



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear QAS Parents and Families,

Welcome back, from your Parish Education Committee (PEC)! We hope your summer was filled with rest, joy, and meaningful time with family and friends. As we begin the 2025–2026 school year, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude for this strong, supportive, and faith-filled community that surrounds our school. Each September marks not just the return to routine, but the renewal of our shared commitment to nurturing the minds, hearts, and spirits of our children.

A special welcome to all new families joining QAS this year. Whether you're starting in kindergarten or joining us from another grade or school, we are so glad you're here. QAS is more than a school, it is a community rooted in care and faith, and we look forward to walking alongside you in the years ahead.

Who We Are – The PEC

Your Parish Education Committee is a group of parishioners who work in close partnership with school leadership and the Parish. Our role is supporting the long-term growth and sustainability of QAS through planning, stewardship, and fundraising, ensuring that we continue to offer an excellent educational experience while keeping faith formation central to our mission.

Together with the school and Parish, we strive to ensure that QAS remains a place where students are known, supported, and encouraged to grow, academically, socially, and spiritually.

Throughout the year, we'll share updates, opportunities to get involved, and ways to contribute to the ongoing success of our school. If you'd like to learn more about the PEC or how to get involved, you can visit us at www.qas.ca/pec/.

Summer Improvements & Ongoing Projects

Thanks to the outstanding support shown by our families last year, particularly through the biennial gala and other fundraising events, we've been able to complete meaningful upgrades over the summer break:

- New vinyl flooring was installed in the Kindergarten, Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5 classrooms. These fresh, durable surfaces have brightened the learning spaces and are ready to welcome students back with a clean, modern feel.
- A fresh layer of wood chips was added to the playground, improving both the safety and comfort of this much-loved space for play and connection.
- An active drop-off zone has been created along the Fairfax St. sidewalk to improve before/after school traffic flow, and a new bike rack was installed to provide secure parking for students – with thanks to the Hughes Family for their generous donation.

- Planning is underway to upgrade flooring in the library and remaining classrooms. These upgrades are part of a phased approach to ensure all spaces are brought up to standard over time.

Looking ahead, we are also considering the installation of heat pumps across classrooms to enhance climate control, keeping students warm in winter and cool in summer, while also being energy efficient and environmentally responsible. More details will be shared as those plans move forward.

Strengthening QAS Together

We want to acknowledge that none of these improvements would be possible without the ongoing trust and generosity of our parent community. Your contributions, big and small, have a lasting impact, not only on the spaces our children learn in but on the very culture of shared responsibility and care that defines QAS.

As we continue forward, our focus will remain on facilities maintenance and long-term planning, ensuring that we create a safe, welcoming, and inspiring environment for students and staff alike. We're committed to using funds raised thoughtfully, balancing visible upgrades with essential operational needs that help keep tuition manageable and ensure the school's day-to-day functions remain strong.

If you—or someone in your network—has a trade, service, or resource to offer toward upcoming improvement projects, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to Felice Ferraro at pec.maintenance@qasbc.ca to explore how you might be able to help.

A Shared Year Ahead

Whether you're returning or just beginning your QAS journey, know that you are part of something truly meaningful. This is a place where families rally together in faith and generosity, where staff care deeply, and where our children grow into thoughtful, capable, and compassionate young people.

We're excited for all that this year will bring and look forward to continuing this work together, with heart, purpose, and joy.

With sincere gratitude,

The QAS Parish Education Committee