

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
April 3, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8- Eclipse

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 27- Mother/Son Night

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

May 3- PSA Family Fun Night

May 4- Father/Daughter Night

Last Call For Auction Tickets

Ticket sales for this year's Dinner Auction **end on Friday, 4/5/24**. You will not want to miss this fun evening. This year's theme is Game Show Showdown. We will have a giant Plinko game to play and win prizes (valued from \$2-30) just like the Price Is Right. You will also have an opportunity to be a contestant on OLQP's Version of "Let's Make A Deal". Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased in the school or church office. You can send your reservation money in an envelope marked "OLQP Dinner Auction" with your child and your tickets will be sent home.

Educational Review

Every five years, each school in the Diocese goes through an educational review with both the Diocese of Springfield and the state of Illinois. Our date is on Thursday, April 4th. Representatives from the state and the diocese will be in the building to go over our policies and files as well as do classroom observations on this day. This review allows us to remain a fully recognized school in the state of Illinois. We are asking that the kids NOT use a free dress pass this day. We want all students in uniform representing our school.

Registration For The 2024-2025 School Year

Registration for next school year was due yesterday, 4/2/24. The link to register for next school year was emailed out on Friday, 3/15/24. If you have any issues registering please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org). Please also email the school office if you plan on not returning next year (this includes all PK4 students going into Kindergarten not returning). There are still a few families who have not responded to the email. We are purchasing a new curriculum for next school year and need a final count of students so responding to the email would greatly be appreciated.

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. We have some exciting news to share about the event. Elsa from Britain's Princess Parties will be here from 2:30PM-4:30PM. She will sing, sign autographs, read stories, and pose for pictures with everyone. Details coming soon on the fundraiser portion of the day.

Mother/Son Night

Send in your Reservations!! 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 & Wish List

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.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased items from the wish list!

Service Hours- Parents and Students

Service hours for parents and students (grades 4-7) are due at the end of April. Once you complete your hours you can return them to the school office.

Also, listed below is the link to sign up for helping to decorate for the Mother/Son night which is being held on Saturday, 4/27. Service hours can be earned for this as well.

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

Volleyball Tournament Service Hours

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-46837317-volleyball#/>

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 the week after spring break (4/8-4/12) are due no later than **Thursday, 4/4 at 9:00AM.** You can find the April menu here.

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

Auction Decorating Committee

The decorating committee has already been busy starting with our awesome decor and props. Please click the link below if you would like to help. Service hours can be earned.

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

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 4/6 4:30PM-Jack Kruse & Levi Woodiel

Sunday 4/7- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Manny Claxito & Ben Cripps

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

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

10:30AM- Josie Buhs & Everly Olmsted