

Our Lady Queen of Peace School

Parent Letter

December 13, 2023

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 14- 4th/5th Grade Boys Basketball Game 7PM @ OLQP

4th-5th Grade Girls Basketball Game 6PM @ OLQP

December 15- PK Christmas Program

December 17- 4th/5th Grade Boys Basketball Game 12PM & 1PM St Mary's Suddes Hall

4th/5th Grade Girls Basketball Game 1:15PM @ OLQP

December 19- K-8th Grade Christmas Program

December 20- Class Christmas Parties

**Noon Dismissal** ( Christmas Break Begins )

January 4- Classes resume

January 5- Report Cards

January 15- **No School**

School Board Meeting

January 19-Mystery Dinner For Upper Grade Students

January 22- Auction Meeting

**Chess**

Chess club will not meet again until after the New Year. Winter match info and when chess club meetings will start back up will be put in an upcoming parent letter.

**Closing for Weather**

In preparation for winter weather, I wanted to let everyone know that, as in the past, we will follow the Bethalto School District if they cancel due to snow and hazardous road conditions. We will NOT cancel school if they close due to cold weather. If school is canceled, you will receive a text message and email through the FACTS system and it will also be posted on social media as well as Fox 2 News.

Note: When school is canceled due to weather conditions, all evening events at our school are also canceled. This is for insurance/liability reasons. This includes practices, games, meetings, or anything else that is scheduled for the evening on those days.

**K-8 Christmas Program**

The Kindergarten-8th grade Christmas program will be held in the gym on Tuesday, December 19th. We will have a performance at 1:30 and again at 6:30. Students are required to attend both performances and should wear dressier type clothing- no jeans unless otherwise directed by Mrs. Wiggernhorn. Doors will open for parents/families to enter the gym at 1:00 for the afternoon performance. Doors will open at 6:00 for the evening performance and students need to be in the

classroom by 6:15. Students should leave their coats with their parents as they will not be going back to their classroom after the performance.

### **SCRIP**

The Cutoff to order in gifts cards not stocked regularly at the church office for Christmas delivery is Thursday, 12/14. A list of SCRIP gift cards were sent home a couple weeks ago of what options are available to purchase immediately from the church office. You can find even more options online that the church office can order in for you. You can also go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) to order online. You will need the enrollment code for OLQP for it to be applied to OLQP's SCRIP account . It is **FF1ECBD61859**. The church will get 20% back of the rebate and school families will receive 80% back to use towards tuition, before/after care bill, or to purchase more SCRIP cards. If you have questions please contact the church office.

### **Christmas Parties**

Classroom parties will take place in the morning of Wednesday, December 20th. You will be hearing from your child's teacher regarding the classroom parties.

### **Father Tom's Gift**

We would like to collect \$5.00 per family (or whatever you would like to give) for a gift to Father Tom from the students of the school! Please send this to the office no later than Monday, December 18th and we will present it to him at the Christmas program on Tuesday, December 19th. Thank you!

### **Christmas Spirit Days**

Thursday 12/14- "Holiday Headgear" Wear a Christmas Hat or Headband

Friday 12/15- "Tinsel Toes" Wear Christmas Socks with School Uniform (Church day)

Monday 12/18- "Santa's Workshop Helper" Dress like you work in Santa's Workshop (Santa, Elf, Reindeer, Toy, Christmas Tree....)

Tuesday 12/19- "Merry & Bright" Wear Red, Green & White- Appropriate attire for the Christmas Program at 1:30

Wednesday 12/20- "Christmas Cheer" Wear Your Favorite Christmas Shirt

### **Upper Grade Raffle for Needy Families**

The upper grades are once again sponsoring a raffle to raise money to give to Father Tom to help needy families. Tickets are \$0.25 and will be on sale during lunch until Tuesday 12/19. The winners will be drawn in the afternoon that day. The following items are being raffled: 16" squishmallow purple cow, blue teardrop bean bag chair, 5 free dress passes, and principal for ½ day.

### **Hot Lunch**

January menus went home last week. You will need to turn in monthly orders for January by Friday, 12/15 ( because of Christmas break) at 9AM. If you order weekly, the week of January 1st-5th is due by Friday, 12/15 at 9AM as well.

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

## **Basketball Help Needed**

Shifts are still open to fill for this Thursday (12/14) and this Sunday ( 12/17). Please sign up to work a shift and earn some service hours. Our Athletic Directors need your help in order for us to continue having a successful season! The money made during sports goes directly to the school and is used for daily needs as well as curriculum and technology updates.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-44978145-basketball>

## **Volleyball**

Volleyball permission slips were sent home last week. Slips are due back to the office on Friday, 12/15. Games are set to start late January. Game times will be sent out once the schedule is finalized after the New Year.

## **Aftercare Hours**

There will be no aftercare on Wednesday, December 20th.

## **Auction News**

Tickets will be on sale after Christmas break for this year's Dinner Auction on Saturday, 4/13/24. The auction committee has been busy planning all the fun for the evening. The evening will be called "OLQP Gameshow Showdown Dinner Auction". You will not want to miss your chance to live your dream of being a contestant in your favorite game show. You will be able to spin the "Price is Right" wheel and will also be able to purchase a chance to participate in "Let's Make A Deal" to select a door for a prize. We have many more fun surprises planned for the evening as well. We are needing **2 people to chair events** still at the dinner auction. We need a chair to run the 50/50 drawing during the auction and then a chair to organize the needs for our VIP tables sold. If you are able to help, please call the school office ( 618-377-6401 ) or email ( [cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) ). You will receive all 20 family service hours for chairing one of these events during the auction.

## **Christmas Wonderland**

Mom's club has decorated a tree for OLQP in Alton's "Christmas Wonderland" light display in Rock Springs Park. Please vote for OLQP's tree if you drive through the light display. You will be handed a ballot at the entrance and they will collect the ballot at the exit of the light display. OLQP is tree number 4. The light display is open from 11/24-12/27/23. Cash prizes will be awarded for trees ranking in 1st-3rd place. The cost to see the lights is free; however, a donation is requested.

## **Upcoming Servers**

Saturday 12/16- 4:30PM- Mya Bequette & Clayton Pritchett

Sunday 12/17- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Josie Buhs & Ben Cripps

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." ~John 3:16.*