

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
December 6, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6- 4th/5th Boys Basketball Game 6PM @ OLQP

4th/5th Girls Basketball Game 7PM @OLQP

December 9- Breakfast With Santa

December 10- 4th/5th Boys Basketball Game 12pm @ St Mary's Suddes Hall

4th/5th Boys Girls Basketball Game 5:15pm @ OLQP

December 15- PK Christmas Program

December 19- K-8th Grade Christmas Program

December 20- Class Christmas Parties

Noon Dismissal (Christmas Break Begins)

January 4- Classes resume

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child is bringing a water bottle to school that is spill proof. We have been having a lot of spills lately. Bottles with straws do not work well at school.

Recess

Please make sure your child comes to school with coats, hats, and gloves. We will be going outside for lunch recess even if it is just for a few minutes.

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

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? 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 also go to 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

Christmas spirit week will begin on Wednesday, 12/13. A note got sent home this week with all these dates listed.

Wednesday 12/13- "Night Before Christmas" Christmas Pajama Day

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 beginning Thursday, December 7th during lunch. The last day for tickets is 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.

Educational Fair Projects

Each year students in Kindergarten-8th grade complete projects that will be on display during Catholic Schools Week the last week of January. Your child's teacher will be sending home information about these projects by the end of the week. Projects are due on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Hot Lunch

If you would like to order lunch for the week of 12/11-12/15, orders are due no later than Thursday, 12/8 at 9 AM. January menus are coming home this 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 Sunday, 12/10. 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>

Aftercare Hours

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

Auction News

Tickets will be on sale soon 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)

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 12/9- 4:30PM- Ellie and Lucy Colley

Sunday 12/10- 8:30 AM- Carson and Ellie Williams

10:30 AM- Manny Calixto & Jace Certa

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

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

10:30AM- Josie Buhs & Ben Cripps

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ~ Colossians 3:2