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### **Peace Parents Visit Classes for a Day**

Queen of Peace parents, grandparents and guardians visited their daughter's morning classes Tuesday, Jan. 26 as part of Catholic Schools Week's Parent Visitation Day and were also invited to attend the Student Recognition Assembly. Highlights included the recognition of student successes in academics and those outside of the classroom in athletics, service and co-curricular activities and clubs, as well as an address from Heart of the School winner, Mr. John Dragicevich.

For the past 11 years, Dragicevich has been a Peace Christian Living and Spanish teacher. His peers believe his long-term commitment to his students and environmental education as moderator of the Environmental Task Force warrants his recognition, which honors an outstanding professional currently serving on the faculty or staff at Peace.

"When I first entered the doors of Queen of Peace, I realized there was something unique about this place; there was an atmosphere of hospitality and community," said Dragicevich, who is referred to as "Mr. D" by his students. "I knew right then that this was the place that I wanted to be part of – this was the place where I wanted to work, grow and share in my faith.

"What I enjoy most about being at Queen of Peace is seeing my students changing, growing and becoming confident, competent women of Peace. It is those 'aha moments' when they say, 'I finally got it Mr. D,' that brighten my day," he said.

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Jeanne Boyle (right), mother of senior Emily Boyle (Chicago, 60655) and 1977 Peace alum, attends Peace's Parent Visitation Day on Jan. 26. She followed Emily through her morning schedule and then stayed for the Recognition Assembly.



Mothers and Peace students in Mrs. Linda Vorderer's drawing class sketch portraits of each other during Parent Visitation Day on Jan. 26. Queen of Peace parents, grandparents and guardians were invited to visit their daughter's morning classes as part of the many special events for Catholic Schools Week to see what a typical day is like at Peace.

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