

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
April 2, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2nd- 8th Grade Cardinals Game
April 3rd- PSA Meeting
Sports Banquet RSVP Due
April 4th-8th Grade Graduation Pictures
April 7th- MAP Testing Week Grades 3-8th
April 9th- Choir Field Trip
April 10th- Field Day Shirt Orders Due
April 11th-Luna Shaved Ice Fundraiser Forms Due
Mother/Son Night Reservations Due
April 14th- 25/26 Online Enrollment Due
PK3 Muffins With Mom
April 16th- Noon Dismissal
April 17th-April 22nd- Easter Break No School
April 24th- 25/26 Extra Curricular forms due
Sports Banquet
April 25th- Upper Grade Creative Challenge Day
April 26th- Mother/Son Night
April 28th- Hogg Dairy Farm Calf Visit
April 30th- 1st Grade Field Trip
May 1st- 2nd/3rd/4th Field Trip
May 2nd- May Crowning
Noon Dismissal
May 3rd- PSA Golf Scramble
May 4th-Spring Fling Carnival
May 5th-Girl Scouts
May 7th- 8th Grade Field Trip Springfield
May 9th- Talent Show
May 10th-Father/Daughter Dance
May 13th- K/8th Buddy Mass
8th Grade Graduation
May 16th- Last Day Of Preschool
May 19th- Field Day
May 20th- Early Dismissal/Last Day
Report Cards

Attachments: April Lunch Calendar, Mother/son night, Father/Daughter Dance, Field Day Order Form, Sports Banquet, Golf Scramble, Golf Sponsor, VBS Registration, VBS Volunteer, Penny Wars, Spring Fling Flyer, Envelopes Flyer

OPEN FISH FRY SHIFTS THIS FRIDAY, 3/21/25

Serving Grades- ***PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th***

3:45PM-5PM-0 More Line Servers

0 Drink Station Person

0 Dessert Server

1 Raffle Basket Ticket Seller Person

0 Soda Seller Person

1 Food Line Runner

5PM-6PM- 0 More Line Servers

0 Dessert Server

0 Drink Station Person

1 Raffle Basket Ticket Seller Person

1 Food Line Runner

6PM-7:00PM- 0 More Line Servers

0 Drink Station Person

1 Raffle Basket Ticket Seller Person

0 Soda Seller Person

0 Food Line Runner

6PM-8PM- **2** dish washers in the church basement-

CLEANUP at 7PM- Grades ***K, 3rd, 6th***

6 more people

Please use the sign up link in this parent letter below if you are able to help so we know we have the shifts covered.

SPRING FLING

Our 3rd annual Spring Fling will be held on Sunday, May 4th and we need some help! **We are looking for a chairperson for kids games.** During the Spring Fling we will have a silent dessert auction that will begin at 12pm and close at 2pm. Please consider donating a dessert for this. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) if you plan on donating a dessert for the silent auction. We will be having a Washers and Bags tournament during the Spring Fling. Entry fee will be \$ 40 per team with advanced reservations and \$50 the day of. The winning team will win \$100. We need at least 6 teams for the prize to be \$100 otherwise it will be lessened according to the number of teams playing. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) if you would like to play.

We have a sign up to help work at the event. Follow the link below to sign up. We will be adding more shifts soon once we have chair persons so check back in the next week or so.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-56068779-spring>

DONATIONS FOR SPRING FLING

Here is a list of items we are looking for to make spring fling happen:

Cases of Water

Cases of Beer

Soda

Small amount gift cards

Candy (that won't melt if it is hot)

Kids games prizes/ Small Toys

Adult games prizes

Dessert for Silent Auction (email the school office if planning on donating)

Please drop off donations to the school office.

We appreciate your support!

MADISON COMMUNICATIONS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

From April 1st- April 30th you can vote for Madison Communications " Teacher of the Year" award. Follow the link below to vote DAILY. We have 3 OLQP teachers nominated. Congrats to Kirsten Carll, Laura Wagner, and Dr Woodiel. The top 5 teachers will win \$500 for their classrooms and a classroom pizza party for their students.

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

CHOIR FIELD TRIP

The choir field trip to the Sheldon Concert Hall will be on Wednesday, April 9th. Students will be gone in the morning. Thanks Mrs. Wiggernhorn for providing this opportunity for our students.

2025/2026 ENROLLMENT

Online enrollment was emailed out on Wednesday, 3/19/25 and again on 4/2/25. If you do not see it, please check your spam folder. If you still do not have it, email the school office and we will resend it. Please fill this out and submit it as soon as possible. We are already preparing to buy textbooks and classroom materials for next year. If you plan on not returning (this includes PK4 not staying for Kindergarten), please select the " Will Not Enroll" option on the enrollment application. **Online enrollment is due by Monday, 4/14/25.**

LUNA SHAVED ICE FUNDRAISER

Sale forms went home on Monday. These are not your ordinary popsicles. They are all-natural & dye free. They are the consistency of a snow cone (slush) but in popsicle form. They are 2 x the normal size of popsicles. They are very refreshing. Samples were given out at the November PSA meeting and they were a big hit. Order forms are due back on Friday, 4/11/25. Use the link below to order online OR you can turn in the paper form.

<https://www.lunasice.com/product-page/our-lady-queen-of-peace-illinois-custom-box>

PSA MEETING

Thursday, 4/3 is the last PSA meeting of the year at 6PM in the Enrichment Room. All are invited to attend. We will be voting on budget items for next school year. If you attend, your child will receive a free dress day on Monday, April 7th.

EASTER EGG VOTING

Please vote starting on Friday, 3/7/25 for your favorite eggs. Eggs will be posted on Facebook and the egg with the most reactions in each grade category will win a Dairy Queen Gift Card. You can view them in person by the gym. Please share your child's egg to get more "Reactions".

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15wZPwmNvi/>

SAVE YOUR CHANGE

Penny Wars between classes will begin between 3/31-4/3. More details coming soon. Money collected will go towards updating the Enrichment Room.

AFTER CARE PICK UP ON FRIDAY DURING LENT

Due to the fish fry being held in the gym, after care on Fridays during Lent will be held in the PreK 3 year old classroom. Please knock on the Preschool door (on St. Mary's Street) and Mrs. Beth will let you in. We are doing this to ensure the safety of our students and to alleviate congestion in the gym lobby.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

If you are a church family and will need financial assistance for tuition next school year (2025/2026), please follow the link below to apply. Applications for financial assistance for next school year are due on Tuesday, 4/15/25.

<https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/3GLYJ/landing-page>

SCHOOL GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Thank you to all of our volunteers who worked on beatification of our parish school grounds this past Saturday, March 29. We added or refreshed landscaping in four locations at almost no cost thanks to the Madison County Green Schools Green Seed grant and generous donations from local businesses. Stutz Excavating donated equipment, time, and labor while Waldbart Nursery donated the new plants in the Prairie Street island and the preschool drop-off areas. We're looking forward to finishing the new planting area in Our Lady's garden, which can serve as an outdoor classroom where our students can learn about native species and good stewardship of God's creation. Please watch for an update in a future newsletter as we approach the proper time for planting in that area.

PSA GOLF SCRAMBLE

Our PSA is sponsoring a \$1000 Shoot Out Golf Scramble Fundraiser on Saturday, 5/3/25. 3 person teams playing 6 some's (Random Group Pairings). Send your reservations into the school office or Brock Lord. Any questions, please contact Brock Lord (oocc4man@gmail.com).

The PSA is also looking for Round sponsors. Contact Brock Lord if you would like to be one.

VOLLEYBALL WORK SCHEDULE

A few more shifts have been added for the tournament that is coming up here at OLQP. **We need help on Saturday and Sunday this weekend!** Please consider volunteering for a shift or two. Our Athletic Directors are just volunteers and appreciate your help. If your child plays volleyball, please sign up to help work. Service hours will be earned. Family Service hours are due for the year on 4/30/25. Follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-54430382-volleyball>

VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS

Now that our girls are finished with their volleyball games, please wash and return uniforms and return them to the office as soon as possible.

KOHL'S SCRIP

The church office currently has a limited supply of \$100 Kohl's cards. These cards can be used to make purchases at Kohl's and also make payments on your Kohl's charge statement. Other denominations in stock cannot be used to pay charge accounts. If you are interested or have questions, please call the parish office (618-377-6519).

OLQP SUMMER CAMP

OLQP is excited we will be offering Summer Camp from Wednesday, 5/21/25- Friday, 5/30/25 for grades Pk4-6th (Fall of 2025). Camp is \$35/day from 8:30-3pm. We will offer a before and after care option. You must enroll in at least 3 days to attend but you can pick the days you would like your child to attend. More information is posted on our website along with the electronic form to fill out to enroll. The link to the website is below. Please share the word that we are offering this on social media. Call the school office if you have any questions.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/student-life/summer-camp-2025.cfm>

VBS REGISTRATION/VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS

VBS is going to be offered the week of 7/21/25-7/25/25. VBS is free. Like past years, we will offer before/after care for a minimal fee. Registration Flyers went home last week. We are also looking for student and parent volunteers. Students and parents can get a jump start on next year's service hours.

MOTHER/SON NIGHT

Invites for the fun evening went home a couple of weeks ago. Please send your reservations in along with food choice as soon as possible so we can get an idea of how many are attending this year and can purchase supplies. **Reservations are due by Friday, 4/11/25.**

There is also an Amazon wish list link posted below if anyone would like to donate an item for the evening to keep costs down for attendees.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LSEA8SDGKFN3?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_xssEVPzR53kYw

FATHER/DAUGHTER NIGHT

Invites for the Father/Daughter night were sent home. Please send in your reservation and money in an envelope marked "Father/Daughter Night" into the school office.

There is an Amazon wish list link posted below if anyone would like to donate an item for the evening to keep cost down for attendees.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1QFBE6TU5C6Z?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwY2xjaWJaHoNleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHc_skinU1FPx5VXTYTBy6JEP2uRDRQWyQvwIYkRJJuQ7Cwpun4J4kNTMA_aem_cLZeP26Pzk5SPYFvCnnBDQ#

FIELD DAY SHIRTS

Field Day shirt order forms were sent home this week. The PSA has agreed to pay half the cost of the shirts. Parents will owe \$6.00/shirt. Students will be able to wear this during Field Day on Monday, 5/19/25. **Order forms are due back by Thursday, 4/10/25.**

SPORTS BANQUET

RSVP forms went home last week for OLQP's annual Sports Banquet. This will honor all 2024/2025 athletes including our Chess team. The meal will be catered by Taqueria Maya in Alton. **Please send in reservations (even if not attending) for your family by tomorrow, 4/3/25.**

FISH FRY INFO

We need all hands on deck. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Last year in the 6 weeks we were open, we made over \$21,000 in profit. Like previous years.....we will rotate weekly jobs. You will follow the oldest child of the family's class assignment. The Fish Fry is open from 4-7pm on Fridays during Lent (March 7-April 11th). We are excited for some updates this year. We will now accept cards, cash, or checks. We also have an online To-Go order system up and working for this year. We are adding soda to the menu for \$1.00. Fruit punch, water, & tea is included with your meal as in years past.

If it is your class's week to work, please utilize Signup Genius to fill an open position. Students in grades 4th-8th can earn student service hours helping to clean-up, take out trash, and to wipe tables and trays. Please also utilize the sign up if your child plans to help. If it is your assignment to help serve, please look for Beth Bequette or Chrissy Woodiel when you arrive. If it is your turn to cleanup, please look for Kyle Hagaman when you arrive to help for instructions. If you are helping with dessert/soda stations or in the kitchen, please see Lyndsey Perez for instructions when you arrive. When it is your class's turn to donate soda and dessert, you can earn 2 service hours from your donation of both items on your class's week. Please drop off items at Thursday pickup or Friday morning drop off. Earn service hours from as many shifts you would like to

sign up to help. Each family in PK4-8th is required to earn 20 family service hours a year and PK3 only families are required to obtain 10 service hours a year. Service hours are due by 4/30/25. Follow the links below to sign up yourself or your child. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

ADULT HELP SIGN UPLINK

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-55121141-fish>

STUDENT HELP SIGN UP LINK

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-55197244-fish>

Assignments:

Week 5 (4/4)-

Help Serve- *PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

Help Cleanup- *K, 3rd, 6th*

Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people- *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

Week 6 (4/11)-

Help Serve- *K, 3rd, 6th*

Help Cleanup- *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people- *PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

FISH FRY TO-GO ORDERS

Follow the link below to place a to-go fish fry order every Friday.

<https://olqp-fish-fry.weebly.com/#/>

FISH FRY DINE-IN

Dine-In will be all you can eat. Adults cost \$15/person and kids cost \$6/person. The fish fry is open from 4pm-7pm the first 6 Fridays of Lent (March 7th-April 11th.)

MADISON COUNTY GREEN SCHOOLS

We have one more week to collect plastic for the recycling contest. We have collected 447 pounds of plastic so far! We are falling behind in the plastic collection. Please send in any plastic you might have at home: grocery bags, toilet paper/paper towel wrappings, Amazon packages...

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DANCE

6th-8th grade students are invited to the area Catholic Schools Dance on 4/11/25 from 7-10pm at Woodlands Golf Club in Alton. Entrance fee is \$15.

HOT LUNCH

Weekly orders for the week of 4/7-4/11 are due Thursday, 4/3/25 by 9AM. Lunch is \$3.50 and includes milk. Send lunch order/money in an envelope marked "Hot Lunch" with days your child would like to order into the school office by the deadline.

SERVERS

Saturday 4/5- 4:30PM- Camryn Friedel and Addison Villalobos

Sunday 4/6- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Jemma Dorsey and William Wolff

Saturday 4/12- 4:30PM- Mya Bequette and Hudson Hall

Sunday 4/13- 8:30AM- Clayton Pritchett and Ryder Williams

10:30AM- Brynlee Spa and Hope Kistner

CHURCH NEWS

*If you have any questions about the following, please contact the church office for more info.

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION- Every Monday from 7pm-8pm during Lent, we will have an "Evening of Reflection", to include prayer time, Adoration, and Benediction.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION- Throughout the season of Lent, Father Tom is available for Confession, beginning 45 minutes before every Mass, every day, except for 10:30AM Sunday Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- On all Fridays of Lent at 2:15PM & 6:30PM.

LADIES GROUP- Our gatherings are changing! Our meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:30AM in the church basement.

COMMUNITY 55- Community 55 lunch this month will be on Thursday, 4/10 at 11:30AM at The Franchise

PRAYER GROUP- 4/8/25 in the church at 6pm. All are welcome to attend

Sunday Offerings- **Weekend of 3/22 & 3/23**

Loose \$438.50

Envelopes \$8,913.55

Online Giving \$3,295.41

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$1.50

TOTAL COLLECTED- \$12,648.96

- **Operating Budget \$15,391.25**

- Tithe to Diocese \$1,500

Difference= - \$4,242.29

Total Envelopes received- 108

Online Donations- 49

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. ~Psalm 25:4-5