

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
February 28, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 28- Preschool & Kindergarten Open House For 2024-2025 School Year
February 29- Spring Fling planning meeting @ 6:00
March 1- Stations of the Cross
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 4- Volleyball @ St. Paul Highland 4th/5th @ 6:00 and 6th/7th @ 6:45
March 6- Volleyball @ Home vs Holy Family 4th/5th @ 6:00 and 6th/7th @ 6:45
March 7- Father-Daughter Dance Meeting
March 8- Stations of the Cross
Fish Fry 4-7
End of 3rd Quarter
March 13- Volleyball @ Home 4th/5th @ 6:30PM
Volleyball @ Home 6th/7th @ 7:15PM
March 14- 1st Reconciliation for Second Grade
Report Cards
March 15- No School- School Improvement Day
Fish Fry 4-7
March 16- Chess Tournament @ St Elizabeth's Granite City
March 17- Volleyball @ Home vs St. Mary's 4th/5th @ 5:10
March 20- 6th/7th Field Trip
March 22- Stations of the Cross
Fish Fry 4-7
March 23- PSA Grip & Sip Indoor Golf Scramble Fundraiser
Volleyball @ Home vs. Bethalto Gold @ 5:10
March 24- Last Day To Order A Yearbook
March 25- Space Camp Lunch
March 26- Space Camp Lunch
Auction Meeting
March 27- Shadow Stations of the Cross
PreK Easter Egg Hunt
Noon Dismissal- Easter Break Begins
March 28-April 2- No School- Easter Vacation

Chess

Chess practices will resume beginning this Wednesday, February 28th from 6-7. OLQP will participate in a chess tournament that will be held on 3/16/24 at St Elizabeth's in Granite City. Registration

begins at 8:30AM with round 1 starting at 9AM. The final round will begin at 2:30PM with the trophy presentation ending the day at 4pm.

Lockdown Drill

On Friday, March 1st, at 1:15 we will be having a lockdown drill in which Officer Shank, School Resource Officer for the Bethalto School District, will be here to supervise and offer suggestions on our procedure. Teachers will have discussions with their classes, in an age appropriate manner, before the drill is held.

2024-2025 School Year

We are busy preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. You will receive an email when the enrollment packet is ready to be filled out. Our target date is March 15th for this. If your child will not be returning to OLQP next year, please let us know by **March 10th** so we can adequately prepare our curriculum, especially our new reading series, for next school year.

Last Chance

We are still looking for someone to coach Track this year. If we do not have a volunteer by the end of this week, we will not be able to participate. If you would like to coach, please contact the school office at 618-377-6401.

Meetings

Due to an incident that was brought to my attention after a recent meeting, we will no longer be leaving students unsupervised during meetings such as School Board, Auction, Spring Fling, etc. If your children need to attend a meeting with you, they will need to stay in the same room as the meeting and do something quietly.

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 Fish Fry

Fish fries began last 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 Grip & Sip

Info sheets are coming home this week. The PSA is having a 9 hole simulator scramble as a fundraiser at the Grip & Sip in Cottage Hills. This will be on Saturday, 3/23 with a 10AM start time. Cost is \$100/Team (2 person teams). Text or Call Brock Lord (618-791-8719) to register. See more info on the flier attached below.

Stations of the Cross

The students will go over to the church for Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:20PM. All school and church families are welcome to attend. We will also have the Shadow Stations of the Cross put on by our upper grade students in the school gym on Wednesday, 3/27 at 11:15AM. All are invited to attend this as well.

Father/Daughter Dance & Wish List

Save the Date!! Saturday, 5/4/24. The evening's theme will be.... "Enchanted- This Night Is Sparkling" Our chair for the dance has put together an amazon wish list of items needed for the evening. If you would like to donate anything, please see the link below. You can have them shipped directly to her or have the items shipped directly to you and drop them off in the school office.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/19E6L9FIKY66B?ref=wl_share

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 For 2024-2025

PK3 Enrollment forms are available in the office for pickup, to send home with a student, or they can be emailed to you. Pk3 enrollment for the 2024-2025 school is open for current school and parish families. On 2/28/24 the remaining spots will be open to the public to grab.

PreK 4 enrollment forms for the 2024-2025 school year were sent home a couple of weeks ago. 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 a couple of weeks ago 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 continues this week. The event is held every Friday through March 22 from 4-7pm in the school gym.

Weekly class assignments will rotate between bringing desserts & helping work the fish fry. There is no oldest child determination. If your family has a child in any of the grades listed, we would sincerely appreciate your help with that particular item.

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 3 Rotation** - Mar. 1: 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 3 Rotation** - Mar. 1: 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.

There are service hour opportunities available selling Dinner Auction Tickets after Mass over the upcoming month leading up to the auction. Follow the link below to sign up for a shift. Contact Alissa Diericx (618-977-4017) if you have questions regarding how to sell the tickets. Students may also help sell tickets with a parent; however, the hours can only be counted once (either toward student hours or toward family service hours).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-48069594-auction#/>

Fish Frys are a great opportunity for parents and students to earn those hours.

We are also 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> There is currently no one signed up to work this weekend. Please help!

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.

Also, listed below is the link to sign up for helping to decorate for the Mother/Son night which is being held on Saturday, 4/27. Service hours can be earned for this as well.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-48081590-motherson>

VBS 2024

We are still looking for parents & grandparents who would like to help each day at VBS (June 10-14th). You can earn service hours for next school year. Email Angie Waldo (awaldo@olqpbethalto.org) if you would like to help. Also, students going into grade 6 and up in the fall are able to volunteer to help and earn service hours for next school year.

Hot Lunch

If you order weekly, the week of March 4th-8th is due by Thursday 2/29 at 9AM. See the link below to for the menu. <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. We have 1 VIP table left up for grabs.

This week's need: Get with a friend and create a basket to donate to the silent auction.

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 last auction meeting before the fun evening will be Tuesday, 3/26/24 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 3/2- 4:30PM- Paige & Parker Winship

Sunday 3/3- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Josie Hagaman & Need Volunteer

Saturday 3/9- 4:30PM Hudson Hall & Mya Bequette

Sunday 3/10- 8:30AM Ava Toner & Tinsley Busse

10:30AM Aubrey Herbstreit & Kinsey Mitchell

And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. ~1 Corinthians 10:13