

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
February 18, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18th- Ash Wednesday
February 20th- Fish Fry
 Stations of the Cross
 Butterbraid Fundraiser Starts
February 26th- Choir Field Trip
February 27th- Fish Fry
 Stations of the Cross
March 6th- Fish Fry
 Stations of the Cross
March 7th- Choir/Band Competition
March 11th- Papa Johns Pizza Day
 Chess Match
March 12th- Butterbraid forms due
March 13th- **No School** Spring Regionals For Teachers
 Fish Fry
March 17th- 7th Grade Reader's Theater
March 20th- End of 3rd Quarter
 Fish Fry
 Stations of the Cross
March 24th- Report Cards
March 27th- Butterbraid Fundraiser Delivery
 Fish Fry
 Stations of the Cross

Summer camp flyer, VBS flyer, VBS registration, march lunch, space camp lunch

SAVE THE DATE

- The first day of the 2026-2027 school year will be a 1/2 day on Thursday, August 20th. PreK 4 will begin on Tuesday, August 25th, and PreK 3 will begin on Wednesday, August 26th.
- The 2nd Annual Chicken & Beer Dance will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026.

TUITION

The Finance Council has set the tuition rate for the 2026-2027 school year. Tuition will increase by 3.5%. It costs OLQP \$8,586.00 per year to educate one child, while tuition for one student will be \$4,960.00 for parishioners next year. The difference is made up through your tithing at weekend masses and fundraising activities.

SUMMER CAMP ENROLL NOW

Please see the attached flyer for more info. Limited spots available! Follow the link for info and hit the "Enroll Now" button to sign up. **The first 10 families who sign up for camp will be entered for a chance to win their \$50 deposit back.**

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/student-life/summer-camp-2025.cfm>

Summer Camp- Wednesday 5/20 -Friday 5/22

Summer Camp- Tuesday 5/26- Friday 5/29

VBS- Monday 6/1-Friday 6/5

Summer Camp- Monday 6/8- Friday 6/12

Summer Camp- Monday 6/15-Friday 6/19

Mother/Son Night

More information to come soon! For now, if you would like to purchase an item off the wish list for the evening, it would be greatly appreciated. This will keep the ticket prices down for each family.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2F3FNGQEQLM36?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_DvM2SOoh2qldu

Butterbraid Fundraiser

Order forms to sell Butterbraids, pizza, and cookie dough will be coming home later this week. For every \$100 a student sells... you will receive 1 service hour. Order forms are due back March 12th. Delivery of items will be just in time for Easter on Friday, 3/27 at 2:45PM.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Volleyball games have begun. We ask all Volleyball parents to pick up a shift or two to work our games held here at OLQP gym. There are 78 shifts to fill throughout the season. You can even watch your child's game if you sign up to work the admissions table. Follow the link below to sign up for shifts. Non-Volleyball parents.....you can still sign up for shifts to earn family service hours for the year.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-61498494-volleyball>

FISH FRY 2026 INFO

If you are still needing your 20 family service hours (10 hours for pk3) or your child is needing their 15 student service hours (10 hours for 4th & 5th graders), the fish fry is a great way to earn them fast and help make this a successful fundraiser. Yearly service hours are due 4/30/26. Please utilize the parent and student sign ups so we can track where we need more help at. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year & we are hoping to break the previous record of \$21,000.

We ask each family to work and clean up a minimum of twice over the 6 weeks. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and how the school is able to keep tuition low while providing academic excellence. It costs the parish \$8,700 dollars to educate each child here at OLQP. The parish charges way less/child so families are able to afford an amazing Catholic education. Fundraisers are one of the ways we can offset this price difference.

As previous years.... We will rotate class jobs. Please scan the QR Codes below or visit the link **for your oldest child's grade at OLQP** in the weekly parent letter emailed each week to sign up to help. If you have more than 1 child at OLQP, you will **follow your oldest child's class assignment**. If we do not get enough sign ups, we will reach out to the PSA class rep or send out reminder phone calls to get help. You can earn 1 service hour per every hour worked & 1 service hour on your child's week to donate dessert. Desserts may be dropped off at any point on Wednesday up until Friday morning drop off of each week. Desserts should feed 20-24 people & not require refrigeration. If you cannot volunteer to help (serving & cleaning up) on your oldest child's classes assigned week due to prior obligations, please feel free to sign up for another assigned classes week.

Here are the weekly assignments:

Week 1 (2/20)

Help Serve- *2nd,4th,7th*

Help Cleanup- *3rd, K, 5th/6th*

Donate 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people- *PK3&4, 1st*

Week 2 (2/27)

Help Serve- *3rd, K, 5th/6th*

Help Cleanup- *PK3&4, 1st*

Donate 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people- *2nd,4th,7th*

Week 3 (3/6)

Help Serve- *PK &4,1st*

Help Cleanup- *2nd, 4th, 7th*

Donate 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people- *3rd, K, 5th/6th*

Week 4 (3/13)

Help Serve- *2nd, 4th, 7th*

Help Cleanup- *3rd, K, 5th/6th*

Donate 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people- *PK3&4, 1st*

Week 5 (3/20)

Help Serve- *3rd, K, 5th/6th*

Help Cleanup- *PK3&4, 1st*

Donate 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people- *2nd, 4th, 7th*

Week 6 (3/27)

Help Serve- *PK3&4, 1st*

Help Cleanup- *2nd, 4th, 7th*

Donate 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people- *3rd, K, 5th/6th*

PK3 & 4/1st Grade Sign Up Link-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-61872543-pk41st#/>

3rd/K/5th/6th Grade Sign Up Link-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-61872979-3rd#/>

2nd/4th/7th Grade Sign UP Link-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-61873243-2nd#/>

YEARBOOKS

Order your 25/26 yearbook online today. You can order online(inter-state.com/order). The order code for OLQP is 0339MJ. Orders are due by Friday, March 13th.

COOKBOOK SALE

Cookbooks are in! **We have 18 copies left. Get yours before they are gone!** It is filled with almost 300 recipes we collected from the parish and has the history of the school and church in it as well. Cookbooks are \$12 each. See attached order form.

GREEN SCHOOLS

Keep bringing in items for recycling! We currently have 180 pounds of soft plastic. Keep up the good work!

We are finished collecting milk jugs (#2 plastic). Thank you to everyone who sent them in!

Thursday, April 12th will be the last day to turn in lids.

We have reached a goal of earning a buddy bench for the playground. Thanks to all who helped!!

You may send these items to the school as you collect them. Thanks



HOT LUNCH

Important Update!!! Bethalto wants us to turn our lunch orders in on Wednesday now. **Lunch orders will have to be due on Wednesday at 9AM from now on.** Example: The order for the week of 3/9-3/13 is due by 9AM on Wednesday, 3/4. Hot Lunch this year will be \$3.00/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. Please specify if your child would like the "Hot Lunch" or "Cold Lunch" option when ordering. The March men went home last week along with Space Camp Fundraiser lunch order forms for the week of 3/16-3/20. March monthly orders are due by Wednesday, 2/25 & Space Camp Lunch orders are due by Wednesday, 3/4.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Below are a few service hour opportunities. Reminder that each family is required to complete 20 service hours in PK4-8th. PK3 requires 10 hours per year. Completed hours are due by 4/30/26. Use the service hour log record sheet in your welcome packet to keep track of your service hours over the school year.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON SERVICE HOURS SIGN UP- Click the link for open shifts to sign up to work during games at home.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-61498494-volleyball>

Fish Fry- See links above for your oldest child's grade to sign up.

UPCOMING MASS SERVERS

Saturday 2/21- 4:30PM- Vivi Lord and Mya Bequette

Sunday 2/22- 8:30AM- Conner and Logan Stutz

10:30AM- Ryder Williams and Jace Certa

Saturday 2/28- 4:30PM- Addison Villalobos and Hudson Hall

Sunday 3/1- 8:30 AM- Abe and duke Diericx

10:30 AM- Hadley and Nora Militello

CHURCH NEWS

Rosary Leaders- The church is in desperate need of Rosary leaders for the 4:30PM Mass. With enough leaders you should only need to lead once a month to every 6 weeks. All that is required is for you to arrive at church at 4pm the day you are scheduled and lead the Rosary right from your pew. Contact the church office to sign up (618-377-6401).

Bible Study Group- Join in on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month for bible study.9:30-10:30AM.

OLQP Pilgrimage- \$5500 Includes transportation, most meals, fees. Visit Apparition Hill at Medjugorje, Mary's house in Loreto, St Marks in Venice, St Anthony of Padua, DaVinvi's Last Supper in Milan. For more information, contact Amy Frisch

Sunday Offerings

1/24-1/25/26

	This Week	Total To Date
Loose	\$	
Envelopes		
Online Giving		
Total		
Operating Budget		
Tithe to Diocese		
Difference		

Total Envelopes : 44

Online Donations: 28

"Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!"~Isaiah 30:18