## MARY QUEEN OF PEACE SPRING 2020 ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

What a year it has been for Mary Queen of Peace School! Our doors officially closed to in-person student learning on Tuesday, March 17th due to COVID-19. Distance learning began almost immediately. Our teachers did a phenomenal job adapting their curriculum and their lessons in a digital format. Parents and caregivers did a superb job as they became instant teachers. And our amazing students had to say goodbye to their daily routines and learn from home, which was no easy task. As challenging as it seemed, we adapted and persevered. A huge thank you to everyone for being so patient and understanding. It is truly a time in MQP school history we will never forget!

To ensure that we are prepared for the 2020-2021 school year, this summer we will be establishing a Back to School Task Force. This group will consist of parents, caregivers, faculty, staff and administrators. We will discuss what the opening of school might look like in August and generate ideas to make it a seamless transition. With the ever-changing decisions by state and local governments as well at the Diocese, we still don't have a clear idea of what the fall will bring. The safety of our students is top priority and rest assured that we will take every precaution and recommendation from the CDC and local officials.

Have you checked out our school Facebook and Instagram pages? We love posting pictures and videos of our school. Additionally, on the school website, you can also check out virtual tours of each grade level. Currently, our preschool is featured in a short 3-minute video. This is such a great marketing tool to get new families interested in MQP! Like and share! A special thank you to Mr. Nicholas Blazek, our assistant principal, for filming, editing and posting.

Finally, I want to thank our alumni again for their ongoing support of our school. I've met so many people who recall their fondest memories of MQP/OLGC. I love hearing stories of classrooms with 35+ students, or former teachers who carry quite the legacy! Our school is filling up each year with students whose parents and grandparents walked the same halls decades ago.

I hope that you have a great summer. Stay healthy and keep in touch!

God Bless,

Mrs. Jessica Robertson Principal