

**PLEASE KEEP THIS CALENDAR
FOR EASY REFERENCE**

AUGUST

- 01 Book Payments Due
- 06 Freshman Parent Orientation 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- 15 Band Candy Sale begins thru Sept. 3
- 18 New Teachers' Meeting 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- 18 Faculty In-Service at 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 19 Orientation for 9th graders - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 20 Orientation for All Students - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- 21 First Full Day of School
- 21 Bus Transportation AM and PM
- 21 Freshman Sign Up for Class Offices thru 26th
- 21 Senior Picture Day
- 21 ID Picture Taking at QND from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 22 Underclassman Picture Day
- 27 Petitions Due for Freshman Class Offices
- 28 Freshman Class Office Candidates Speeches 1st hour
- 29 Election of Freshman Class Offices

SEPTEMBER

- 01 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 02 Freshmen Sign Up for Class Reps. thru Sept. 4
- 04 Petitions Due for Class Reps.
- 05 Election of Freshmen Class Reps.
- 08 Noon Dismissal - Special Schedule
- 08 Faculty In-Service 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. St. Dominic
- 09 Character of Champ. at JWCC 9:00 - 12 noon
- 10 Parents Meet the Teachers Night 7:00 p.m.
- 11 City Wide Catholic School Mass at QU
- 13 Royalty Dance
- 18 Homecoming Parade 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Homecoming Football Game vs. Peoria Central 7:00
- 20 Homecoming Dance 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
- 22 Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament at SLCC
- 24 Student Council Magazine Drive thru Oct. 8

FROM THE FOUNDATION OFFICE

Please join us at the **23rd ANNUAL QND FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT** to be held **Monday, September 22, 2008** at Spring Lake Country Club. Proceeds benefit QND students with financial need. Registration & Lunch is from 11:15 am to 11:45 am. Tee Off is at 12:00 noon. The Annual Rinella Chip-Off is at 4:30 pm. From 5:00 to 6:00 there will be cocktails & silent auction bidding and dinner is at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$125.00 per player and includes 18 holes of exceptional golf, on-course refreshments, lunch and a steak dinner. A player & spouse for dinner is \$150.00. If you would like to join us for dinner only that is \$30.00. The cost to sponsor a hole is \$300.00. To register or for more information on how to become a hole sponsor or silent auction item donor, contact Pam Frericks at the QND Foundation office at 224-2598 or pfrericks@quincynotredame.org.

ALL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MASS to be held **September 11, 2008** at **Quincy University Pepsi Arena** at **10:00am**. Everyone is invited to participate in this liturgy with Bishop George Lucas.

DRESS CODE - This summer I have done a little traveling to visit

family and relatives. Many times my wife and I will stop in a mall

and do a bit of window shopping and regular purchasing. I have also been reading the clothing ads in our local newspaper. Without sounding old-fashioned or prudish, there are some fashions that have no business in a Catholic school, let alone any school. Although we have had some difficulties with some young men and young women adhering to the QND Dress Code, the most consistent problem has been in the area of modesty with the young ladies. As parents and stepparents, I ask you to please check the modesty level of your daughter's top and bottom. Is the display of cleavage the main effect of the top? Do the slacks ride too low and expose flesh in the front and back? Do the top and bottom connect or is there a problem when the young lady sits or bends over? How long is the skirt? Is it uncomfortable (or should be) if your daughter sits down in a desk?

Please speak with you daughter BEFORE the first day of school. Do not believe that an outfit that was worn last school year will be acceptable this year. Every administrator and instructor will be more diligent in checking dress code this year. We will always try to handle such infractions with sensitivity and tact. Why not eliminate the problem by starting on the home front. Talk—evaluate—help your daughter make good decisions regarding dress at QND. Thank you for your support.

This does not take away responsibility if you have a young man! Shirts must be tucked in. Shirts must have collars. Neatness is so important.

DELINQUENT TUITION / FEES - There exists an obligation that families making a commitment for education with QND would meet their financial obligations on time. It is recognized, however, that families may experience problems regarding payment of their financial obligations. When families are unable to meet these obligations on time, they must contact the administration immediately. The administration will implement a protocol concerning the handling of delinquent payments. Students may not be able to take their final exams or receive their transcript if their financial obligation is not paid in full. At the end of each month throughout the school year, any student(s) who has (have) an outstanding balance will be ineligible to participate in extra curricular activity for the following month until dollars are paid based on the following formula, with a \$100 minimum or remainder balance.

Outstanding debt:	Amount required:
\$0.00 to \$500	50%
\$501 to \$1,000	25%
\$1,001 to \$2,500	10%
\$2,501 and up	5%

When these payments are made the student will be eligible until the next monthly review.

Notification to Public Concerning Asbestos Within QND - In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and the Board of Education of the District, this notification has the intent to inform workers, building occupants and their legal guardians of activities related to asbestos containing building materials in the school. Copies of the inspection reports and the management plans are available for inspection during normal office hours at QND.

Periodic surveillance is conducted at least every 6 months as long as asbestos materials remain in the building. QND will continue its efforts to maintain all asbestos containing materials remaining in an intact state and undamaged condition. School maintenance and

custodial personnel have received the required asbestos awareness training.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy - Quincy Notre Dame admits eligible students of any race, color, gender, national origin, ethnic origin and disability, which can be reasonably accommodated, to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, ethnic origin and disability, which can be reasonably accommodated, in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarships and loan programs and athletic and school administered programs.

PARENTS OF FRESHMAN AT QUINCY NOTRE DAME -

If you were not able to make the Freshman Parent Orientation session on Thursday, July 24, the exact same presentation will take place on Wednesday, August 6, in the QND cafeteria from 7pm - 8:30 pm. Casual dress - bring only a pen/pencil and a piece of paper. Parents, stepparents, and guardians only - no students.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION DAY - Tuesday, August 19, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. Lunch will be served. All freshmen should wear school attire. We will be having some ice-breaking activities, so we ask the young ladies not to wear skirts or dresses on this day. All that is needed is a pen/pencil and a piece of paper. This will be a great day for our incoming freshmen. Please remember there is no bus service. Feel free to drop off your freshman son or daughter before 8:00 AM. Please pick up by 1:00PM.

ALL SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY - Wednesday, August 20, 8:00 AM-11:00AM. Every student to be dressed in school attire. Please note the shortened schedule.

FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL - Thursday, August 21. Band and Early Bird Classes take place before homeroom. Everyone must be in homeroom no later than 8:10AM. School is dismissed at 2:17PM.

BUS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION - School buses will run in the morning and afternoon on Thursday, August 21.

PHYSICALS FOR ALL INCOMING NEW STUDENTS -

Freshmen Physicals - Your ninth grader (or any upper level student new to Quincy Notre Dame) will need to have a complete school physical (sports physical forms **are not** acceptable) before entering the 2008-2009 school year. A physical form with immunization records listed must be turned in to the Main Office no later than October 1, 2008.

We strongly urge you to complete this health requirement as soon as possible. Plan to visit your physician's office ASAP to avoid delay in appointments and to be sure your child has the exam he or she needs to remain in school.

A Tetanus/Diphtheria immunization (for any student who has not had a TD in the last 10 years) is required. The Adams County Health Department holds immunization clinics every Monday from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Adams County Health Department is also offering additional immunization clinics on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. through Wednesday August 27th. No appointments

are necessary. If you have any questions regarding any of the Health Department services, please call 222-8440.

HEALTHCARE - If you have children who are 18 years or younger who do not have health insurance, Governor Blagojevich's ***ALL KIDS*** is for you. It is a low-cost or free healthcare program available to every child in Illinois, regardless of how much money you make. For information call 1-866-ALL-KIDS or visit www.allkidsdiscovered.com for more information.

PARKING - Please talk to your sons and daughters (those who have a license and drive) and heartily encourage them not to park on the street. They can see Mr. Douglas for a parking tag and a reserved parking spot.

Speaking of cars and safety, we ask parents who are picking up students after school to please stay on the left side of the lot so the buses and other vehicles and move through the parking area. We have had some logjams the first week or so and it is time to make sure we have open traffic lanes for the buses. I sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

DISCIPLINE - The disciplinary atmosphere of QND does not rest on the shoulders of one person, one administrative team, or the faculty. Discipline rests on the shoulders of everyone connected to Quincy Notre Dame. You as parents/stepparents/guardians/grandparents need to do everything possible "on the homefront" to insure that your child does the job at school. To be more specific, help us provide the best education possible for your child by: (a) making sure your son/daughter arrives at school on time and attends school every day except for severe illness or a family emergency; (b) talking to your son/daughter about the importance of not only arriving on time at school, but getting to class on time with the four minute passing time. Our instructors are possessive of their teaching time. When a student arrives late it affects the learning environment for the entire class; (c) conversing with your son/daughter about respect for staff members at any time. If a staff member asks a student to do something, it is expected the student will obey the request. If a student feels the request is not proper, he or she should deal with it later in the day with the staff member or administrator. Insubordination or rudeness is never acceptable and it is a lesson well-learned for the present school status and later social settings; (d) communicating with our son/daughter about "proper" dress for school. Shirts tucked in, modest clothing, and clothing that fits the QND Dress Code should be supported by you as parents/step parents/guardians/grandparents. I realize some students go to school after parents go to work. Discuss the outfit to be worn the night before. You don't have to be prudish to be modest. If you see a skirt that is too short; if you see a blouse that is low cut; if you see a top that exposes the stomach area when arms are lifted one inch; if you see a top that exposes inches of the back when she sits down in a desk - **IT IS NOT PROPER TO WEAR TO SCHOOL!** I am extremely proud of our student body. I want - and am sure that you wish the same - every student to be properly dressed for school and learning. Let's work together on these items of discipline and other aspects of student behavior.

COMMUNICATION - E-mail, voice mail, letters, notes sent to the main office, phone calls - there are so many ways to communicate. Never hesitate to contact teachers, administrators, counselors, secretaries - any person connected with QND. Also, never hesitate to contact other parents. After thirty five years at QND, I have heard and witnessed some incredible stories about the actions of students. I believe that every single parent/stepparent/guardian/grandparent who loves and supports his/her child will do what is necessary for his/her well-being. This means being a parent, not a buddy. You have heard this before and I will continue to ask you to think about

this every day. There are a number of things we are doing at QND to lessen the terrible impact of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs on our students. Please realize that you are a part of the solution too! Don't be timid when it comes to the best interests of your child. Make the call to the parents whose home your child is visiting for a "small party." Ask if a parent will be available the entire time of the party. Ask how the parent will deal with someone who brings beer or any other similar substance. You have a right to know about the environment in which your child is going. I have spoken with many parents who make the calls to other parents to inquire about sleepovers, parties, get-togethers, etc. I have also spoken with parents who are concerned about calling other parents for fear of having their child ostracized or excluded from future social gatherings. When I hear about a party and I hear that illegal activities MAY take place, I call the parents. Please be aggressive in this area. Your call may protect your young adult and the young adults of other families. Please do not be timid when it comes to your offspring!

HELP NEEDED - During the course of the year we need substitute workers for our cafeteria. If you would like to work on an occasional basis or you would like to be considered for employment in the future, please call QND and leave your name and number with one of the secretaries. We could also use volunteers to supervise the computer room and help in the library. Please call QND (223-2479) and leave your name and number.

TUTORING AT QND - Sr. Jeanette Feldott, QND tutor, is available during the lunch hours. If your student is needing help with math, physical science, chemistry, or physics please contact her at QND at 223-2479, extension 314 or at home at 224-3327 to get her schedule.

FUNDRAISING- All fundraising activities must be approved by the Fundraising Committee. Every organization attached to QND must abide by the rules and guidelines of this committee. All paperwork must be completed and official approval is given by the committee before any activity to raise funds will be allowed. Proposals must be submitted 30 days in advance of the activity date. Fundraising forms may be picked up in the Main Office.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN - If you are a new volunteer, coach, or in any way help with QND students and haven't participated in a "Protecting God's Children" program, please contact Mrs. Shepard. Dates and information are on the Diocese's website: dio.org

QND WEBSITE - Be sure to visit the QND Website: quincynotredame.org. for the latest school news or for email addresses of faculty. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers through email regarding any questions or concerns about classes at QND.

SERVICE HOURS FOR K OF C BARBECUE - Every year the Quincy Knights of Columbus supports not only QND, but many charitable organizations in our community. One of its chief fundraisers is the annual K of C Barbecue. This year it will be held on August 14 (an added day), 15, 16, and 17. This is a massive undertaking and the two most important actions the QND Family can do are: (1) attend the event, and (2) volunteer to help work at the barbecue. That being said, Mr. Robert Mast, the gentleman in charge of volunteers, has asked for student help during the following times: Friday - 6 to 10 PM, Saturday - 6-10 PM, and Sunday - 12 Noon to 8 PM.

Every student at QND must do ten hours of service each year. You may do a maximum time investment of 4 hours at one event. This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours before the hectic school year begins!

Please understand, both parents and students, that once you make a commitment to work at the barbecue, that commitment should not be broken unless there is a family emergency. You do not break a commitment to an organization or to a person because "something better" has come up. You are making a commitment to the Knights of Columbus which provides thousands of dollars of financial aid for QND students and additional help for the school. If you can work at the K of C Barbecue, please understand you represent your family, your school, and your community. Be on time - stay the entire time - work the entire time- be respectful and polite to everyone.

If you wish to volunteer for any amount of time (the Knights prefer two hour blocks of time), please complete the form below and return to QND **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 8**. Please make a copy or write down the hours you have volunteered to work. If you do not receive any reminder, just show up at the K of C at the time you listed and look for Mr. Robert Mast.

Student Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Please place a check next to the day/time that you wish to help at the Knights of Columbus Barbecue:

Friday, August 15: ___ 6-8PM ___ 8-10PM

Saturday, August 16: ___ 6-8PM ___ 8-10PM

Sunday, August 15:

___ 12 Noon-2PM ___ 2-4PM ___ 4-6PM ___ 6-8PM