

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
August 7, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11th- Open House/Back to School Bash

August 15th- K-8 1st day of school- 12:00 dismissal

- Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- 1st-8th grade students will be attending 8:30 Mass. **We will open the school doors at 8:00 this day.**

August 16th- 1st full day

August 17th- First Communion/Confirmation For 4th Grade

August 20th- PreK 4 first day

August 21st- PreK 3 first day

August 26th- School Pictures-Free Dress Day

September 2- No School

September 3- No School

CALENDAR CHANGES

Tuesday, September 3, 2024, will be a No School Day. Teachers will be in training for a supplemental religion curriculum that is being recommended by the diocese.

First Communion and Confirmation for the incoming 3rd grade class will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, in Springfield

OLQP Dinner Auction date has been changed to Saturday, February 8, 2025.

Feel free to stop in the school office on 8/11 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 11th 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, Knights of Columbus will be providing lunch and activities will begin at the pavilion. There will be food, sno-cones, games, a Hawaiian dance demonstration, limbo contest, and more. This event is free provided by the PSA and Knights of Columbus.

Click on this link for students and parents to sign up to help set up and/or clean up. We are still needing a few volunteers

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-50414002-back>

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 11th!

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

The Before and After Care program will be open on Thursday, August 15th at 7:00AM. The After Care program will begin at 12:00 on Thursday. If you are sending your child to After Care, please remember to send lunch with them. Regular hours for the Before and After Care program will begin on Friday, August 16th. (7:00-8:15 AM and 3:00-6:00 PM)

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Staff will be at the Preschool door, the door in the primary wing, and at the Enrichment Center/gym entrance to let students in each morning. Pull into the parking lot off of Butcher Street and then proceed to either the primary wing door or Enrichment Center/gym door. If you need to get out of the car, please park away from the doors so we can keep traffic moving. If you have a child in preschool and an older sibling, they may all enter through the preschool door.

DRESS CODE

Please review the uniform guidelines found in the Policy Handbook on our website regarding dress code. Pay close attention to sock color, make up, and OLQP sweatshirts. Please make sure shoes have non marking soles.

SPIRIT DAYS

Thursdays will once again be Spirit Days. Students may wear their Spirit T-Shirts on Thursdays with their uniform jumpers/skirts/shorts. Contact the office or Becky DiPaolo with any questions. Students may wear previous year's shirts if they wish. Order form is attached below.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Below is the link to our website where the school supply lists are posted for each grade.

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

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.

Many parents are missing the background check form. I will be sending those home on August 11th. You can either fill it out and email it to the address listed on the form, or send it to the office and we can email it to Springfield for you.

<https://cmgconnect.org/>

These links will walk you through the process.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HLt_5aiak5FMMm3XUcrdQMR0fd3pkREj/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

HOT LUNCH/SPACE CAMP LUNCHES

We will begin serving hot lunch from the public school beginning on Wednesday, September 4th. Look for more information regarding public school hot lunch and Space Camp sponsored lunch in the welcome packet on your child's desk at the Open House this Sunday. Public school hot lunch this year will be \$3.50/meal and include milk. Ordering can be done by sending in the dates your child wants to order and the payment in a marked envelope labeled "Lunch Order" with your child to school. Orders can be done for an entire month at a time or every week. September's monthly order will be due by Thursday, 8/29 at 9am and weekly orders will be due the Thursday before the week you are wanting to be served lunch. Example: The order for the week of 9/2-9/6 will be due on Thursday, 8/29 by 9am.

In order to raise money to send the 7th and 8th graders to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, (and so you don't have to pack lunches the first two weeks of school) students sponsor lunches during the weeks of August 19th and August 26th. All proceeds from these lunches go to sending the kids to camp in October. A menu is attached. **Please turn in orders no later than Friday, August 16th.** PreK- feel free to email me your orders kknight@olqpbethalto.org

FREE AND REDUCED HOT LUNCH

In your welcome packet on your child's desk at the Open House will be paperwork to fill out if you qualify for free or reduced lunch from the State of Illinois. The forms have what income levels will qualify for these benefits. If you qualify, please return the form back to school by Friday, 8/23/24.

BUILDING UPDATE

The building is looking great, and we are ready to welcome our students back! The parking lot has been resurfaced and looks wonderful. We are looking forward to watching the Preschool students ride their toy cars on the new concrete slab on their playground. Thank you Stutz Excavation for your generous donation!! We are still awaiting the gym door installation. We have been assured they will be installed before school begins.

MUM FUNDRAISER

The mum fundraiser will start on Sunday. Also in your welcome packet at the Open House will be info about the mum fundraiser and your order form to sell mums. We are also needing some volunteers to help sell mums after Mass on the weekend of 8/17/24. Follow the link below to help. 1 Service hour will be given per shift.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-50542413-mumfundraiser#/>

GOLF SEASON

Information about our golf season starting soon for the upper grade students who signed up will be emailed out soon.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD TRAILER

The Knights of Columbus will once again have their food trailer at the Bethalto Homecoming this year. We are excited to be back at the Homecoming! Please consider helping by working a shift (or two). This is a great opportunity for the Knights and OLQP to show a good presence in our surrounding community. All Brother Knights, their spouses, and any prospective members are all welcome to help. You can sign up at the following link <http://bit.ly/KCFOOD24>, or scan the QR code below:



KofC Food Trailer Signup

You may also call Luke Kistner at (618)558-2689. We hope to see many of you throughout the weekend. Thank you all for your continuous prayers and support, God Bless!

I DOOD IT

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church will once again have the I Dood It stand at the Bethalto Homecoming on Friday, August 30th - Monday, September 2nd. Click the link below to sign up to work a shift or two!

https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=562426574062#choose_event_page

SCHOOL PICTURES

School picture order forms will be sent home on Sunday, 8/11. School pictures are scheduled for Monday, 8/26. Free dress is allowed for picture day. Pictures will start at 8:30am and they will start

with the youngest students first. If your child misses picture day, there will be a makeup day in November scheduled. You can order online anytime (if you order before picture day you get free shipping) or send in the payment to the school office at any time up until the day of pictures. If you do not order online before picture day you will receive a proof a few weeks after picture day to look at and you can order online at that time. Contact Chrissy in the school office with any questions.

UPCOMING MASS SERVERS

Saturday 8/10- 4:30PM- Mya Bequette and Clayton Pritchett

Sunday 8/11- 8:30AM- Abram Diericx and Ryder Williams

10:30AM- Kinsey Mitchell and Aubrey Herbstreit

Saturday 8/17- 4:30PM- Levi Woodiel and Jack Kruse

Sunday 8/18- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Josie Hagaman and Jemma Dorsey

"Let all that you do be done in love."~ 1 Corinthians 16:14