QUEEN OF PEACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT
2024/2025

From the Pastor and the Principal

Dear Friends of Queen of Peace Catholic School,

Hello, and Happy Advent Season to you all.

Another wonderful year has passed, and we have so much to be thankful for — and hopeful about. Queen of Peace School concluded the 2024–25 school year with 280 students and opened the 2025–26 year with 306. After many years of steady growth, we are grateful to be entering a season where we can rest, settle, and continue learning, serving, and growing together.

Our school is currently blessed with about 40 dedicated employees, including 15 full-time classroom teachers; a school counselor; a special education teacher; and teachers in Music, Art, PE, and Environmental Education. They are supported by our administrative staff, instructional assistants, and classroom aides. Each member of this community approaches their work as both a vocation and a ministry, and we are deeply grateful for their commitment.

One of the most exciting developments on campus this year has been the construction of **The Potter's Workshop**. Street improvements and demolition were completed before the start of school, and since then the steady hum of equipment and nail guns has filled the campus. We eagerly anticipate moving Art, Music, and Childcare into their new spaces this spring—and our youth group is just as excited to settle into their new home.

As a ministry of Queen of Peace Parish, our school exists to serve students and families who share in the mission of the Catholic Church. Thank you for believing in this mission with us, and for supporting our community through your prayers, gifts, and service.

God bless you in the year ahead,

Fr. Timothy Mockaitis
Pastor, Queen of Peace Catholic Church

Carl Mucken
Principal, Queen of Peace Catholic School

Mission

Rooted in Gospel values, Queen of Peace Catholic School cultivates a curiosity for lifelong learning, joy for service, and gratitude for God's creation.

EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT:
Field Study Experiences

In our 2024-25 school year, each class engaged in three field studies, exploring local ecosystems, conducting experiments, & collecting samples — deepening learning in biology and environmental science and cultivating a love for God's creation.

"We are one family, with one Father. We inhabit the same planet and must care for it together."

– Pope Leo XIV

Financial Report

JULY 2024-JUNE 2025

Queen of Peace School wishes to thank all of our generous donors. Your support allows us to enhance our academic programs, fund important projects, and create enriching experiences for our students.

More than $247,000 in assistance was granted this year to families who value Catholic education. These funds come from grants, the parish subsidy, the Salem Area Catholic Schools Foundation, the Archdiocese of Portland, the endowment and private donations.

AUCTION

QP's annual school auction was held May 2nd, 2025 and raised more than $273,000 for student and building needs as well as programs. This year's auction will be on May 9, 2026. Please join us!

JOGATHON

The Jogathon is another annual event held in October and is the first big fundraiser of the school year. In the 2024-2025 school year, students raised more than $47,000.

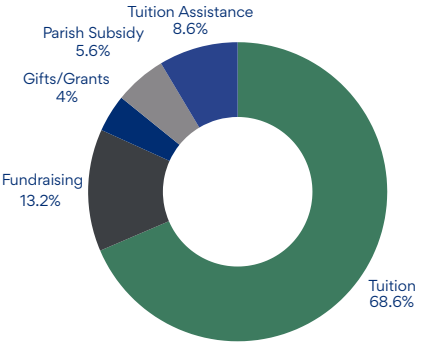
STUDENT RAFFLE

Student Raffle was a big success last year. Held annually in November, the school raised more than $30,000 for the 2024-2025 school year.

ST. NICHOLAS DRIVE

Held annually in December, the St. Nicholas Drive benefits our school's areas of greatest need and our endowment fund. All endowment contributions are matched up to $60,000 by the OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation Match Grant. Through the generosity of our parish & friends, last year's drive raised more than $19,000.

INCOME



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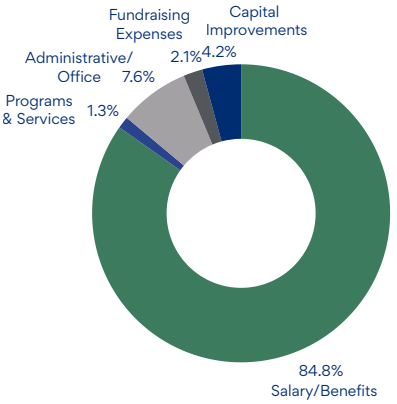

The Potter's Workshop

A beautiful space for all youth in the Queen of Peace Community

The Queen of Peace community is filled with excitement as we prepare to open our newest blessing: **The Potter's Workshop**. For years, families, parishioners, and staff have dreamed of creating a dedicated space where our young people could learn, grow, and feel at home. Now, with grateful hearts and the support of so many, that dream is coming to life. The Potter's Workshop will stand as a joyful reminder of how our community comes together in faith and purpose for the good of our children.

Designed as a vibrant hub for students of all ages, The Potter's Workshop will be the new home for afterschool care and weekend and evening youth group activities. It will offer a safe, nurturing environment where students can finish homework, build friendships, and enjoy meaningful mentorship from trusted adults. Families can look forward to a space that supports working parents, strengthens community connections, and ensures our children are cared for with love.

Beyond its daily programs and weekend plans, The Potter's Workshop will host music and art classes during the school day. Classes that inspire creativity and celebrate the gifts God has placed in each child. From paintbrushes to percussion, from sketchbooks to song, students will have opportunities to explore new talents and express themselves in ways that enrich their minds and spirits. As we open the doors to this new youth center this spring, we celebrate not just a building, but a mission—one that reflects the heart of Queen of Peace: to form joyful, confident, faith-filled young people who know they have a Catholic home in this community.

For more information on how you can support the construction of The Potter's Workshop, contact Principal, Carl Mucken: 503-362-3443 or cmucken@qpschool.org.

To donate online, visit www.qpsalem.org. Select "Online Giving" and you will be directed to the church's donation page. Once there, select "The Potter's Workshop."

Faith *and* Academic Excellence

At Queen of Peace School, faith and academic excellence work hand in hand to form confident, compassionate learners. Rooted in Catholic tradition, students deepen their relationship with Christ through weekly Mass, daily religion lessons, prayer experiences, and participation in activities such as the Rosary, Adoration, altar serving, and Living Stations of the Cross. The *Education in Virtue* program further strengthens spiritual formation with monthly lessons on virtues and the saints who exemplify them.

Queen of Peace offers a strong core curriculum in religion, math, language arts, science, and social studies. Teachers emphasize hands-on learning, problem-solving and teamwork, preparing students for future success.

Our **Environmental Education Program**, available to all K-5 students, is thoughtfully designed to inspire curiosity, a love for learning, and stewardship for God's creation.

Daily PE, weekly art, and twice-weekly music ensure students grow physically, creatively, and intellectually. QP provides a well-rounded education that nurtures the whole child – mind, body, and spirit.

School Highlights

LITTLE EXPLORERS PRESCHOOL

Queen of Peace Little Explorers Preschool combines a commitment to faith, play, and academic readiness in a nurturing environment that prepares children not just for kindergarten, but for a lifetime of joyful learning and growth.

CHILDCARE

With options for before and after school care, Queen of Peace offers a flexible extended care program designed to meet the needs of our busy families.

IN-HOUSE LUNCH PROGRAM

Made fresh daily, hot and nutritious meals are available for all full-day students.

SCHOOL GARDEN

Students cultivate and study plants as part of hands-on lessons in biology, earth science, and math. After harvesting, they share fresh produce with the Table of Plenty food share, supporting families facing food insecurity.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students serve others in a variety of ways throughout the year. They volunteer at Marion Polk Food Share, make weekly donations to the Table of Plenty, volunteer at St. Joseph Shelter, write letters to senior pen pals & donate diapers to HOPE Pregnancy Clinic.

CLUBS

Students enjoy a variety of after school clubs and enrichment programs, including:

- VEX IQ and Lego Robotics
- Oregon Battle of the Books
- Cooking with Saints
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Art
- Microscopes
- Garden
- Weather

Parish enrollment opens in January 2026!

We learn. We serve. We grow.

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