

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
February 7, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7- Volleyball @Home vs St John Newman 4th/5th @6:00 and 6th/7th @6:45 **Canceled**
Chess @ St. Ambrose @ 5PM **Canceled**

February 8- Midterms

February 9- Trash Bag Fundraiser Forms Due

February 12- Volleyball @SSPP Collinsville 4th/5th @6:00 and 6th/7th @6:45

February 13- Mardi Gras Breakfast
Valentine's Day Parties For K-4th

February 14- Ash Wednesday

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

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- Tentatively Scheduled

February 21- Chess @ Home vs Evangelical @ 5PM

February 23- Fish Fry 4-7

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

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

Sickness

We have had a lot of kids sick this week. Please remember to keep your child home if they are running a fever of 100.4 or higher until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication. They must also have had no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school. We are spending extra time wiping down desks throughout the day in order to keep things from spreading. We appreciate your help with this.

Canceled

Tonight's chess match and home volleyball games are going to be rescheduled. Volleyball has been rescheduled for Wednesday, 3/13. The 4th/5th grade girls will play at 6:30PM & 6th/7th graders will play at 7:15PM. The chess game date and time is TBD still.

Super Bowl Free Dress

To celebrate the Super Bowl, students are allowed to wear their favorite football jersey/shirt or colors this Friday, February 9th.

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.

Book Fair

There is still time to shop the Scholastic Book Fair online. Scholastic has many more books offered online than at the fair. Books make great Valentine's Day gifts & Easter Basket gifts. This is a great fundraiser for the school. Families can still order online for it to count towards the book fair through Thursday, 2/8/24.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ourladyqueenofpeaceschool>

Space Camp Lunch

The upper grades will be sponsoring a Dominos pizza lunch next Thursday, February 15th. Lunch will be a slice of pizza, dessert and a drink for \$3.00. Extra slices are \$1.00 each. An order form was sent home today.

Yearbook

Yearbook order information is coming home this 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.

Valentine's Day Parties

Since Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday this year, we will celebrate it at school on Tuesday, 2/13. Grades K-4th will celebrate with a class party. Details from your child's teacher will be coming home soon regarding the parties. Pk3 & Pk4 will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, 2/16 and details will also be coming home soon from their teachers as well. **Free Dress is allowed on Tuesday, 2/13 if students wear either Valentine's Day colors OR Mardi Gras colors.**

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 in 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** - 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 1** - 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 12-16 is due by Thursday 2/8 at 9AM.
<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu.cfm>

PSA News

The next PSA Fundraiser went home a couple of weeks ago. The students are selling trash bags ranging in size from 15 gallons-55 gallons. The trash bag colors available are in our school colors. Order forms are due **this Friday, 2/9** and a tentative delivery date is Tuesday, 2/20 at 2:45PM. As a reminder, for every \$100 in sales each family will receive 1 service hour.

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: Ask your employer to donate an item or to be a sponsor for our 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 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 2/10- 4:30PM- Tinsley Busse and Clayton Pritchett

Sunday 2/11- 8:30AM- Abram Diericx and Ryder Williams

10:30AM- Julian Certa and Everly Olmsted

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

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

10:30AM- Hadley and Nora Militello

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." ~Proverbs 3:5-6