

February

Monthly news and updates from the MQHR Enrichment Team

Important Dates

2/1	1:00 dismissal; Students Day of Catholic Schools Week	2/18	President's Day, no school! YAY!
2/2	LEGO Robotics Competition @ NKU	2/20	Ned Show @ MQHR, 1:30pm
2/5	Drama Club musical rehearsals begin	2/21	End of 2nd Trimester
2/6	Mass with Bishop John Stowe	2/23	"It's A Great Day to be a Panther" Open House 4pm Mass musicians perform
2/8	Grandparents Day @ MQHR	2/27	Field Day T-Shirt Orders Due!
2/9	Father Daughter Dance	3/5	Elementary & Middle Art Show @ MQHR, 5-8pm; Art and Design Club Bake Sale (during art show)
2/9-17	God's Pantry Food Drive	3/6	Ash Wednesday
2/13-16	First Reconciliation	3/14	Diocesan Honor Choir @ LCHS Auditorium, 7pm
2/14	Happy Valentine's Day! XOXO; Used Book Sale @ MQHR, during school day	3/21	Talent Show @ MQHR
2/15	Last day to complete and turn in art for Elementary & Middle Art Show		

Media- Christine Hayes

We are having a previously loved book sale on Valentine's Day! Come "Share the Love" with books! We are concentrating on how to find books in the non-fiction section in 2nd and 3rd grades. 1st grade is learning about the different places books go in the library. 4th and 5th grade are working on searching Google with speed and accuracy, as well as sharpening their typing skills.



Spanish (K-4th)- Beth Ortegon

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Kindergarten and 1st grade students are learning about seasons, weather, and clothing needed for those conditions. Second graders will begin learning all about penguins in Chile, and use this model to learn about several other animals that are native to Spanish-speaking countries. Third graders have been learning about all kinds of food and are preparing to buy and sell food in a market and order food in a restaurant. We will also do some comparing/contrasting of school lunches and meals in different countries. Fourth graders are working towards telling about their daily routines. We really enjoyed putting our Spanish into practice with our mystery guests, who we interviewed extensively last week!

Band- Allison Weitkamp

The KMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival is on Saturday, February 16! We have over 20 middle schoolers participating in this event! Mrs. Weitkamp will offer some after school help sessions at Lexington Catholic the week prior to the event. A Solo and Ensemble google classroom has been created to help soloists practice with reference recordings and the piano accompaniment. **Diocesan Concert is Tuesday, March 19 at Lexington Catholic!** March is National "Music in Our Schools Month." We celebrate the MIOSM event with a Diocesan-wide Band performance, which will feature over 400 elementary, middle, and high school band students from the Diocese. Student warm-ups are at 6pm and the concert will begin at 7:00pm in the Bueter Gym at Lexington Catholic. Attire for the performance is the school uniform. Students are preparing the following selections: 5th Grade: Rhythm X and Fanfare and March; 6th Grade: Battle of the Samurai and The Flintstones Meet the Jetsons; 7th & 8th Grade: Tweet, Boom, Crash and The Avengers. Congratulations to Hadley S. (7th grade) on being selected for the KMEA District 7 Middle School Honor Band!



Guidance- Lyndsey Mayberry

Did you know that anxiety and depression affect 1 in 8 children? Statistics are proving that childhood anxiety is increasing rapidly in the U.S and right here in our school. Because anxiety is affecting so many of our students in some way, it is an important topic that we are continuing to uncover in Guidance. We have been working on how to handle stressful situations, practicing mindfulness, and the power and impact of our words



Gym- Christie Burnette

During the month of February, we will be working on being heart healthy for heart awareness month. The elementary students will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart and will be learning about ways to stay healthy. 4th-8th grade students will have an opportunity to learn about wrestling on the 11th, where an instructor will be in to teach a lesson. 8th grade health will be working on finishing their CPR training. Be on the lookout for information about the talent show as it will be earlier this year. Don't forget to order you field day t-shirts if you are interested. **Orders are due by the 27th and there will not be extras ordered!**



Art- Christina Romano

The Elementary & Middle School Art Show is almost here! **The show will be at Mary Queen School on March 5th from 5-8pm.** Lots and lots of artwork created throughout the school year will be on display for the month of February in preparation for the event. In art class, Pre-K is finishing up our wintery skies and sculpting some "love bugs" for Valentine's Day. Kindergarten is BUSY: we are finishing our mittens collage, **creating art for Grandparents Day**, and soon will be working on our Love Monster art project. 1st grade is finishing up their penguins in a snowstorm and will start our snake mobiles soon. 2nd and 3rd grade are wrapping up our Piet Mondrian inspired paper weavings, will explore the new and improved free art centers, and will begin our assemblage reliefs inspired by artist Louise Nevelson. 4th grade created Japanese koinobori (fish kites) chalk drawings in celebration of Catholic Schools Week, come and see! 5th grade is creating landscape paintings inspired by Canadian artist Ted Harrison and Japanese artist Hokusai. 6th grade has been studying Ancient Greco-Roman architecture and created their own "temple" designs using one-point linear perspective. Besides making amazing pencil drawings, 6th grade is having so much fun making shaving cream marbled paper to mount their drawings to. 7th grade is also making one-point linear perspective drawings, however, they are making "bug's-eye view" cityscapes with colorful marker+water skies. 8th grade has worked SO HARD on their colorful chalk pastel animal portraits and has begun their non-objective emotion sculptures. Messy March will be here soon and the clay projects will begin, yay!!



Spanish (5th-8th)- Maggie Ringe

Upper grades Spanish students continue to make great progress learning Spanish. 5th graders are learning about family members in Spanish-- not just the basic vocabulary but words for all kinds of diverse families. We are making family trees and talking about what are family members like to do and describing their personalities. 6th graders are learning how to conjugate -ar verbs and have picked it up very quickly. I'm very proud at how well they are handling this challenge. 7th graders are in the middle of a project where they are designing houses and recommending the furnishings for inside. 8th graders are learning how to make comparisons and how to give their opinions about television, movies, youtube videos (etc.). Overall, we are very busy and learning a lot!



Choir- Jessica French

Both Elementary and Middle School choirs have been gearing up for performance opportunities to take place this Spring semester. Each choir class is spent exploring the fundamentals of singing, learning to sing in two and three part harmony, and preparing for our upcoming performances. See the schedule below to support the MQHR Queen of Arts Choir program!

Performance schedule:

Saturday, Feb 23-- Mass musicians, 4pm (followed by a mini-concert for our Open House at the school)
Thursday March 14-- Diocesan Honor Choir concert in the LCHS Auditorium, 7pm
Sunday April 28-- featured as the Children's Chorus Ensemble in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at First United Methodist Church, 6pm
Thursday May 16-- Spring Concert in the LCHS Auditorium, 6:30pm

To receive more details on the above performances, please email Ms. French at jessica.french@maryqueenschool.org



Music- Jessica French

Over the past month, Preschool and elementary classes have increased their basic music theory knowledge through winter and Catholic Schools Week themed lesson plans. These basics include: high/low, loud/soft, fast/slow, note recognition, aural recognition, movement and dance with music and basic composition with solfege. Middle school classes have completed a series of composition activities centered around Martin Luther King Jr. and Catholic Schools Week. **All classes have had fun preparing music for our school Mass with Bishop John Stowe.**



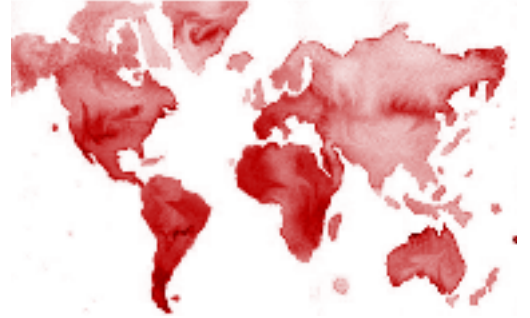
Speech- Susie Cutshall



Speech and Language students continue working towards their individualized goals. Some kiddoes have met their goals and maintained their skill level over Christmas break, so they have "graduated" from "Speech". Several new students have been added to the therapy schedule and we even have a few new Fluency (Stuttering) students. Since news about these kiddoes is HIPA-protected, I would like to share research news hot off the presses. In the December 2018 issue of The ASHA Leader and a recent study reported in The Lancet, research reveals that "capping children's daily screen time at 2 hours is linked with better cognition." They further report, "Based on our findings, pediatricians, parents, educators, and policymakers should promote limiting recreational screen time and prioritizing healthy sleep routines throughout childhood and adolescence."

ELD- Lisa Ramsey

On January 3rd, Mary Queen welcomed 7 new students from South Korea and China to our middle school! Our international education partner, Amerigo Education, offers students from around the globe an opportunity to thrive in American schools and reach their academic goals. Mary Queen is proud to team up with them to provide a comfortable and safe environment as these diverse students prepare for high school. Our students and staff look forward to getting to know our new students and supporting their educational and social needs.



Art & Design Club- Christina Romano

Art & Design club is in full swing! In January, we completed our window paintings throughout the school (although the polar vortex did not treat them too nicely... touch ups will be coming soon). We will continue working on our delicious ice cream sculptures, paint them, and they will be on display in the cafeteria. Our first Art Outing was a success! We visited Create Art + Play Studio and students painted some groovy glow -in-the-dark paintings. It was so amazing seeing the kids engaging in art and bonding with one another outside of school, we all had a blast! Besides art, the students created designs for art show flyers and I shared some competitions they can get involved with: Doodle for Google (entries due March 8th) and Artistic Storm Drains in Lexington (due date TBD). **The Art and Design club will be having a bake sale during the Art Show, be sure to stop by to support the club and pick up some sweet treats!** There is always room for more artists. If your child is in 4th-8th grade and is interested in joining Art & Design club, shoot me an email at christina.romano@maryqueenschool.org



LEGO Robotics- Al Kresslein & Christine Hayes

The MQHR robotics team competed in the First Lego League State Robotics Competition on Saturday, February 2 at Northern Kentucky University. The students participated in interviews concerning Core Values, Robot Design, and their solution to a problem encountered during extended space travel. The students also competed in robot programming. The team did a great job representing Mary Queen School. Team members are: Sophia M. (8th), Elena M. (5th), Sarah-Louise H. (5th), Ella Y. (6th), Katherine Ingram (6th), and Garrett Hosey (8th). Thank you to our coach, Molly McFarland-Mancini!



STLP- Al Kresslein & Christine Hayes

Continuing to work on our "Chromebook Bootcamp" project. Individual students have submitted digital art projects, including our new morning show theme song, to be judged in February. Winners will be announced at the state STLP competition in April. Good luck!



Drama Club- Jessica French & Mike Meadors

Looks like the Cat (in the Hat) is out of the bag! Please, don't forget to sign your child up to participate in SEUSSICAL JR! It is just \$25 if you are new to the club! **Rehearsal fall on Mondays and Wednesdays starting next week, 2/5.** Questions? Want to sign up? Email Mike Meadors, mike.meadors@maryqueenschool.org, or Jessica French, jessica.french@maryqueenschool.org. We look forward to seeing you there!





ACES- Mike Meadors

In two weeks time, our elementary ACES students will be launching rockets upwards of 100 to 150 feet in the air. ...And those rockets are made entirely out of PAPER! Want to see how they do it? Visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/maryqueenschool.org/aces/home>. Questions about project-based learning? Email Mike Meadors at mike.meadors@maryqueenschool.org.

Creative Writing- Mike Meadors

Did you know Harper Lee drew inspiration from her classic characters when she was merely a teenager? Did you know S.E. Hinton began writing *THE OUTSIDERS* when she was just fifteen? FIFTEEN?! That's a year older than an eighth grader! No one is too young to write their story. Want to start writing your story? Join us for Creative Writing Club on Thursdays from 3:30- 5:00 pm. To sign your child up, simply email Mike Meadors at mike.meadors@maryqueenschool.org. Oh, and the club is FREE, if you needed any more incentive!

