



QUEEN OF PEACE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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## MISSION

*Queen of Peace is a Catholic parish school centered in Gospel values and dedicated to the spiritual and educational development of the whole child.*

**We LEARN**  
**We SERVE**  
**We GROW**



## *A letter from the principal*

Dear friends and supporters of Queen of Peace Catholic School,

Queen of Peace School has been very busy over the last year. Notably, the end of the pandemic, recognition of our environmental education accomplishments and STEM programming, and the beginning of a construction project that will add 10,000 square feet of room for our growing family.

The pandemic revealed many challenges for everyone. At Queen of Peace, the challenges brought out the best in so many people, turning the struggle into opportunity. We enrolled and then re-enrolled over 220 students for the 22-23 school year. These students are spread into eleven classrooms throughout the building.

The teachers and staff, students and families at QP have been strong examples of resilience through this challenge and we are excited to move forward with new skills and outlooks on the future.

Thank you for all of your support in the past year. It is because of you, that Queen of Peace Catholic School has been able to learn, serve and grow with so many families.

God Bless you in the year ahead,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Mucken". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carl Mucken  
Principal  
Queen of Peace Catholic School



# We Learn, We Serve, We Grow



**2022/2023**  
**Serving 220 Students**

## Specials

Rachel Grove, Music  
Julie Jeanseau, Art  
Mark Martinmaas, PE

## Instructional Assistants

Lisette Arreola    Veronica Orozco  
Kari Beyer        Elizabeth Rodriguez  
Trina Graves      Megan Shine  
Alicia Gutierrez   Alexis Unger

## Classroom Teachers

Bethany Ayres , Kindergarten	Michelle Orozco , 4th
Jean Craig, 5th	Jazmin Ramirez , PreK
Marie Curran , 2nd	Deanna Sandau, Preschool
Meredith Hildebrandt, Preschool	Caitlin Smith, 3rd
Marieke Jones, 2nd	Erin Yant, K/1st
Pam Mchugh, 1st	

## Administration & Support Staff

Carl Mucken, Principal	Sheri Hayward, Childcare
Kelly Rasmussen, Business Manager	Claire Jones, Behavior Support
Heidi Wiegall, Development	Kelsi Kartye, Reading
Karon Willburn, Office Support	Marissa Pena-Wilson, Childcare & Lunch Service

## Environmental Education Team

Maureen Foelkl  
Bobbie Snead



## School Advisory Council

Mel Davies, Chair  
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Douglas Carpenter  
Ryan Hazelbaker  
Allison Koehnke  
Andrea Limont  
Darin Olson  
Stephanie Smith  
Adam Stout  
Kelsey Wilson

## School Advisory Finance Council

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Stephanie Smith  
Scott Wiegall

# HIGHLIGHTS IN STEM



Jean Craig and Caitlin Smith

## ▼ Notre Dame STEM Teaching Fellows

The 2021-2022 school year focused on STEM integration in the classroom. In the fall, students created natural looking prototypes to prevent erosion in the Santiam Canyon following the fires in 2020. In the spring, students built wind turbines to power a generator during a large storm. Over the summer, Jean Craig and Caitlin Smith focused on assessment and feedback for students. They will focus on these during the 2022-2023 school year. Additionally, Craig and Smith are mentoring K-5 teachers at Queen of Peace to implement a STEM integration in the spring 2023.



4th grade building their wind turbine

## ▼ ExploraVision National Winners!



Esau Segura, Audrey Wiegall, Jonathan Barra, Claire Stout on stage at the National Press Club in Washington D.C.

▼ In June, ExploraVision winners Jonathan Barra, Esau Segura, Claire Stout and Audrey Wiegall attended the 30th annual ExploraVision Awards in Washington D.C. for their 1st place winning invention, Fungi Plastivore Purifier. These students each received a \$10,000 (at maturity) U.S. savings bond and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. where they had the opportunity to showcase their project at the National Press Club.



ExploraVision team and Maureen Foelkl in front of the White House



## ▼ Green Ribbon School Designation



Families tour the campus vegetable garden

On Earth Day, April 22, 2022, Queen of Peace School was the only Oregon school to be named a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School. The US department of education GRS is a public engagement initiative structured as a federal recognition award for school sustainability. It is intended to promote state and local collaboration regarding school facilities, health, and environmental education.

## ▼ What does this mean

Queen of Peace School successfully achieved the award's three sustainability focused pillars. This is measured by reducing environmental impact and costs, improving the health and wellness of students and staff, and providing effective environmental and sustainability education.

Some programs and clubs at QP that contributed to these achievements include:

- Watt watchers
- Composting
- Gardening
- Recycling
- Western Bluebird interactive trail
- Pollinator garden

## Western Bluebird Trail



A Western Bluebird interactive trail was created by students and environmental education teacher, Maureen Foelkl.



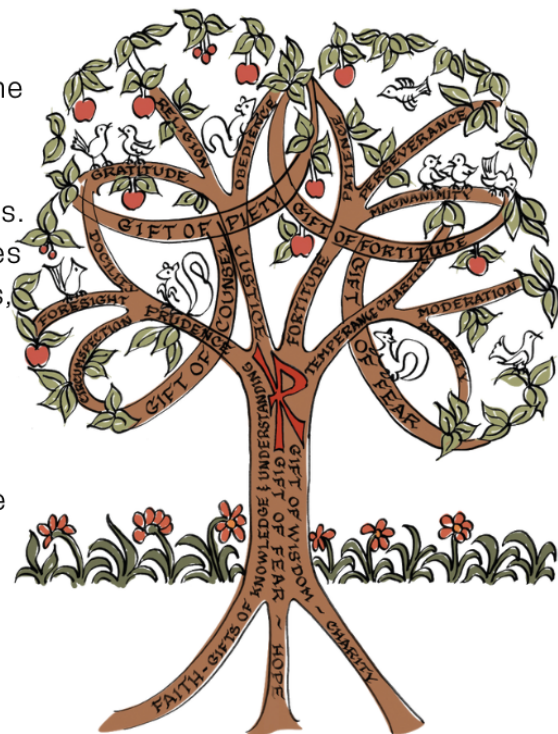
A total of seven fledglings were added to this threatened species.





## A vertical painting of the Virgin Mary. She is depicted from the waist up, wearing a blue mantle over a red cloak. Her eyes are closed, and she has a serene expression. A small yellow bird is perched on her right shoulder. She holds a white lily in her right hand. The background features a house with a gabled roof and a window, a green tree, and a field of flowers, including white tulips and a purple iris. The style is expressive and colorful.

Virtuous acts are recognized throughout the month as students learn about saints who are examples of these virtues. When a teacher witnesses a student acting virtuously, the student receives a recognition voucher. Students that have been the most virtuous will be recognized in front of the entire student body at assemblies.





# FAITH

## ▼ FAITH IN ACTION

Students had many opportunities to celebrate their Catholic faith throughout the school-year. In addition to weekly Mass at school, students participated in the following:

- Living Stations of the Cross
- Rosary
- Adoration
- Altar-Serving
- Reading At Mass
- Daily Religion Lessons



## ▼ STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION

QP School's environmental education team focused on the teachings of Pope Francis's Encyclical *Laudato Si'*. This emphasizes the care of our planet for the good of all beings. As stewards of God's creation, Queen of Peace students explored solutions to create a sustainable difference for the preservation of our planet.



# EXPANSION

10,000 SQ FT OF NEW SPACE



Groundbreaking began in late June. The old shed was removed from the school playground and a new shed was built on the north side of the parish. The new structure is insulated and will be a space to park the QP bus, maintenance vehicles and equipment.

Three new classrooms and two single-use bathrooms are being added to the south side of campus, with the intent of becoming preschool classrooms.

On the north side is the addition of a 1600 square

foot STEM lab. This space will open to the courtyard with garage doors to create a very versatile space for environmental education lessons and the collaborative use of technology. Additions across the hall include two classrooms, multi-use and single-use bathrooms and extra storage.

All of these spaces will be ready for students by September 2023.



# LEARN SERVE GROW

## BUILDING THE FOUNDATION

### Phase 1 Completed by Spring 2023

- **Five New Classrooms**
- **STEM Lab**
- **Outdoor Classroom**



# EMBRACING OUR VISION

## PLANNING FOR PHASE 2 (2026)

3.7 million dollars have been promised or gathered to fund the phase 1 expansion. This budget mark is being closely monitored. As the build progresses, it is likely that the contingency fund will be spent. If you or your family are excited to support this debt-free investment in Catholic education at Queen of Peace School, please consider donating.

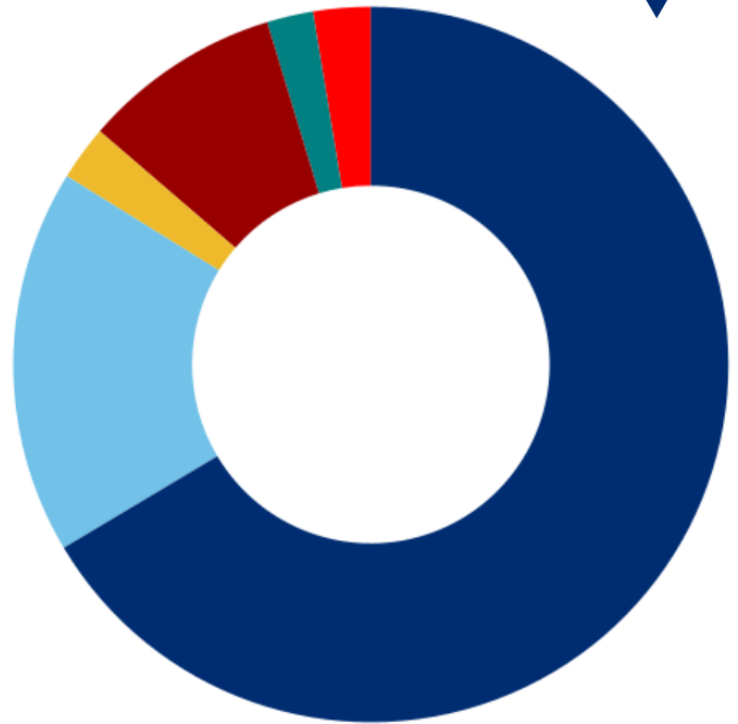
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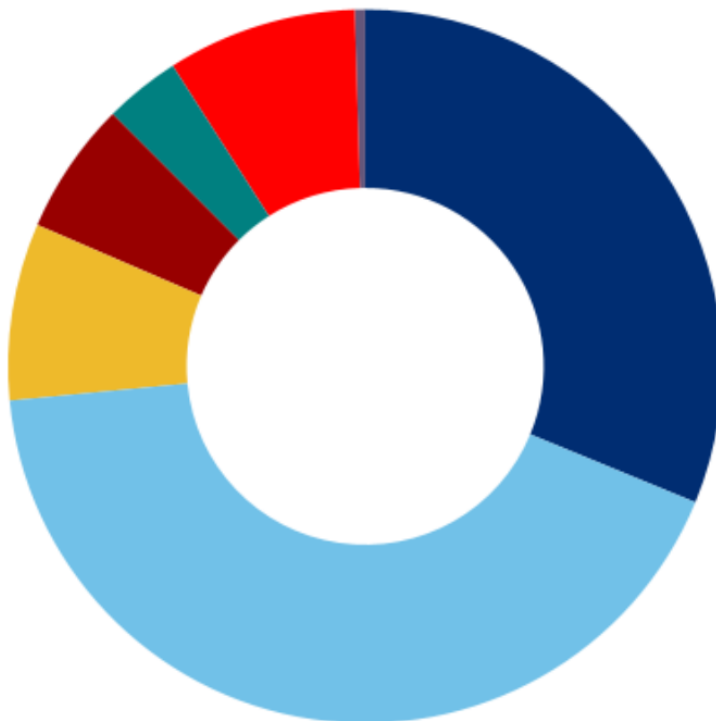


# FINANCIAL REPORT

## EXPENSES



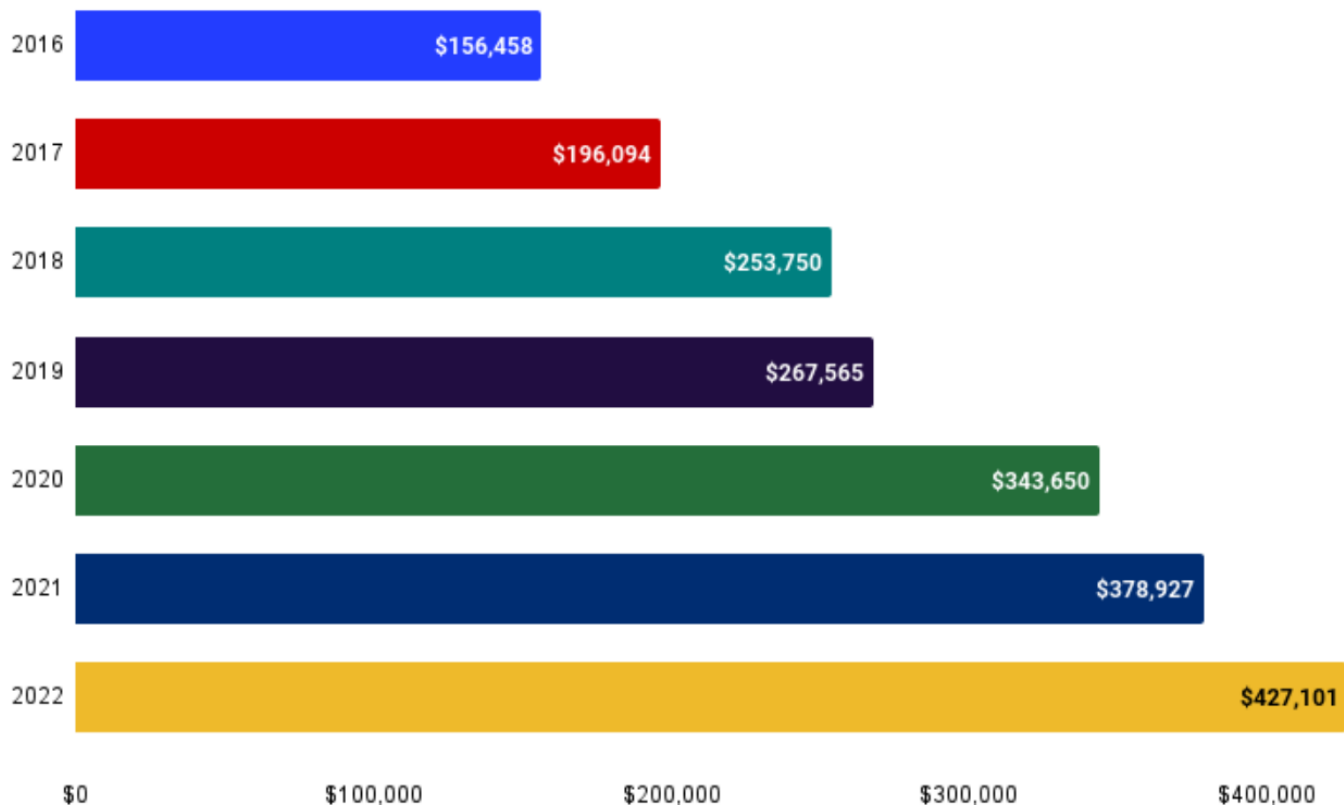
## INCOME



Over \$180,000 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 endowment and private donations.



## ▼ENDOWMENT



The school's endowment is completely separate from Queen of Peace School's yearly budget. The endowment interest is restricted and only used for tuition assistance. The OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation Match Grant matches our endowment contributions up to \$45,000 every year.

The St. Nicholas Drive and pink donation envelopes at Queen of Peace Parish go toward this fund.



**The St. Nicholas Drive runs December through the end of February**

*You are where you are today, because someone, somewhere along the way, believed in you.*

*Thank you for believing in the students at Queen of Peace School.*

To make a donation, envelopes are located at the back of church. Checks can be mailed to Queen of Peace School.



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In memory of Avie Telders  
- Natori Moore

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donors and our generous  
volunteers!

*Thank you!*



# Community

Queen of Peace School gave back to the local community through year-round participation in various charity drives including:

- Diapers for St. Germaines and Michael the Archangel Pregnancy Centers
- 1000 Soles shoe drive for city of Salem youth in need
- Queen of Peace Parish Food Share

Students helped to reduce food insecurity and increased the availability of fresh and healthy food to neighborhood friends in need. Over 300lbs of produce from the school garden was donated to Queen of Peace Catholic Parish's food share. Additionally, students made weekly donations of non-perishable food items throughout the year.



# Enrichment

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

- VEX IQ Robotics
- Lego Robotics
- ExploraVision
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Art
- Watt Watchers
- Garden
- Leadership
- Western Bluebird







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