



Queen of Angels School Newsletter



September 30, 2026

Upcoming Dates



- September 30 – Back to School Night – Parents only – 5 pm
- October 7 – Half Day – Noon dismissal
- October 7 – School Picture Day – FULL Uniform
- October 7 – 9 – NatureBridge 7th and 8th grade students
- October 12 – Adventures in Music – K – 4 – in the school gym
- October 21 – Papa Murphy's Takeover
- October 21 – October Birthday Celebration – in classrooms
- October 23 – Fall Festival – during the school day

Reminders



Picture Day is
Wednesday, October 7th
Your student should wear their
FULL uniform this day. Watch
for an email from Kids
Photography following picture
day to order photos of your
student.

Updates



FAMILY HANDBOOK IS UP TO DATE AND
ONLINE @ www.qofaschool.org

Please sign the acknowledgement
page and return to school

School Ministries



Altar Servers
10/2/26

Lector
10/2/26

Safety Patrol
10/5- 10/9

Cambria
Eliana
August

Anthony

Hannah
Leon
Finn



Social Media



Join our Facebook Parent Group!

Queen of Angels Parent Group

See the Wednesday Newsletter, connect
with school families, do uniform trades
and see important school reminders!





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PTO Info



Papa Murphy's Takeover
October 21
11 am – 9 pm

Next PTO meeting

October 14th – **Mrs. Heistand**, Kindergarten teacher and Safety Patrol
Lead for 26|27 will be presenting for 10-15 minutes

Liturgical Lesson



What Is an Archangel?

The Church celebrates the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael on September 29. Each had a special mission from God: Michael as a defender, Gabriel as a messenger, and Raphael as a healer and guide. Their stories remind us that God sends help in many ways and that we, too, are called to serve His purposes..

Fundraisers



Mum Delivery Date:
October 2nd on the school
playground
TIME
TBA on our Facebook Page



We ordered a small number of extra flowers. If you'd like to be purchase an extra please email deleon@qofaschool.org

Hot Lunch



October 16 – Chicken Nuggets

All lunch orders are taken in the classroom on Monday morning.
Food shopping happens
Monday afternoon.

Uniforms



Full Uniform

Skirts for Girls
Long pants for Boys
Sweaters for all



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Classroom Spotlight



First grade has been busy learning, exploring, and growing! In Science, we've been studying plants and animal traits and enjoyed a hands-on apple investigation, comparing different varieties and exploring the life cycle from seed to fruit. In Math, we've been practicing addition strategies and using IXL to extend our individual learning.

In ELA, we've been meeting new Superkids and building words using our growing knowledge of sounds. Organization is our executive-function skill of the month, so we've been practicing weekly desk clean-outs, staying organized, and working together to keep our classroom running smoothly.

We are also preparing for MAP testing this week by practicing our best effort, staying focused, and reminding ourselves that learning and growth happen every day. We love to learn, grow, and work together in first grade!

1st Grade



EXTRA, EXTRA : Executive Functioning Focus

We are working again this year on executive function skills at Queen of Angels School! Executive functioning skills are the mental processes managed by the brain that allow us to plan, focus, remember instructions, and juggle tasks successfully. We will focus on a new skill each month because these skills don't always just come naturally. They have to be taught at home and at school!

This month, we have been focusing on Organization and Time Management. Organization is keeping materials and information in order. Time Management is the act of using time wisely and estimating time needed to finish a task. You can support your child by asking them how they stay organized and use their time well at school. You can also help at home using the attached sheet about helping your student stay organized. Maybe you'd like to print this sheet out and hang it up somewhere at home to encourage the conversation to keep going even beyond the month of September!

Principal Post

As we close out September, I am looking forward to welcoming our families to Curriculum Night! We will begin together in the **St. Anne Room** with introductions of our faculty and staff, a special welcome to families who are new to Queen of Angels, and a brief look at the evening and the school year ahead. From there, parents will have an opportunity to visit classrooms and hear directly from teachers. Please bring your questions! Whether you are wondering about homework, curriculum, classroom routines, grading, or a particular content area, this evening is intended to help you better understand your child's learning experience and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

We are also beginning to receive our first academic data snapshot of the school year as students complete fall MAP testing. With our 1st and 2nd graders still completing assessments, our initial results for Grades 3–8 show average performance at the 45th percentile in mathematics, 55th percentile in reading, and 65th percentile in Language Arts. While these results are preliminary, they are already helping us identify strengths and areas for focused instruction. Mathematics continues to be an important area of emphasis, and teachers are identifying priority foundational standards, incorporating them into lesson planning, and updating student IXL Skill Plans to provide targeted practice. Once our fall testing window is complete, we will have a more complete picture of student achievement and will continue using that information to guide instruction. We look forward to our winter assessment window as an opportunity to measure growth and evaluate the impact of this focused work.

And finally, as September gives way to our wetter Washington months, a reminder about rainy-day recess! At Queen of Angels, a little rain does not automatically mean indoor recess. Whenever conditions allow, students will continue to go outside for recess and outdoor play. Time outdoors gives children an important opportunity for movement, fresh air, social interaction, and a mental reset before returning to classroom learning. Please send students to school prepared for the weather with appropriate outerwear. Rain boots and an extra pair of dry socks are also welcome on particularly wet days and can make the rest of the school day much more comfortable!

Thank you for a wonderful first month of school and for your continued partnership as we help our students learn, grow, and thrive. I look forward to seeing many of you at Curriculum Night!

With gratitude,
Ceci Kimball, Principal

FULCRUM TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPEN October 1st 2026 - December 2026

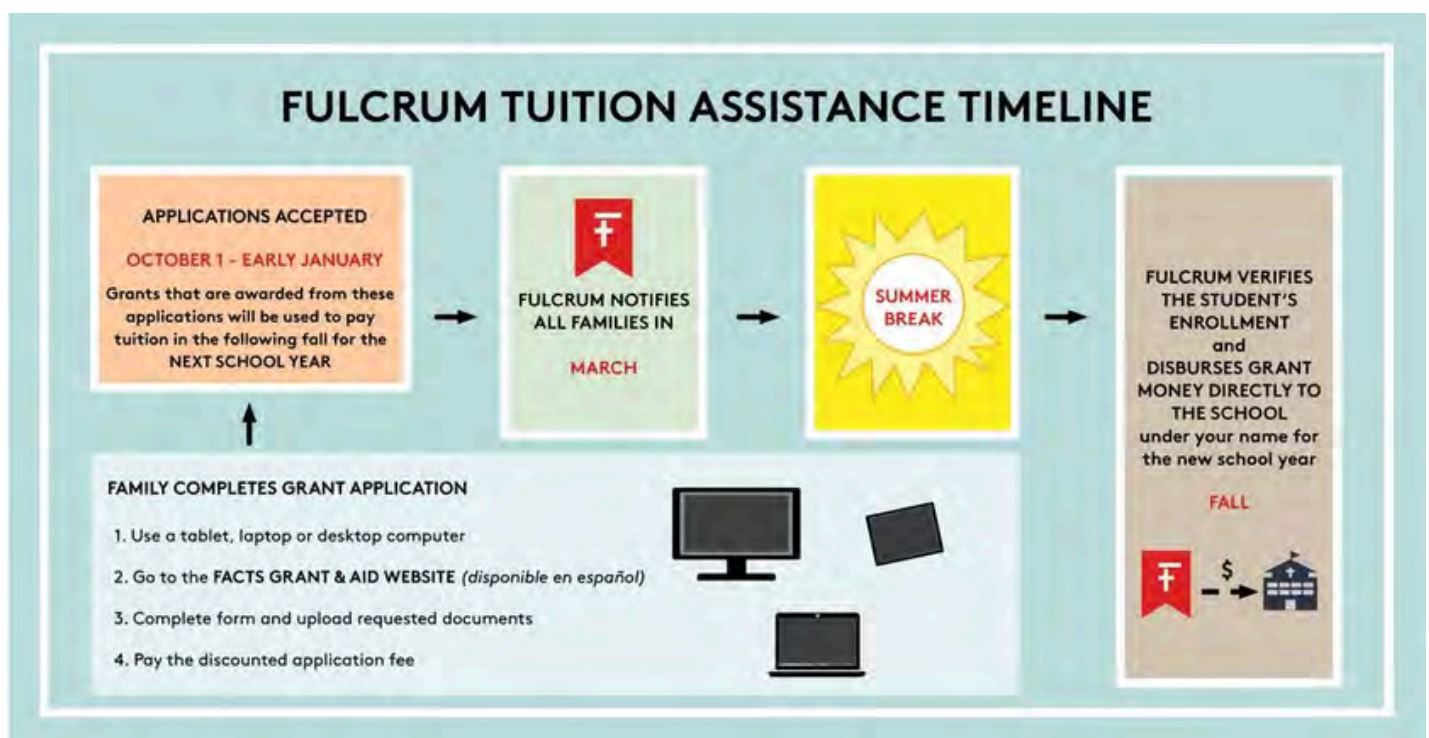


The Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) provides tuition assistance to families attending Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. Each year, Fulcrum awards need-based grants to help make Catholic education accessible and affordable for families across Western Washington.

We strongly encourage ALL Queen of Angels families to complete a Fulcrum application for the 2027–2028 school year. Please do not assume that your family will not qualify! Family size, income, and individual circumstances are all considered as part of the application process, and completing an application may also help Queen of Angels better understand and respond to the financial needs of our school community.

Applications for the 2027–2028 school year are open October 1 through December 31, 2026. Families must submit a new application each year to be considered for assistance.

Even if you have never applied before—or have applied in the past and did not receive an award—we encourage you to apply this year. When in doubt, apply! Our goal is to help make a Queen of Angels Catholic education possible for every family who desires it.





2026 | 2027 QofA Family Handbook Acknowledgement

The Queen of Angels Family Handbook is meant to provide families with the policies and expectations of Queen of Angels School. The principal and pastor reserve the right to amend, change, update this handbook throughout the school year. All changes will be communicated to families through the school newsletter, parent communication system, and website.

Please access the Family Handbook through our website www.qofaschool.org.

My signature below certifies that:

- I have been provided information on how to access the Queen of Angels School Family Handbook via the school website.
- I agree that I have read the policies in order to be informed about them, will abide by them, and will support them with my student/s.
- If I do not have access to a computer, I understand that I can request a printed copy of the policies from my school.
- I will ask the principal or school staff, if I have any questions regarding any of the information contained in these personnel policies.
- I understand that the purpose of these policies is to inform families about the policies and expectations of the Queen of Angels School. This is not an employment contract.
- I understand that this signed agreement will be maintained in the school office

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Helping Your Student Stay Organized

• • • • • Why is Organization Important? • • • • •

Supports Learning

An organized child is better prepared for school, making learning easier and more enjoyable.

Reduces Stress

Knowing where to find their belongings and homework helps your child feel more confident and less worried.

Builds Positive Habits

Learning to stay organized now sets the foundation for future success in school and life.

• • • • • How Can You Help? • • • • •

Create a Homework Spot

Why It Helps:

A consistent place for homework helps your child focus and complete assignments without distractions.

What You Can Do:

Find a quiet, comfortable spot at home for your child to do homework. Keep it stocked with pencils, paper, and any other supplies they might need.

Use a Visual Schedule

Why It Helps:

Seeing a schedule makes it easier for children to know what's coming next and feel in control of their day.

What You Can Do:

Create a simple chart or use a calendar with pictures to show when it's time for homework, play, and bedtime. Review the schedule with your child each day.

Establish a Routine

Why It Helps:

A daily routine helps your child know what to expect, making transitions between activities smoother.

What You Can Do:

Set a regular time for homework, chores, and play every day. Consistency helps your child develop good habits.

Break Tasks into Smaller Steps

Why It Helps:

Large tasks can seem overwhelming, but breaking them down makes them easier to handle.

What You Can Do:

If your child has a big project or assignment, help them break it into smaller parts. For example, work on one part each day instead of trying to do it all at once.

Teach Simple Organization Skills

Why It Helps:

Learning basic organization skills helps your child keep track of their belongings and responsibilities.

What You Can Do:

Show your child how to organize their backpack, keep their desk tidy, and put away toys after playing. Encourage them to do a quick cleanup each day.

Praise Effort & Progress

Why It Helps:

Positive reinforcement encourages your child to keep practicing good organizational habits.

What You Can Do:

Praise your child when they follow their routine, keep their homework space tidy, or remember to bring home important papers from school.

If your child is still having trouble staying organized, don't hesitate to reach out to your child's school counselor, teacher, or Principal. We can provide additional tips and support to help your child succeed!

QUEEN OF ANGELS
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT



Live too far
out of town?
Want to see some
cute costumes?
Come pass out
candy from your
trunk or chair.

OCTOBER 31ST 4-6 PM
SCHOOL PARKING LOT

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY VIA
SIGN UP VIA QR CODE

FB: QUEEN OF ANGELS FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
INSTA: FAMILYFAITHFORMATIONQOFA



Open your camera app.
Scan the QR code.
Reserve your spot.





OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Fulcrum TAP Tuition Assistance Opens	2	3
4	5	6	7 1/2 day Noon Dismissal Picture Day 7/8 NatureBridge	8	9	10
11	12 Adventures in Music 11:00 school gym	13	14 Hot Lunch Pancakes and Sausage PTO meeting 7 pm In the school portable	15	16 PIE Fund Drive Kick Off Dinner 6:00-8:00pm St. Anne room Ticketed event	17
18	19	20	21 October Birthday Celebration	22	23 Fall Festival	24
25 All S1007 chool Social Hour After 8:30 Mass	26	27	28 Hot Lunch Chili Dogs	29	30	31 Trunk or Treat