

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
December 18, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 19th- K-8th Christmas Program

December 20th- Classroom Christmas Parties

Noon Dismissal

January 6th- School Resumes

Girl Scouts

January 7th- Report Cards

January 8th- Papa John's Pizza Day

January 10th- Upper Grade Mystery Dinner Night

January 13th-17th- 3rd-8th Grade MAP TESTING WEEK

January 17th- **Noon Dismissal**

PSA Family Fun Night- Grades (PK-2nd)

January 20th- **No School**

January 24th- Glow In The Dark Bingo

January 26th- Catholic Schools Week Open House

January 29th- Special Person's Day Lunch

January 30th- All School Bowling Day

Attachments: January Lunch Calendar, Bingo, PSA FUN NIGHT, Auction Flyer

EDUCATIONAL FAIR

Each year students in Kindergarten-8th grade complete projects to be on display during Catholic Schools Week the last week of January. Projects are due Thursday, 1/23/25.

AFTERCARE HOURS

There will be no Aftercare on Friday, 12/20/24.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The 7th & 8th Graders will start their annual Christmas raffle on Monday, 12/9. This year we are raffling off a 24 inch squishy stuffed dog, 3 foot bean bag chair, & 5 free dress passes. The tickets are .25 cents each and may be purchased at lunch. The buyer can decide which prize they would like to put their ticket towards. The winners will be picked after lunch on Thursday, 12/19. The money from this raffle will be given to Father Tom to help needy families in our area.

FATHER TOM'S CHRISTMAS 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 not later than Wednesday, 12/18/24. We will present it to him at the Christmas program on Thursday, 12/19/24.

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 & 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 cancelled. This is for insurance/liability reasons. This includes practices, games, meetings, or anything else scheduled for the evening on those days.

K-8th CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow, December 20th for the K-8 Christmas program. We will have a performance at 1:30PM & again at 6:30PM. Students are required to attend both performances and should wear dressier type clothing- no jeans unless otherwise directed by Mrs. Wiggernhorn. Doors will open at 1:00PM for the afternoon performance and 6:00PM for the evening performance. Students need to be in their classrooms by 6:15PM. Students should leave their coats with their parents as they will not be going back to their classroom after the performance.

SAVE THE DATE

More info will be coming home after Christmas break about Catholic Schools Week. Save the dates of Wednesday (1/29) & Thursday (1/30). Wednesday is our Special Person's Lunch. Each student will be allowed to bring 1 guest (16 or older) to eat lunch with them and enjoy a fun activity in the classroom. Thursday, 1/30 is all school bowling day. Grades Pk4-2nd will go bowling from 9:30AM-11:00AM and grades 3rd-8th will go bowling from 1:00PM-2:30PM.

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

Mom's club has decorated a tree for OLQP in Alton's "Christmas Wonderland" light display. Please go vote for it. 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 7. The display is open from 11/29-12/29/24. Mom's club can win up to \$300 to go towards their projects

they want to complete around the parish. The cost to enter the light display is just a donation (suggested donation is \$10).



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

Wednesday 12/18- "Silent Night" day. Wear your favorite Christmas pajamas.

Thursday 12/19- "Wear Your Holiday Best" day. Wear Christmas color outfits appropriate for the Christmas program.

Friday 12/20- "Light Up The Tree" day. Be the Brightest and Merriest in the school!

CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Classroom parties will take place later in the morning on Friday, 12/20/24. You will be hearing from your child's teacher regarding more information about the parties.

MADISON COUNTY GREEN SCHOOLS

The first week of January will be the last week we will be collecting tennis shoes. Send those tennis shoes in!! Continue sending in plastic and tennis shoes for our recycling projects. We collected 187.5 pounds of plastic so far!

BASKETBALL UNIFORMS

Please wash and return basketball uniforms to the office after the final games this weekend. It would be great to have them all back before Christmas vacation begins.

HOT LUNCH

Weekly orders for the week of 1/6-1/10 were due this past Monday. Lunch is \$3.50. 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. You can still order the rest of January (1/13/25-1/31/25).

GLOW IN THE DARK BINGO

Info about our Glow In The Dark Bingo fundraiser is coming home this week. It will be held in the school gym on Friday, 1/24/25. This bingo fundraiser will go towards a new Science curriculum. Email (kknight@olqpbethalto.org) to make a reservation or you can call the school office as well. Table reservations can be made for a complete table of 8. Any reservations less than that, we will have open seating to pick from. See more info on the flyer attached.

We are also looking for 10 businesses or individuals to sponsor a round of Bingo for \$100. The sponsors will be on the evenings program and announced during the round of Bingo. If you want to be a sponsor, email kknight@olqpbethalto.org.

PSA FAMILY FUN NIGHT PK3-2ND GRADERS

The PSA is planning a fun family evening for the younger kids of the school. The theme will be "SNOW". Invites went out this past week. It will take place in the school gym on Friday, 1/17/25 from 6pm-7pm. Please RSVP to the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) so we can have enough snacks, prizes, and craft supplies for everyone.

AUCTION NEWS

Tickets Are Now On Sale!!!!

Purchase in the school or church office or use the link below to reserve tickets. We only have 2 VIP tables left.

To purchase tickets:

<https://OLQP2025.givesmart.com>

We are asking any and all parents to help gather donations. We have auction donation request letters in the office. If you would like some to hand out to businesses you know personally or frequent, we would greatly appreciate it. Please email the office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) asking for some to be sent home and we will send them home with your child.

The next auction meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 1/14/25 at 6:30PM in the Enrichment Room.

Your class parent should be reaching out soon about what classroom basket they are going to put together for the silent auction.

SERVERS

Saturday 12/21- 4:30PM- Rowan Scott and Tinsley Busse

Sunday 12/22- 8:30AM- Abe Diericx and Camryn Friedel

10:30AM- Jemma Dorsey and Layne Frisch

Christmas Eve

December 24- 4:30PM- Ellie Waldo and Addison Villalobos

9:00PM- Ryder Williams and William Wolff

Christmas Day- 9:00AM- Abe Diericx and Clayton Pritchett

Saturday 12/28- 4:30PM- Reid and Ryder Bouillon

Sunday 12/29- 8:30AM- Josie Buhs and Carson Williams

10:30AM- Elliott Perez and Everly Olmsted

Solemnity of Mary

December 31- 4:30PM- Addison Villalobos and Mya Bequette

January 1- 8:30AM- Ellie and Carson Williams

10:30AM- Josie Hagaman and Jemma Dorsey

Saturday 1/4- 4:30PM- Hudson Hall and Jace Certa

Sunday 1/5- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- William Wolff and Kinsey Mitchell

CHURCH NEWS

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

Sunday Offerings- **Weekends of 12/7-12/8/24**

Loose \$441.00

Envelopes \$10,078.00

Online Giving \$2,717.27

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$1.00

TOTAL COLLECTED- \$13,237.27

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

- Tithe to Diocese \$3,000

Difference= - \$3,653.98

Total Envelopes received- 116

Online Donations- 37

Poinsettia Memorials

Would you like to donate a Poinsettia to decorate our church sanctuary at Christmas in memorial of a loved one? Just drop the name for the memorial, your name, and the \$10 donation to the parish office box (or in the collection basket) no later than Thursday, 12/19/24

Evening Prayer- Every Sunday night at 7PM during Advent in the church beginning December 1st. Come

