



Parents Club (PC) would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning families to what we know will be an exciting and successful 2023-2024 school year at Queen of the Rosary School. We are a community of families committed to the academic and spiritual growth of our children. Our goal is to foster this growth in a fun, nurturing, and caring environment and to work alongside and support the amazing teachers and staff at Queen of the Rosary School.

For PC to be effective it is **VITAL** to have involvement from as many QR families as possible. Your PC board has been busy planning and prepare for an exciting event filled 2023-2024 school year. You may be asking yourself, "How can I help?"

The answer is simple... become a Parents Club Volunteer! As a QR family, you are automatically a member of Parents Club, and dues are included in your tuition. Here are some FAQs about Parents Club:

What is Parents Club?

We are a volunteer group dedicated to supporting the school and enhancing the quality of the educational experience for all students.

Throughout the year Parents Club:

- Coordinates volunteer participation to support school programs
- Hosts extra curricular activities that encourage family involvement
- Sponsors activities that increase school spirit
- Raises funds for supplemental services, equipment, and supplies
- Supports school administration in its goals

What kinds of activities will I get to be a part of as a member of Parents Club?

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| • Fall Fest | • Santa's Secret Shoppe | • Jr. High Events |
| • Daddy-Daughter Dance | • Teacher Appreciation Luncheons | • School Assembly Programs |
| • Mother-Son Event | • Ladies Night Events | • Fun Lunches |
| • Trick or Treat Trail | | • Easter Egg Hunt |
| | | • And much more |

Wow, that's a lot! Do I have to volunteer for all of them?

- No, you do not have to volunteer for all of them, but you may have so much fun that you WANT to volunteer for all of them! We understand the busy schedules of our families, and as time goes on, our jobs and responsibilities become increasingly demanding. We value and appreciate any and all time, talent, and heart that you can give; whether it be chairing a committee, helping out in the classroom, or baking a cake for an event!

I have a great idea, will it be considered?

- Absolutely yes! Parents Club is your opportunity to have an impact on the school experience for all of the children at QR. Fresh ideas and discussion are welcomed and encouraged.

What is Parents Club Not?

- Parents Club is not a social club, however, we do get to know each other, support each other, and ultimately become friends as we work to enhance our children's school experience.
- Parents Club is not an exclusive membership club. If your child is enrolled as a student at QR, you are a member and we are excited to meet you and work with you!

This sounds awesome! How do I find out more?

- Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 23, at 7pm**. Please accept our personal invitation to attend. Also please feel free to email a board member or even flag us down in the school parking lot with any questions, concerns, or comments you have. We are happy to talk with you at any time.

Please join us in making this a fun and successful school year for our children, teachers, and community. We look forward to our partnership and thank you in advance for showing your children the importance you place on their education.

Sincerely,

Your 2023-2024 Parents Club Board

Meet the Board!



Maria Nardulli-Crawford: President
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Maria was born and raised on the Northwest Side of Chicago and attended St. Francis Borgia Grammar School and Trinity High School. She moved to Elk Grove Village in April 2014 with her husband Quin and became a member of Queen of the Rosary Parish at that time. She is a Family Nurse Practitioner at Loyola Medicine in an internal medicine & pediatric primary care office. Her son, Luca, is currently in 2nd grade and her daughter, Giovanna, is in 4 year old pre-k!



Chrissy LaPenna: Vice President
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Chrissy was born and raised in Des Plaines, IL. where she attended Maine West High School. College brought her to Valparaiso University, in Valparaiso IN. where she found a love of teaching. Chrissy has been teaching since 2000 and has taught all grade levels kindergarten through 12th grade. Currently, she teaches 6th-grade science and social studies at Sandburg Middle School in Elmhurst, IL. Chrissy and her husband Darren have lived in Elk Grove Village since 2017. In 2018 she found Queen of the Rosary when her oldest daughter Kennedy, (now 8-3rd grade), started in pre-school. Her youngest daughter Addison followed in big sister's footsteps and is starting kindergarten this year. During what little free time she has, Chrissy enjoys baking, photography, coaching her daughter's softball team, and being creative!



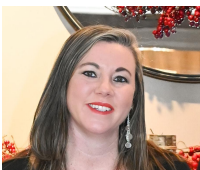
Annette Frank: Secretary
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Annette grew up in Des Plaines, IL. and graduated from Elk Grove High School. For the last 11 years she currently works as a manager for a fortune 500 company and has 20+ years in the retail industry. Annette and her husband Nick moved to Elk Grove in 2012. In 2018 they were looking to find a preschool for their daughters Ariana (4 at the time) and Elizabeth (3 at the time). They were introduced to QR by a mutual friend, they attended the open house and saw the community of families, right then Annette and Nick knew this was where they wanted to send both girls. Their kids will now be in 2nd and 3rd grades and they are extremely pleased with the sense of family and community it has brought to their family.



Dana Arciniegas: Treasurer
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Dana was born and raised in Des Plaines, IL. She and her husband Oscar have lived in Elk Grove Village for since 2011 and have been members of Queen of the Rosary School and Parish since 2015. Dana has worked at Breakthru Beverage for the past 14 years in multiple roles; most recently as an Executive Assistant. Her passion for volunteering for QR was sparked years ago when she became the co-chair for the QR Spring Gala and her passion to volunteer has only grown. Dana has one daughter (Olivia) at QR who is heading into 7th grade, and a step-daughter (Jocelyn) who is 25 years old. She is looking forward to another great school year!



Colleen Nielsen: Recording Secretary
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Colleen was born and raised right here in Elk Grove Village where she attended Queen of the Rosary from 3 year old preschool through 8th Grade. After QR, she attended Elk Grove High School before graduating from The University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana with a degree in Special Education. Colleen has been a Special Education teacher for 17 years at Central Elementary School in Des Plaines. Colleen continues to live in Elk Grove with her husband, Beau, and their 2 children Jaxon currently in 3rd grade and Fiona who is starting kindergarten. The kids are very excited to attend Mommy's school. Colleen is looking forward to an amazing year with many opportunities to enrich the lives of all the children at QR.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of us! We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Please note Parents Club has a new email address: qrschoolpc@gmail.com