

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
April 10, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12- **No School** Teacher Retreat Springfield

April 13- Dinner Auction

Week of April 15- MAP testing for grades 3-7

April 18- Midterms

1st Grade Field Trip

April 19- PK 3 Doughnuts With Dads

Creative Challenge (4th - 7th)

April 24- Chess Field Trip

April 27- Mother/Son Night

April 30-May 4- Fischer's School Uniform Fitting

May 2- 4th Grade Field Trip

May 3- **Noon Dismissal**

May Crowning

PreK 3 Muffins with Mom

PSA Family Fun Night

May 4- Father/Daughter Night

May 6- PreK 3 Cinco de Mayo

May 10- Talent Show

Upper Grades Game Night

May 17- Last Day of PreK

May 19- Spring Fling

May 20- Field Day

May 21- Last Day of School

Online Bid For Classroom Projects

We are trying something new this year. We are beginning the class project auction sales online 2 days early. It goes live at 3PM on Wednesday, 4/10/24. How it will work is that the highest bidder amount online (when the online auction closes at 12AM on Saturday, 4/13/24) will transfer over to the silent dinner auction (Saturday evening, 4/13/24) and be the minimum bid that evening. Someone attending at the auction can outbid the highest online bidder and take home the project Saturday night. However, if nobody attending the auction Saturday night bids higher than the online bidder, the online bidder will win the item. If a class project is won by an online bid, the winner of the item will be emailed Sunday afternoon. If you receive an email Sunday, please send the payment into school Monday morning with your child. This will allow parents that cannot attend the dinner auction for various reasons to be able to have a chance of purchasing a class project. Follow the link below to bid.

<https://www.32auctions.com/olqp2024classprojects>

Educational Review

Our diocesan and state educational reviews were held last Thursday and everything was great! I am so blessed to be part of such an amazing school.

MAP Testing

3rd-7th grades will be taking the Spring MAP test next week. Please make sure your child has a good night's sleep and a good breakfast in order to help them do their best work next week.

Chess Dates

There will be no chess today, April 10th. We will have our last practice of the school year on April 17th and our Field Trip to the World Chess Hall of Fame will be on Wednesday, April 24th. Permission slips are coming home today.

After Care Donations

If you have gently used board games that you no longer use, the before and after care program is looking for donations.

Creative Challenge

The annual OLQP Creative Challenge for grades 4 - 7 will be held on Friday, April 19th. This event will be held here at school and will begin after Mass and end around 2:45. The 4th/5th grades will be competing against each other while the 6th/7th grades will be competing against each other. The students will be given free dress day on this day. However, keep in mind that we will be attending Mass and the students will be on the floor working on challenges. A morning snack will be provided for the students. Lunch will not be provided. Students can either buy hot lunch or bring a lunch from home on this day. We are in need of parent volunteers to help with the scoring, judging, and supervising of students on this day. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help.

Fischer's School Uniforms/Uniform change

See the attached flyer regarding school uniform fittings with Fisher's School Uniforms in St. Charles. Orders placed between April 30th and May 4th will receive a 10% discount.

Uniform change- Beginning next year, girls in 6th grade will be wearing skirts like the 7th and 8th graders do. Kindergarten - 5th grade will continue to wear the plaid jumpers.

Spring Fling

Save The Date!! Our annual Spring Fling carnival will be on Sunday, May 19th. We are looking for volunteers to co-chair a portion of the event with a member of the parish. Attached you will find what jobs are still needing a chair from the school. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) for more information or if you would like to help. Start earning service hours for next year. Monday, 4/15/24 we will announce info about the raffle being held to win free tuition or money.

Mother/Son Night

Send in your Reservations by next week!!! Tickets are \$40/couple and \$5.00 for each additional child. Saturday, 4/27/24 is the event. The boys will be able to eat a catered meal with their mom, attend the OLQP Spy Academy, and then participate in a secret spy mission. Reservations for this fun event are due by Friday, 4/19/24. An Amazon wish list has been created to help keep the ticket price lower. Please follow the link below to purchase/donate an item.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3KRK5C1P51SG8?ref=wl_share

Father/Daughter Dance

Saturday, 5/4/24 is the Father/Daughter night. The evening's theme will be.... "Enchanted- This Night Is Sparkling". Please send in your reservations by Friday, 4/26/24.

Service Hours- Parents and Students

Service hours for parents and students (grades 4-7) April 30th. Once you complete your hours you can return them to the school office.

Listed below is the link (if you are still needing service hours for this school year) to sign up for helping to decorate for the Mother/Son night which is being held on Saturday, 4/27/24.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-48081590-motherson>

The auction decorating committee still has some service hours available as well. Please click the link below if you would like to help. Service hours can be earned.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45AFAA23A46-48394453-auction>

VBS 2024

We are still looking for parents & grandparents who would like to help each day at VBS (June 10-14th). You can earn service hours for next school year. Email Angie Waldo (awaldo@olqpbethalto.org) if you would like to help. Also, students going into grade 6 and up in the fall are able to volunteer to help and earn service hours for next school year.

Field Day Shirts

Students will have a dress down day for Field Day. Field Day shirt order forms are coming home this week. Field day is scheduled for Monday, 5/20/24. Students must follow the dress code guidelines that are in the Student/Parent Handbook. Shorts need to be at appropriate length, and students may not wear tank tops, crop tops, or tops with spaghetti straps. **Hats, sunscreen, and sunglasses** may also be brought to school that day to protect your child from the sun. Please send a full change of clothes for your child to change into afterwards. We are asking for parent volunteers to come help during field day. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) if you are able to help. Start earning service hours for next school year.

Like last year.... The PSA is going to split the cost with parents for the shirts. Shirts sizes YXS-Adult size XL will cost parents \$6.00 & Sizes Adult 2xl and up will cost \$8.00. Please **turn order forms into the office by Friday, 4/19/24.**

Hot Lunch

Orders for next week (4/15-4/19) are due no later than **Thursday, 4/11 at 9:00AM**. You can find the April menu here. The May menu is coming home this week.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu.cfm>

Madison Communications Teacher of the Year

OLQP has 2 teachers up for the " Teacher of the Year" award this year. Ms. Kirsten in Pk4 and also Mrs. Waldo our 5th grade homeroom teacher. Please vote once a day for either of them. The top 3 teachers who get the most votes will receive \$500 to use for their classroom and a pizza party for their class.

Use the link below to vote.

<https://gomadison.com/teacher-of-the-year/>

Upcoming Servers

Saturday 4/13- 4:30PM- Tinsley Busse & Clayton Pritchett

Sunday 4/14- 8:30AM- Carson & Ellie Williams

10:30AM- Josie Buhs & Everly Olmsted

Saturday 4/20- 4:30PM- Paige & Parker Winship

Sunday 4/21- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Julian Certa & Ellie Waldo

