

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
August 3, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13th- Open House/Back to School Bash
August 17th- K-8 1st day of school- 12:00 dismissal
August 18th- 1st full day
August 22- PreK 4 first day
August 23- PreK 3 first day
August 28- School Pictures

CALENDAR CHANGES

Friday, September 22nd will be a noon dismissal day because of Bethalto's Homecoming Parade.

Friday, April 12th will be a no school day. Teachers will be attending a retreat in Springfield.

Confirmation for our 3rd graders has been moved to August 17, 2024.

Feel free to stop in the school office on 8/13 to pick up a paper printed copy of the school calendar. The most updated version can also be found on the school website.

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

OPEN HOUSE/BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Sunday, August 13th will be our Back to School Event. Students may drop off their school supplies and meet with their teacher beginning after 8:30 Mass (around 9:15) until 12:00. At 12:00, the Knights of Columbus will be providing lunch and activities will begin at the pavilion. There will be water balloons, snow cones, tug of war, and a pie eating contest. A foam dance party/open play will be held from 1:00-2:00.

Click on this link for students and parents to sign up to help set up and/or clean up.

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

Click on this link to sign your child up for the pie eating contest. Parents are welcome to sign up to participate in the adult category.

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

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 13th!

WELCOME

I am happy to announce that Loftin Woodiel will be teaching 5th and 6th grade Social Studies as well as PE and Computers for all of the school. I look forward to seeing all the wonderful activities he has planned for all students.

SPIRIT DAYS

Thursdays will once again be Spirit Days. Students may wear their Spirit T-Shirts on Thursdays with their uniform jumpers/skirts/shorts. Becky DiPaolo is still taking orders if you would like to order a shirt for the year. Contact the office or Becky DiPaolo with any questions. Students may wear previous year's shirts if they wish. Order form is attached below.

HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch will start to be served on Tuesday, 9/5. Lunch is provided to our students from Bethalto School District. The cost this year is \$3.25 per lunch. The September menu is attached below in case you want to turn your order into the office on school supply drop off day. Otherwise, you have plenty of time to turn it in and a copy of the menu will also be provided that day as well to take home so you can order.

STATE RECORDS

The State of IL requires us to gather the following forms from students entering certain grades.

PreK- We need a copy of your child's certified Birth Certificate before the 1st day of school. We also need a school physical on file.

Kindergarten- If you have not attended OLQP for PreK, we need a copy of your child's certified Birth Certificate before the 1st day of school, State of IL Dental Exam Form, State of IL Eye Exam Form, and a School Physical completed within the last 12 months with up to date vaccinations on it.

2nd- We need a State of IL Dental Exam Form turned in for 2nd grade.

6th- We need a State of IL Dental Exam Form for 6th grade turned in and also a school physical completed with up to date vaccinations for 6th grade.

If you have any questions about what paperwork needs turned in , email Mrs Woodiel in the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) . You can scan in the forms and email them to Mrs Woodiel in the office, have your child's dr's office fax it to the school office (618-377-6146), or bring it by the school office on 8/13.

SERVICE HOURS

Service hour logs will be handed out on 8/13/23 for this school year. See the school website link below for more information on what counts as hours.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/service-hours.cfm>

SERVER SIGN UPS

The link for August/September server sign ups for weekend Masses have been posted on the school website. This counts for students in grades 4-8th for service hours. See link below to sign your child up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4daaa822a7fa7-august#/>

CMG CONNECT

The **CMGConnect** online training replaces the former Safe Environment Program (VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children") that was previously offered through our Archdiocese. Individuals are now required to complete all Safe Environment Training online.

CMG connect is a new web-based platform that will assist the Diocese to ensure that all employees and volunteers who are in a position of trust with children and vulnerable adults within our schools and parishes are trained to recognize behavior patterns of potential abusers and provide proactive measures for preventing abuse in any context. **This class needs to be completed before volunteering at the school and to complete service hour opportunities.** Attached below is info about how to complete the class and the website to do it at.

<https://cmgconnect.org/>

These links will walk you through the process.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HLt_5aiak5FMMm3XUcqdQMR0fd3pkREj/view?usp=drive_link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dwZE44STekkTPAiVw9miebKikXnzOiR4/view?usp=drive_link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dwZE44STekkTPAiVw9miebKikXnzOiR4/view?usp=drive_link

SPACE CAMP LUNCHES

Since we do not begin our hot lunch program with the public schools until after Labor Day, we will be providing the opportunity for you to purchase a lunch for your child the first two weeks of school in order to help raise funds to send our kids (7th and/or 8th grade) to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. The lunch order form is attached. Orders are due by 9 AM on Friday, August 18th. Please send this money separate from the regular hot lunch order.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6