

# QUERENCIA

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QUERENCIA is a Spanish noun meaning a place where one feels safe, comfortable, and strong, a place of refuge, home, or origin.

This is exactly what we feel about SAA. It is our safe place. It's our second home.

*"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."*  
Proverbs 2:6

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7:45 A.M., students started arriving for school. Mr. R said, "I missed everyone, so I was excited to see them again."

Everyone came in except for three students. At around 8:00 A.M. we did the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Afterwards, we went to the STEM room and had a devotional and after that Ms. Jenn and Mr. R talked about school rules and policies. Then we went for recess to have some snacks. After recess, we returned to the STEM room to talk more about the school.



We also played some games, like Simon Says and Guess the Word, to have fun in between the sessions. ...Continued on Page 2



## Let's Play Pickle Ball!



We got new pickle ball sets at the start of the school year 2025-2026. It's been a long time since we played pickle ball in school and so we are all excited to play it.

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We are learning how to play pickle ball during our PE Class and Mr. R is teaching us how to play the game properly.

We play pickle ball during recess and lunch time and it is so fun.

Since we enjoy playing pickle ball, we plan to organize our own pickle ball club so we can practice more and develop our skills especially after school.

-Ethan, Grade8



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When we were done, we separated by groups (small kids with Ms. Jenn and bigger kids with Mr. R) and went to our respective classrooms to talk about what we would be doing and learning throughout the year.

We had lunch and after that we went back to our respective classrooms. We had more games to build rapport with each other and we had a blast!

*"It was very fun, everything was fun", said Brady!*

-Rachel, Grade 7

## FEATURING

### NEW STUDENTS

**Name:** Milliana  
**Grade:** Kinder  
**Favorite Subject:** Science  
**Likes:** She likes spaghetti and she likes to play



**Name:** Rachel  
**Grade:** Grade 7  
**Favorite Subject:** Arts  
**Likes:** She likes to play volleyball and basketball



### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**Name:** ABIGAIL  
**Grade:** Grade 2  
**Perfect Attendance, Leadership in Flag Pledge, Friendly, and Cheerful**



## Welcome Back Party

On August 28 2025, after lunch, at around 1:00 P.M., we had our Welcome Back Party. It's a yearly tradition to make the students feel welcomed and to let them socialize with each other, especially with the new students.

All students gathered up in a circle in the gym. Teachers welcomed the students to our school party. The Principal/K-4 grade Teacher, Ms. Jennifer Mendiola, introduced herself, then the 5-8 grade teacher, Mr. Ronald Mendiola, introduced himself. Then one by one, the students introduced themselves too.

We played a game called Pass the Ball and shared one thing about our summer vacation. After a few minutes we played a couple of games. The "Yes/No Friend" (about school rules), and the "Balloon Race." We played it in different ways with the hula hoop. We took a short break for snacks. We had donuts, sushi, and cheesecake.

*"It was ok. The worst part was that I stuffed my face with 2 donuts and 3 pieces of sushi", said Brady. "I liked the games and it was fun!", Bryan exclaimed.*

At the end of all the activities, we had our prayer and we were dismissed.

We all went home happy and excited.

-Lyla, Grade7



## Chess Club

For this school year, Ms. Jenn, is starting a Chess Club to promote skill development, including cognitive skills like strategic thinking, decision-making, and memory, to foster social growth, promoting sportsmanship, community, and friendships.

The club will be named **Knights and Queens** and is available for all students to join. The meeting time will be every Monday at **4:00 PM - 4:30 PM** in the STEM room.

Ms. Jenn is hoping that students will learn how to play chess properly by the end of the school year.

-Lyla, Grade7



## PARENTS' ORIENTATION

On August 18, 2025, the school held the Parents' Orientation in Mr. R's classroom.

The main objective of the meeting is for the parents to learn more about the school, its programs, activities, and policies.

The meeting started with a devotional where Ms. Jenn shared some insights from the Bible. After that, she introduced the teachers and staff of SAA then proceeded to the main agenda. The school calendar was presented as well as the student handbook. Later, new programs were introduced:

- Reading Program during Library Time - students will have to log their reading every Monday when they go to the Library.
- Math Project: Play, Learn, & Earn - students will learn how to earn, save, and spend money; learn how to do simple banking and calculating interest rates, and have fun.

All the parents attended the meeting. Some of them were physically present while some attended through zoom.

The meeting ended with a prayer from our School Board Chair, Mr. Peterson.

-Brady, Grade6



## SAA Calendar

### SEPTEMBER 2025

- 01 Labor Day (No School)
- 06 Education Sabbath
- 08 Grandparents' Day
- 9-12 RMC Outdoor School
- 19 School Day/ 911 Mobile Class
- 25 Fieldtrip
- 15-26 MAP Test/DIBELS
- 26 Math & Reading Enrichment Day

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