Crowning

05-14 Mass is led by Grade 4 (Celebrating Moms)

05-21 Mass is led by Grade 3

05-28 Mass is led by Grade 1

### Looking Ahead

04/05 Cougar Spirit Day  
Assembly

04/10 7:00 PM Parent Club  
Food Drive

04/11 Confirmation Practice

04/14 Confirmation

04/16 Lou Malnati's Benefit

04/18 Mid Trimester

04/19 Fun Lunch  
Parent Club Jr. High Event

04/23 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Retreat Following Mass

04/25 Spring Show

04/26 No School – Teacher PD

05/03 7-8 Field Trip

05/05 First Communion 10:30 AM Mass

05/07 May Crowning

05/08 Food Drive  
Parent Club Meeting

05/09 McDonald's Benefit

05/10 Cougar Spirit Day  
Track-a-thon

05/14 Celebrating Moms at Mass

05/21 Band Concert (St. Zachary)

[PDF of Newsletter](#)

QR School Website: [www.qrschool.org](http://www.qrschool.org)

**Link to QR School Website with information on Volunteer Requirements/Service**

[https://qrschool.org/QR\\_Parents/volunteer\\_requirements](https://qrschool.org/QR_Parents/volunteer_requirements)

**Record Volunteer Hours:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLLAlpkC41b977fnpGIH2Bhf2SzolqFGAeAH7eKJmWEdCNR\\_A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLLAlpkC41b977fnpGIH2Bhf2SzolqFGAeAH7eKJmWEdCNR_A/viewform)

Link to handbook: [https://qrschool.org/QR\\_Parents/school\\_handbook](https://qrschool.org/QR_Parents/school_handbook)