

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
February 14, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14- Ash Wednesday

February 15- Chess @ OLQP vs St. Mary's @ 3:30

Volleyball @ Home 6th/7th @ 6:30PM

Volleyball @ Home 4th/5th @ 7:15PM

February 16- Fish Fry 4-7

PK3 & PK4 Valentine's Day Parties

Noon Dismissal

February 19- No School

February 20- Trash Bag Fundraiser Pick Up Day

February 21- Chess @ Home vs Evangelical @ 5PM

February 23- Fish Fry 4-7

February 27- Dinner Auction Meeting

February 28- Preschool & Kindergarten Open House For 2024-2025 School Year

February 29- Spring Fling planning meeting @ 6:00

March 1- Fish Fry 4-7

March 3- 4/5 Volleyball @ Home vs St. Norbert @ 5:15

6/7 Volleyball @ St. Mary's Alton vs St. Ambrose @ 2:15

March 7- Father-Daughter Dance Meeting

March 14- First Reconciliation For Second Grade

March 23- PSA Grip & Sip Indoor Golf Scramble Fundraiser

Ash Wednesday

The students attended Mass this morning and received their ashes. They are learning about Lent and the importance of growing closer to God during this Lenten Season. Ms. Waldo has a "Prayer Net" hanging outside the Art classroom. Students are encouraged to take a piece of yarn and tie it to the net as they pray during Lent. This is to symbolize them following Jesus.

PSA Trash Bag Fundraiser

Trash Bags are scheduled to be delivered Tuesday, 2/20. We will send a text confirmation reminder out Tuesday after they arrive at the school. Pickup will be at dismissal time inside the enrichment room doors. PK3 parents may pick their orders up on Wednesday at dismissal in the same location.

Spring Fling

Save the date for our Spring Fling celebration which will be held on Sunday, May 19th! Our first planning meeting will be on Thursday, February 29th at 6 PM in the Art Room. Please enter through the gym doors. Last year was a great success and we are looking forward to making this year even better, but we need your help to make it happen.

After Care Friday

This Friday we have a noon dismissal. Please send a home lunch if your child will be attending after care this day.

After Care Fish Fry

Fish fries begin next week. The after care program will be held in the Library on Friday afternoons during Lent. If you are working at the fish fry, your child is welcome to go to the after care program until 6PM; however, you will be charged for that time. If they go to after care, they will not be allowed to go back and forth between you and the after care program. Once the kids are in after care they become Mrs. Beth's responsibility and it is too hard to keep track of kids that are constantly in and out of the Library. Thank you for helping us keep all of the kids safe.

PSA Sip & Grip Indoor Golf Scramble Fundraiser

Save the date of Saturday, March 23rd! More info will be sent home and posted on social media about this fundraising event for the school.

Yearbook

Yearbook order information went home last week. This year the company is offering online ordering only. Visit: **inter-state.com** and enter code: **83400Z**. Orders need to be placed before 3/25/24.

Preschool & Kindergarten Enrollment

PreK 4 enrollment forms for the 2024-2025 school year were sent home last week. Please get the completed form sent in as soon as possible so your spot will be saved. On 2/28/24 the remaining spots left will be open to the public to grab.

Kindergarten enrollment forms for the 2024-2025 school year went home last week as well. If you plan on sending your child to OLQP for kindergarten please send them back completed before 2/28/24.

On Wednesday, 2/28/24 from 6:00-7:00PM we will be having an Open House for our Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms. All are welcome to attend. This is open to the public as well. You will be able to meet the teachers, ask questions, look at our curriculum used, and obtain information about registering for next school year.

Fish Fry

Fish fry dinner season begins on Friday, February 16, 4-7pm, and is held every Friday through March 22 in the school gym. Weekly class assignments will rotate between bringing desserts & helping work the fish fry.

Each family from the designated grade levels are asked to donate **3 store bought dessert dishes** for the dinner every week. These can be dropped off in the gym kitchen on Fridays prior to 4pm.

Desserts - **Week 1 Rotation**- Feb. 16: PreK3, K, 2, 4, 6 (1 SERVICE HOUR EARNED)

Parents and students (students 4th thru 7th grade only) are asked to work the event each week. Volunteer - **Week 2 Rotation** - Feb. 16: PreK4, 1, 3, 5, and 7 (1 SERVICE HOUR EARNED PER HOUR WORKED)

This is one of our largest fundraisers for the school and can only be successful with adequate volunteer participation of both the students and parents. We have 500-600 people attend this dinner every week. Please consider volunteering your time and join us for a fun event.

We are looking forward to another successful year! Thank you in advance for your help. Call or text any questions to Brian at 618-670-5427.

Service Hours- Parents and Students

Service hours for parents and students (grades 4-7) are due at the end of April. Fish Frys begin next week and that is a great opportunity for students to earn those hours.

We are needing help with volleyball games working the concessions or admission table. Games last until the first weekend in April. Follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-46837317-volleyball>

We are going to try something out for this year...if your child wants to help work volleyball admissions (4th-7th) or concessions (6th and 7th only) they can do so with the help of a parent. A parent MUST be with them the whole time. Service hours will then count toward the student service hours, but the parent will not be given hours. Service hours will be given to either the parent or the student, not both.

VBS 2024

OLQP's 2024 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of June 10th- 14th from 9AM-12NOON. VBS is free of charge. Like last year, we will be offering before and after care during the week for a minimal cost. Signups are coming home this week. If you have any questions, please email Mrs Waldo (awaldo@olqpbethalto.org). Please send in signup forms if you plan on sending your child so adequate supplies and help can be ready for the fun week.

We are also looking for parents & grandparents who would like to help each day at VBS. You can earn service hours for next school year. Email Angie Waldo (awaldo@olqpbethalto.org) if you would like to help.

Box Tops

OLQP is still doing Box Tops for education. Use the link below to download the app and sign up.
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/>

Hot Lunch

If you order weekly, the week of February 20-23 is due by Thursday 2/15 at 9AM. The March menu is coming home this week. <https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu.cfm>

Dinner Auction News

Tickets are on sale now in the school and church office. You can send in with your child an envelope that is marked with how many tickets you would like to buy along with payment and we will send your tickets home. Tickets are \$35 per person. A table reservation can be made for a complete table of 8. If you order less, there will be tables to pick from to find a seat at.

This week's need: Do you, or do you know someone with a special talent (sewing, knitting, musical instrument? Please consider donating or asking for donations for a "How To" lesson.

Sponsor letters and forms can be sent home with your child upon request. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) if you would like letters sent home with your child.

The next auction meeting will be Tuesday, 2/27/24 at 6PM in the art classroom. Enter the school through the gym doors.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

Nominate a teacher for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award. Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic Mission? Know a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child? Know a teacher who goes above and beyond for his or her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate the teacher for the diocesan wide St Elizabeth Ann Seton Award! Nominations are due by 3/10/14. Go to dio.org/schools/eas to submit your nomination.

Upcoming Servers

Saturday 2/17- 4:30PM- Mya Bequette and Rowan Scott

Sunday 2/18- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Hadley and Nora Militello

Saturday 2/24- 4:30PM- Reid Bouillon and Jack Kruse

Sunday 2/25- 8:30AM- Conner and Logan Stutz

10:30AM- Ellie Waldo and Jemma Dorsey

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ~Matthew 4:18-20