



Petite Voices

Queen of Peace High School

PEACE

Educating and Empowering Women

October/November 2011

50th Anniversary Celebration Begins!

The celebration leading up to the 50th Anniversary of Queen of Peace has officially begun. Last May, forty-six classes of Peace graduates have come and gone. The lessons girls learned at Peace have build successful careers, better communities, and loving families. Our alumnae's accomplishments are proof that with the right stepping stone, great achievements are possible.

Women of Peace see the inherent value of instilling girls with the desire to excel academically, embrace faith and become strong leaders.

They have watched our school grow in its mission, services and programs. Now we turn to our alum, friends and families to help us usher in another 50 years of significant life-learning experiences for future women of Peace.

Our goal, this special anniversary year, is to recruit over 14,000 alumnae, parents, current families and friends to participate in one or more of the upcoming, year-long events. Here is just a sneak preview of festivities in the planning.

All School Reunion, "It's a Peace Thing" Oct. 15, 2011

Special recognition will be made in honor of our Anniversary classes: '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '06

Together in Harmony, Mar. 11, 2012

Peace and St. Laurence Alum Band Concert.

5K-50th Anniversary Run/Walk, May 6, 2012

Race begins at Peace, Special Events for the kids and family.

Peace Golf Classic, Sept. 2012

18 and 9 hole outing - stay tuned...

Excellence in Athletics, Oct. 2012

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

Golden Jubilee Gala, Oct. 2012

The planning is underway!

50th Anniversary, Nov. 4, 2012

Founder's Day Mass and Reception presided by Cardinal Francis George.

Guest Speaker Series, 2012 dates TBA

Speakers will be presented throughout the year. Stay tuned at www.queenofpeacehs.org, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Nazareth Farm Trip Leaves Impact

Six students and two chaperones embarked on a journey filled with simplicity, prayer, community and service. Their destination: Doddridge County, West Virginia, the home to Nazareth Farm. Set in the rural Appalachian Mountains, Naz Farm, as it is affectionately known, is a Catholic mission, devoted to the gospel, where school groups, high school and college groups come to dedicate themselves to a week of service for others. Participants live in communal, simplistic surroundings while working with on-site crews to assist in major and minor construction projects for residents in need.

Mary Ellen Wood simply states, "I am forever changed because of my experience at the farm. The trip honestly helped me to see God in everything and everyone that I come across in my life".

Pictured below: Gina Miglieri, '12; Camille Zalewski, '12; Danielle Kelly, '13; Victoria Kay, '13; Mikaela Karge, '13; and Mary Ellen Wood, '12. Not pictured: chaperones Kristine Owens and Alexandria Bandyk, '08.



New Walkway Unveiled

The sound of jack-hammers echoed through the building this summer as crews were hard at work breaking apart the 50 year old concrete stairs and front walk leading to the entrance of the Marble Lobby. The new sloped walkway makes the entrance handicapped assessable and elevates the on-going flooding issues where the walk and driveway meet.



Important Notice

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, Oct. 27

**1-4 p.m. and
5:30-8 p.m.**

We expect all parents to attend!

We know that your partnership with us during these important high school years is a vital component of your daughter's education here at Queen of Peace.

Your presence and involvement at school sends this powerful message:
In our family, education is a priority.

A most important opportunity for your involvement exists through PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES.

Please plan to join us. We thank you for your continued support in providing a quality education for your daughter.

We need your help to lift the curtain for our Peace Pride Athletic Program! Saturday, Oct. 1st

Dear Peace Parents,

Soon you will receive our 50th Anniversary brochure which slates all our upcoming events for this special anniversary year. Over 50 proud Peace Alum Ambassadors met over the summer to plan and begin launching celebratory events. These forthcoming events and fund raisers are chaired by volunteers and staff members who meet regularly to help raise additional funding for our scholarship program and operational fund. Their intense drive and unique passion for Peace continue to successfully assist in implementing innovative programs for your daughters.

Mary McHale '74, is a true Peace Alum Ambassador. She is the producer-playwright of Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash and has graciously offered to spearhead a fund raiser.

McHale's production of Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash will kick off fund raising efforts to strengthen and expand our Pride Athletic Program. Parental support for the opportunity Mary McHale is presenting is imperative. Dinner and show tickets are

\$25 and Peace will receive a generous profit from each ticket sold! Share this marvelous news with family, friends and coworkers and don't delay...purchase your tickets today!

Your support in our fund raising efforts send a powerful message to donors – like Mary McHale – whose passion for Peace enhances special programs.

We need volunteers to help on this committee. Contact Dar Graf, Athletic Director at grafd@queenofpeacehs.org or call (708) 496-4736 to join the Sister Bernie team!

Show your Peace Pride by helping us lift the curtain!

Gratefully,

Anne O'Malley '75, President
President

Meet With the Principal

Parents interested in talking with Mrs. Nickels about ongoing issues, concerns and programs are invited to attend "Coffee and ..." on selected days throughout the school year, 7:30-8:30 a.m. in room 140.

***Wednesday, September 28
Tuesday, October 25
Thursday, December 1***

***Wednesday, January 18
Tuesday, February 21
Tuesday, March 20
Monday, April 23***

Your attendance is important. If you plan on attending, please bring a coffee mug and contact Ms. Maks at (708) 496-4720 or maksb@queenofpeacehs.org.

Parent Volunteers Needed for Fall Production!

Do you possess a bit of a theatre bug? Do you enjoy creating something out of anything? Seeking parent volunteers for the Fall Play, "Twelve Angry Jurors" in the following areas: House Management, ticket sales, Pre-show/Intermission treat sales, carpentry, lighting, set painting, video production, etc. Please contact Bridget Kancler, Fall Play Director, at kanclerb@queenofpeacehs.org or by phone at 708-458-7600, Ext. 4448.



St. Laurence Laurenta Club Sponsoring Two Events

The St. Laurence Laurenta Club is sponsoring an Autumn Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. Entrance and parking at the north end of the building. For more information, please contact Sharon Ward at 708-425-1276.

The Laurenta Club is also selling 2012 Entertainment Books. They have the Chicago South/West Area Edition as well as the Chicago North Area. The cost is \$25.00 per book. To purchase books, contact Joe Ward at 708-425-1276.

Counseling Department News

Students will again be offered the daily opportunity for homework help, organization and study tips, and tutoring in every subject at the new Center for Academic Tutoring (CAT).

The center is open every morning from 7:25-7:55 as well as Monday-Wednesday afternoon from 3-3:30 and Thursday from 2:15-2:45. Students from the Peace Honor Societies will be on hand to help students who are encouraged to drop in to the CAT any time during open hours; no appointments are necessary. Please remind your daughter to take advantage of this comprehensive academic support service!

The Counseling Department is in full launch mode to kick off the year with the acquisition of Naviance. Naviance is a state of the art web-based college and career research tool. The use of Naviance Family Connection will help families obtain up to date college application information, scholarship opportunities and college research information while staying

in touch with the Counseling Department. More detailed information will be available to students through homeroom presentations and at parent-school events.

Counseling is happy to continue the second year of Peace's "Potty Press" - important news brought to our students by the Counseling Department and placed where all are sure to see it, in the bathroom! The monthly newsletter, titled "While the Queen is on Her Throne...", features the latest news, reminders, updates and inspirational quotes.

Finally, Queen of Peace is hosting a tour of Dominican University on All School Testing Day, Wednesday, Oct. 12. Seniors need to meet the University's admissions requirements to attend the trip. Bus space is limited. Please see Ms. Saylor in the Counseling Center for additional details and permission slips.

College Night

**Tuesday, Oct. 18
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Please enter through
Marble Lobby**

Representatives from over 70 colleges and universities will be available for personal consultation in open sessions.

Financial Aid Presentation

Little Theatre at 6:30 p.m.

College Search 101

Media Center at 6:30 p.m.

College Fair 7-8:30 p.m.

All-School Testing Day

**Wednesday, Oct. 12
11:30 a.m. Dismissal**

Frosh – EXPLORE Test

Sophs – PLAN Test

Juniors – Practice ACT

Seniors – Day off to visit colleges

Faculty Take Classes Over the Sun

Eight Queen of Peace faculty members continued their education over the summer, taking classes through a number of universities.

Karen Amador - Science

Attended a graduate-level Science Inquiry class at Brookfield Zoo sponsored by Aurora University. Science teachers from many different schools learned about inquiry-based learning and we were able to complete activities with observations of many different animals.

Mrs. Amador also learned about under-water robots at a waterbotics class at Triton College funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation. Physics teachers from many different schools completed challenges in design, engineering, programming and teaching physics principles with under-water robots.

Judy Zitlow - Social Studies

Attended a conference at the Federal Reserve Bank on Financial Literacy on July 7th as well as participated in a graduate class on Economic Development at University of Illinois at Chicago. The Illinois Council of Economic Education sponsors great conferences and classes. We heard presentations by economists and professionals in various financial fields like banking, insurance, financial planning, and investments. We also attended a presentation from the World Bank who spoke about the financial crisis in Europe.

Linda Vorderer- Fine Arts

Attended an AP Studio Art Institute at Columbia College. About 40 AP Art teachers from all over the country came together to experience creating a 'concentration' for a 2D AP portfolio. We experienced what our students do when working on this portion of their portfolios, complete with the 'press of time', as we really had only about 3 full days to complete twelve works. It was a real treat when they provided Columbia's gallery to stage a gallery show at the end of the workshop.

Mrs. Vorderer also created a silk mural for Stony Creek Golf Course Club House in Oak Lawn.

Nancy Halbauer- Dean/PE

Completed a graduate class at the University of St. Francis called Ethics in Education.

Kristine Owens-Social Studies

Attended an AP Summer Institute (APSI) to prepare the AP World History syllabus for the College Board course audit and also earned 3 graduate credits through the University of St. Francis while taking the Ethics in Education class.

Joyce Cruse-Social Studies

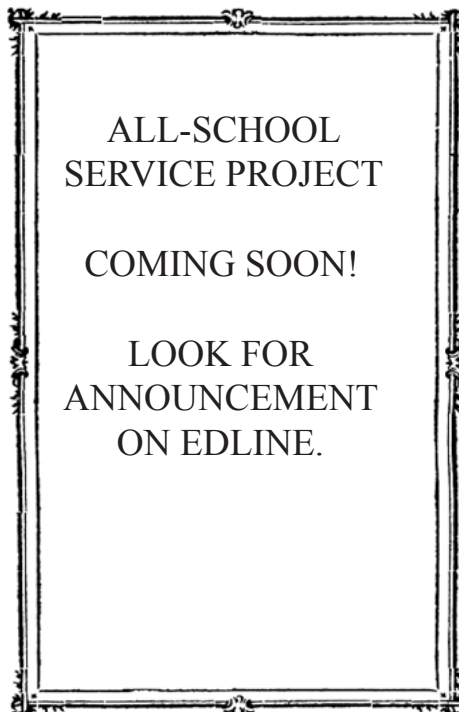
Attended three seminars at Lewis University: Creating Multimedia for student center learning from Lewis University; So When Did I Become a Brain Surgeon – I thought I was a Teacher; and Reasoning Strategies for 6 – 12 Classroom. She also attended a one-day conference on Differentiated Learning.

Bridget Kancler-Fine Arts

Completed a Standards-Based instruction through Technology class at the VanderCook College of Music

Nancy Wolski-Science

Finished course work and received her Master of Science degree from Mississippi State University.



From the Principal Mary Kay Nickels

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff,

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected and identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our schools.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire-retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970s contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. We, too, have buildings that contain asbestos material. The primary concerns arise when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

Queen of Peace has been inspected and some asbestos-containing materials were identified in our building. The materials are distributed in various locations and include floor tile, pipe insulation and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students.

Queen of Peace's Inspection Report and Management Plan outlines in detail the methods used to maintain the materials in a safe manner. In addition, as required by law, appropriate school staff members have been trained to administer this program.

A copy of the inspection report and the management plan is on file at our school office for review.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Nickels
Principal

SchoolReach Emergency Phone System Strives for Top School-to-Parent Communications

In our effort to continually strive for the best communication between parents and school, Queen of Peace High School continues to use SchoolReach - the emergency telephone broadcast system. This system enables school personnel to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation or late start. The service may also be used from time-to-time to communicate general announcements or reminders. Queen of Peace will continue to report school closings due to snow or weather on local radio and television stations, and will use this system as an overlay to the public announcements.

When used, SchoolReach - a company specializing in school-to-parent communications - will simultaneously call all phone numbers in our selected parent contact lists and will deliver a recorded message from a school administrator. The service will deliver the message to both live answer and answering machines. No answers

(phones ringing over 40 seconds) and busy signals will be automatically retried twice in 15-minute intervals after the initial call.

NOTE: 1.) This requires NO registration by the parent on the SchoolReach website. 2.) All information and contact numbers are strictly secure and confidential and are only used for the purposes described herein.

Here is some specific information you should know:

Caller ID: The caller ID will display (708) 458-7600, which is the main number for Queen of Peace.

Live Answers: There is a short pause at the beginning of the message, usually just a few seconds. Answer your phone as you normally would - "Hello" and hold for the message to begin. Multiple "hello's" will delay the message. Inform all family members who may answer your phone of this process.

Answering Machines: The system will detect that your machine has answered and will play the recording to your machine. The phone will ring for up to 40 seconds, but make sure your machine answers after four rings or you may miss the message.

Message Repeat: At the end of the message you will be prompted to "press any key" to hear the message again. This is very helpful when a child answers the phone and hands it to a parent, who can then "repeat" the message in its entirety.

If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Formica, Assistant Principal for Student Services, at (708) 458-4768.

Highly Important: Please make every effort to provide the school with current and accurate phone information any time there is a change to ensure that you do not miss important information. Forms are available in the main office if your contact information has changed.

Parental Guidelines/Reminders for Internet Safety

Parents, please continue to have conversations with your daughter(s) concerning Internet safety. It is important for them to remember proper etiquette when using electronic communications. Also remind them to be careful with today's cell phones; it is far too easy for someone to take a non-flattering picture. Before it is known, the picture is posted on the Internet for the world to see. Review the school's Technology Acceptable Use Policy! Below are some parental guidelines for Internet safety.

1. Talk about what media content (games, TV shows, websites) is accepted in your home. When in doubt, check online (e.g., www.esrb.org) for additional information on rating systems and advice.

2. Set LIMITS about the amount of time spent in front of a screen, including playing video games, watching TV or using the computer. Have your daughter use the computer in your presence.

3. Learn more about and set up PARENTAL CONTROLS on your video game consoles and computers.

4. Practice ONLINE SAFETY by keeping personal information private, reporting cyber bullying and understanding who is appropriate to communicate with online.

5. Talk about your family's media choices and discuss the IMAGES and MESSAGES we see in video games and on the Web.

Interested in additional laptop insurance?

Parents, you can purchase additional insurance for your daughter's laptop through your homeowner's policy. For more information or questions regarding insurance coverage, please contact Business Manager Mary Geoghegan at (708) 496-4799.

MCHALE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

Sister Bernie's



BINGO BASH®



Mary Goecking McHale '74

Actor bio: Mary McHale - Sister Bernie. Mary McHale is a Chicago south-side Irish Catholic girl and graduate of Second City. She's also a proud graduate of Queen of Peace High School (Mary Goecking class of '74).

Saturday, October 1, 2011

QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL

7659 S. Linder Avenue, Burbank

Complimentary Wine and Cheese Reception
for Peace Parents 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

DINNER AND VIP PERFORMANCE SEATING
\$25 adults & \$15 students
Dinner 6:30 p.m. and Performance 8:00 p.m.

PERFORMANCE ONLY \$15 per person - doors open at 7:30 p.m.

"As I toured my alma mater I was amazed by Peace's innovative tech advancements and rigorous curriculum. So much so, that I wanted to get involved and be part of the energy and enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing you on Oct. 1st so together we can support Peace's 50th Anniversary Year," stated Mary.

To learn more about playwright-producer, Mary McHale and her acting credits visit BingoBash.net.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

You don't have to be Catholic to participate!

- Visit www.queenofpeacehs.org to order online. Tickets purchased online can be picked up at the school's Main Office, Mon.- Fri. or at the Will Call window on Saturday, Oct. 1st from 4 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
- To order by phone call (708) 496-4736



For more information call (708) 496-4736 or visit www.queenofpeacehs.org

Peace Pride Days

Please note: Students must wear a Queen of Peace top as the outer layer and an appropriate pair of pants (jeans are acceptable) during Peace Pride Days, which will occur in honor of the following events.

Sept. 21 - Fall Sports Celebration

Oct. 3-7 - Homecoming Week

Nov. 18 - Fall Play

Dec. 12 - "Battle of Burbank" (against Reavis basketball)

Feb. 1 - Student Appreciation Day

Feb. 10 - Winter Spirit Assembly

Feb. 24 - Performing Arts Show

Mar. 6 - World Maths Day

Mar. 29 - Spring Sports Celebration

Apr. 27 - Start of Spring Musical

May 2 - Softball vs. Richards

All School Mass Schedule

Oct. 12	Junior Family Mass	7 pm
Nov. 1	Founders Day/All Saints	9:30 am
Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception	9:30 am
Jan. 30	Catholic Schools Week	9:30 am
May 15	Closing Mass	9:30 am
May 22	Baccalaureate Mass	7 pm

Any parent is welcome to attend Mass. Please sign in at the Main Office.

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:15 p.m. at Queen of Peace

Queen of Peace's fourth annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7:15 p.m., immediately following the varsity volleyball Homecoming Game. The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes players, coaches, athletic directors and teams who have made significant contributions to the athletic program at Peace.

There is a small admission charge for the volleyball game. Anyone wishing to attend the game, ceremony and reception may contact Athletic Director, Darlene Graf. There is a \$10.00 fee to cover hors d'oeuvres and refreshments and a head count is needed to give to the caterer.

2011 Honorees

2002-03 Volleyball Team:

Laura Baetzel '03, Stephanie Butkus '03, Betsy Fitzgibbons '03, Megan Carey '03, Theresa Nugent '03, Paige Pedigo '03, Courtney Schumacher '04, Maura Sheehan '03, Nicki Sullivan '03, Nicole Tito '03, Ashley Van Waard '03, Megan Zagata '04, Jamie North '04, Coaches: Jen Burns, Victor Botwin, Mary Pat Pearson

Individual Awards for Outstanding Achievement

Julie Ritter Lively '88—Volleyball, Track, Basketball
Peg Bobber '81—Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
Theresa Boruta—'05-Softball, Volleyball

2010-2011 Sports Wrap-up

Fall

Cross Country: 6 GCAC All-Academic Athletes

Golf: 6 GCAC All-Academic Athletes

Tennis: 6 GCAC All-Conference, 5 All-Academic, 2nd Place GCAC White Tournament, Lily Carmody finished 1st in GCAC for 2nd singles

Volleyball: 4 All-Conference, 10 All-Academic, 4th Place finish at Nike Preview and Maine West Pumpkin Tournament, Jessi Mainczyk named to Rich East All-Tournament Team and All-Area for the Southtown Star

Winter

Basketball: 1 All Conference, 10 All Academic, Caitlin Hecker IHSA State Qualifier in the 3 pt. contest

Spring

Track: 11 All Academic, State Qualifiers in the 4 x 800 relay and the mile

Soccer: 1 All Conference, 14 All Academic, 1 All Sectional Honorable Mention, IHSSCA Team Sportsmanship Award

Softball: 3 All Conference, 9 All Academic, Steph Rich named Player of the Week for the Southtown Star and for the Trib/Toyota, Team Sportsmanship Award from the South Suburbs Officials Association.

Queen of Peace High School

Invites Family, Friends & Community to Honor

Police Officers, Firefighters & Armed Forces

Rev. Daniel J. Brandt Chaplain from the Chicago Police Department will preside

When: Sunday, October 16, 2011

Time: Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Where: 7659 South Linder, Burbank, IL 60459

Immediately following Mass we will serve coffee, juice and bagels.

Please join us in honoring these dedicated men and women.

RSVP

Bonnie Maks 708-496-4720 or maksb@queenofpeacehs.org



Queen of Peace Upcoming Special Events

Visit www.queenofpeacehs.org for more details...

Sr. Bernie's Bingo Bash Athletic Dept Fundraiser

Sat., Oct. 1

Purchase your tickets online!

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Thurs., Oct. 6 @ 7:15 p.m.

Homecoming Game 6:00 p.m.

Homecoming Dance

Sat., Oct. 8, 7-10 p.m.

Faculty Assembly

Mon., Oct. 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

All-School Testing Day

Wed., Oct. 12, 11:30 dismissal

Junior Family Mass

Wed., Oct. 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Frosh Arts Trip/Retreat

Tues. & Thurs., Oct. 11 & 13

Police Officer's Mass

Sun., Oct. 16 @ 10 a.m.

Autumn Choral Concert

Wed., Oct. 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thurs., Oct. 27

1-4 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m.

All Saints Day/Founder's Day All-School Mass

Tues., Nov. 1 @ 9:30 a.m.

Fall Play- "Twelve Angry Jurors"

Nov. 17-19 @ 7:00 p.m.



Now Open!

Online Pride Shop

Visit our new on-line Pride Shop and wear Peace apparel with PRIDE!

Choose from a wide selection of Peace wear in many designs, styles and colors.

All orders placed online will be shipped directly to your home. New items will be added throughout the year, so come back often to shop.

The online shop will be accessible from our website, www.queenofpeacehs.org.



For Excellence in Math

Each year, the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics recognizes mathematics teachers who are outstanding in math education. This year, two Queen of Peace High School mathematics teachers have been included in this honor. Joann Lapinkas and Adeline Smith, long time educators at Queen of Peace High School, have proven to be exceptional contributors to the advancement of mathematics education and effective service in the classroom. Both educators are enthusiastic about math and have displayed a strong commitment to math education. Joann and Adeline have shown continued growth as mathematics educators as the tools and instruction trends have changed.

Scholarship Information for 8th Graders

If you know of any eighth grade students who are interested in applying for scholarships for high school, please let them know that the following organizations are accepting applications. Additional information and applications for each organization can be obtained by contacting them directly or visiting their websites.

•**Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund (DMSF)**, call 312-455-7716 or visit www.dmsf.org. Application due date is Friday, October 28, 2011.

•**HFS Chicago Scholars**, call 312-421-4070 or visit www.hfschicagoscholars.com. Application due date is Friday, November 18, 2011.

•**LINK Unlimited**, call 312-225-5465 or visit www.linkunlimited.org. Application due date is Monday, November 14, 2011.

•**HighSight**, call 312-787-9824 or visit www.highsight.org. Applications will be available online starting November 15, 2011. Application due date is Friday, February 24, 2012.

Attention Families of Juniors!

There are numerous prep options to help your daughter prepare for the ACT in addition to regular school time.

Breakthrough ACT Prep-will be offered at Queen of Peace on Saturday mornings starting in January. More information to come in November.

ExcelEdge- will be offered at St. Laurence starting in January. Specific dates will be provided in November.

ACT Online Prep-\$19.95. Practice tests with personalized Study Path. Also includes practices essays with real time scoring. www.actstudent.org/onlineprep/index.html.

“Jeanius Prep” by Jeanne and Jeanine. Orland Park location 708-389-6534

Huntington Learning Center- 1 to 1 instruction. www.huntingtonlearning.com

Sylvan Learning Center: Small classes www.sylvanlearning.com

Kaplan Test Prep- www.kaptest.com

Princeton Review- www.princetonreview.com

Queen of Peace does not endorse one program over another. This information is given as a family resource.

