

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
February 4, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 6th- Upper Grade Mystery Night
- February 9th-Panera Fundraising Night
- February 10th- PSA Meeting @ 6:00
- February 11th- Preschool/Kindergarten Open House
 - Valentine's Day Party (PK3)
 - Chess Match @ 5:30
- February 12th- Valentine's Day Parties (PK4 & Up)
- February 13th- No School- Auction set-up
- February 14th- Parish and School Auction
- February 16th- No School- President's Day
- February 17th-Mardis Gras Breakfast
- 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
- March 11th- Papa Johns Pizza Day
 - Chess Match
- March 12th- Butterbraid forms due
- March 13th- No School Spring Regionals For Teachers
 - Fish Fry

Green schools, auction letter, auction flyer, Feb lunch, Summer camp flyer, VBS flyer, VBS registration, Panera Dine to donate, Bethalto Community event, march lunch, space camp lunch

TAX INFORMATION

Tax statements for tuition are available upon request through the church office. Please contact church@olqpbethalto.org or 618-377-6519 to receive yours.

UPPER GRADE MYSTERY DINNER

Who is ready for fun this Friday? If your child is in grades 4-7... don't forget to send in their participation fee of \$10 which includes dinner. The fee is due by tomorrow (Thursday 2/5).

VOLLEYBALL HELP NEEDED

We still have a few open shifts for volleyball admissions and concessions this weekend. One of our Athletic Directors will be out of town so we will definitely need 2 volunteers for each shift. We also have a newly added Monday, 2/9 shift for a makeup game. Use this link to sign up. Remember that service hours are due at the end of April!

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

PANERA BREAD FUNDRAISER

Monday 2/9 is our winter fundraiser for Panera. From 4-8PM 25% of sales will be given back to OLQP which will go towards our roof fun. This is valid at the Alton location and we will receive money back as long as sales total \$150 or more. You must show the attached printed flyer or a digital copy for it to count. Online orders using the code "FUND4U" can be used all day for OLQP to receive credit but in person orders only work from 4-8PM. If you have not been to panera in awhile they have great family meals. The meal includes 4 half sandwiches, 1 whole salad, 1 group soup, 1 whole French baguette and 4 Chocolate Chipper Cookies. Serves 4-6. See the attached flyer for more information.

HELP NEEDED

We are planning the upper grade Mystery Dinner Night for February 6th. We are looking for parent volunteers. If you would like to help out and earn service hours, please contact bhernandez@olqpbethalto.org. The more help we get, the bigger and better event we can plan.

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

DRAMA CLUB ACTIVITY FEE

If you have not yet turned in the \$35 activity fee for drama club, please turn it into the office by the end of this week. Thank you!

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE EVENT PLEASE SHARE

Here is our online event on FACEBOOK for our open house for the 26/27 school year for preschool and kindergarten. Please share it on facebook with friends and in any area neighborhood or mom groups.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1CJTXQ2P4x/>

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

Our Open House to preview Preschool & Kindergarten is Wednesday, 2/11/26 from 6pm-7pm. We sent home registration packets to all our PK3 & Pk4 parents last week. **Please return registration forms before this day to secure a spot in Preschool or Kindergarten next year**, as remaining spots will be given away to the public this evening.

GLOW IN THE DARK BINGO

Thank you to everyone who sponsored and/or attended Glow in the Dark Bingo. We raised \$3,477.21 to put towards a new Social Studies Curriculum.

DINNER AUCTION NEWS

Tickets are live on our website to purchase. We have 1 VIP TABLE LEFT. Please order online or send in the paper order form into the church or school office with payment. We will offer 4 VIP tables for \$500 each. These will seat 8 and will give you the opportunity to have first in line for food, skip the line at the bar, and enjoy appetizers and desserts. You will also be able to arrive 1 hour early to check in and have time to look at the auction items and the fun games. Tickets are \$40/person & \$320 for a reserved table of 8. After 1/9/6, tickets will go up in price to \$50/person or \$400 for a table of 8 so claim your tickets early to the most fun date night of the year.

Get your tickets now!!! -<http://e.givesmart.com/events/LY4>

- **DINNER AUCTION HELP NEEDED**

We are needing help running the Human Slot Machine Booth during the auction. Shifts are 1/2 hour long . Even if you are attending the auction, you can still sign up to help a shift of two. Follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-61515575-dinner>

Knights Queen of Hearts During Auction



Chances are \$10 each during the Presale... & prices increase to \$15 each during the auction evening! Purchase your chance today and save \$5/chance.

A minimum of 52 chances must be sold to begin drawing names to select a card.

50% of the pot goes to the winner

How it works:

Once 52 chances are sold, the drawings will begin during the auction.

One chance will be drawn every 5 minutes starting at 5:45PM during the auction with a break for dinner.

The name drawn gets to select a card on the board. If the card revealed is the Queen of Hearts, the winner takes half of the total pot

If not, the raffle continues and the pot grows (people can continue to purchase a chance until the Queen is found). Must be present to play. Follow the link below or purchase chances in the school office up until Friday, 2/13/26. Prices increase to \$15/chance Saturday and during the Auction.

https://e.givesmart.com/s/:N6XpLPjL0dU/e/LY4/i/_All/xYGr/?view=donor

Good luck, and thank you for supporting OLQP!

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.

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

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!

This Friday, February 6th is the last day to send in milk jugs. (#2 plastic)

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. Please make sure the containers and lids are clean. 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 1/19-1/23 is due by 9AM on Wednesday, 1/14. 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 menu is coming home this week along with Space Camp Fundraiser lunch order forms for the week of 3/16-3/20.

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.

AUCTION SERVICE HOURS SIGN UP-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-61515575-dinner>

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.

Help with upper grades Mystery Dinner night on February 6th. Contact Mrs. Brony at bhernandez@olqpbethalto.org

UPCOMING MASS SERVERS

Saturday 2/7- 4:30PM- Reid and Ryder Bouillon

Sunday 2/8- 8:30AM- Ryder Williams and Aiden Belmonte

10:30AM- Levi Kistner and Ben Cripps

Saturday 2/14- 4:30PM- Tinsley Busse and William Wolff

Sunday 2/15- 8:30 AM- Reid and Ryder Bouillon

10:30 AM- Elowynn and Everly Olmsted

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, DaVinci's Last Supper in Milan. For more information, contact Amy Frisch

Sunday Offerings

1/24-1/25/26

	This Week	Total To Date
Loose	\$270.25	\$16,849.69
Envelopes	\$4,169.00	\$353,681.28
Online Giving	\$2,285.78	\$98,325.14
Total	\$6,725.03	\$468,856.11
Operating Budget	\$15,937.15	\$478,114.50
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,500.00	\$45,000.00
Difference	\$10,712.12	\$54,258.39

Total Envelopes : 44
Online Donations: 28

A photograph of a white lighthouse with a black top, situated on a rocky cliff overlooking the ocean. The sky is clear and blue. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**OVER AND OVER IN THE
BIBLE, GOD TELLS HIS
PEOPLE: BE STRONG
AND COURAGEOUS.**

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