

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
January 15, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 17th- **Noon Dismissal**
PSA Family Fun Night- Grades (PK-2nd)
January 19th- Knights Chicken Dinner
January 20th- **No School**
January 24th- Glow In The Dark Bingo
January 26th- Catholic Schools Week Open House
January 29th- Special Person's Day Lunch
January 30th- All School Bowling Day
February 3rd- Girl Scouts
Auction Meeting
February 5th- MidTerms
Preschool/Kindergarten Open House For The 2025/2026 School Year
February 7th- **No School**
February 8th- OLQP Parish Dinner Auction
February 10th- Father/Daughter Dance Meeting
February 11th- PSA Meeting
February 14th- **Noon Dismissal**
February 15th- 3rd Grade Confirmation and First Communion
February 17th- **No School**

Attachments: February Lunch Calendar, Bingo, PSA FUN NIGHT, Auction Flyer, Catholic Schools Week , Book Fair, Donation Request Letter

HELP!

We are needing some more auction donation items for our Silent or Live Auction. If you personally know or frequent a business, please see if they are willing to donate to our annual auction. Please see the attached Auction Donation Request Letter you can show them. We appreciate your help in making this a successful fundraiser.

FOOD DRIVE

Once again the Upper Grades are sponsoring a drive to support our parish food pantry. The pantry is appreciative of all items brought in but spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit, skillet dinners, and cereal are especially needed. Paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue, wipes, paper plates, and napkins are also

appreciated. They would once again like to include personal care items. Items such as bar soap, body wash, hand soap, lotion, wash clothes, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, nail files, lip balm, hand sanitizer gels, bandaids, q-tips, disposable razors. This year we would like to focus on boxes of cereal. As part of the pep rally during Catholic Schools Week, we would like to do a domino build with the cereal boxes before we turn them over to the food pantry. Cereal boxes, larger items, or items that cost more will be counted double this year in our contest between the classes. In the Kindergarten through third, the class with the highest number of items per student will throw whipped cream filled plates at the winning class from the fourth through seventh grades. The last day items can be brought in is Friday, January 24. Items need to be here by 8:30 that day to count in the contest. Thank you for your support.

PSA FAMILY FUN NIGHT PK3-2ND GRADERS

The PSA is planning a fun family evening for the younger kids of the school. The theme will be "SNOW". Invites went before break. It will take place in the school gym on this Friday, 1/17/25 from 6pm-7pm. Please RSVP to the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) so we can have enough snacks, prizes, and craft supplies for everyone.

EDUCATIONAL FAIR

Each year students in Kindergarten-8th grade complete projects to be on display during Catholic Schools Week the last week of January. Projects are due Thursday, 1/23/25. I'm looking forward to seeing the wonderful projects our students will turn in.

SECURITY UPDATE

Over Christmas break security cameras throughout the building- including the hallways, gym, and entry points- were replaced to ensure the safety of students and staff during school hours.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Info about daily themes and what is happening the week of 1/26-1/31/25 for Catholic Schools Week went home or came home today. See the attachments for a copy.

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair info is coming home today. The ewallet feature is a great way for the students to shop. Parents can upload money to the Scholastic App for their child to shop. Follow the link below to set this up. Please see attachment for a copy of what was sent home.

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 25/26 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment forms went home last week to PK3 & PK4 Families for enrollment for next school year. If your child plans on attending PK4 or Kindergarten at OLQP next year, please fill them in and return them to the school office so a spot will be reserved for your child. If you have a younger sibling you need to enroll for one of these spots, please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) and we will send the enrollment form home. On Wednesday, 2/5 the remaining spots will be open for the public to grab.

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, 2/5/25 from 6pm-7pm is our Preschool and Kindergarten Open House for the 2025/2026 school year. Come visit, meet the teachers, ask questions, and obtain information on how to register for the 2025/2026 school year.

FACEBOOK EVENTS

If you are on FACEBOOK, please share our 2 open house events coming up. These events are open to current and prospective school families. We appreciate your help spreading the word to come check out OLQP for the 2025/2026 school year.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BFZ8SUAQM/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/15Bh7ozSBI/>

MADISON COUNTY GREEN SCHOOLS

Continue sending in plastic for our recycling project. We collected 228 pounds of plastic so far!

Thank you to everyone who sent shoes in for the shoe drive. We collected more than 175 pairs of shoes!

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE MEETING

Cassidy Sweeney is once again chairing the Father/Daughter dance. She is holding a planning meeting on Monday, 2/10 at 6pm in the Enrichment Room. All are welcome to come help plan this fun evening.

HOT LUNCH

Weekly orders for the week of 1/20-1/24/25 are due Thursday, 1/16 by 9AM. Lunch is \$3.50. Send lunch order/money in an envelope marked "Hot Lunch" with days your child would like to order into the school office by the deadline. The February menu is

coming home this week.

GLOW IN THE DARK BINGO

Info about our Glow In The Dark Bingo fundraiser is coming home this week. It will be held in the school gym on Friday, 1/24/25. This bingo fundraiser will go towards a new Science curriculum. Email (kknight@olqpbethalto.org) to make a reservation or you can call the school office as well. Table reservations can be made for a complete table of 8. Any reservations less than that, we will have open seating to pick from. See more info on the flyer attached.

We are also looking for 8 more businesses or individuals to sponsor a round of Bingo for \$100. The sponsors will be on the evenings program and announced during the round of Bingo. If you want to be a sponsor, email kknight@olqpbethalto.org.

VOLLEYBALL WORK SCHEDULE

Volleyball games start back up on Saturday, 1/23. Please consider volunteering for a shift or two. Our Athletic Directors are just volunteers and appreciate your help. If your child plays volleyball, please sign up to help work. Service hours will be earned. Family Service hours are due for the year on 4/30/25.

Follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-54430382-volleyball>

YEARBOOKS

Yearbook order forms went home this week. Use the link below to order. Use code 92475W for our school. Orders are due by Wednesday, 3/12/25

www.inter-state.com/order

AUCTION NEWS

2 more weeks left to grab tickets! Ticket sales end on 1/31/25.

Purchase in the school or church office or use the link below to reserve tickets. We have sold out of VIP tables.

To purchase tickets:

<https://OLQP2025.givesmart.com>

We are asking any and all parents to help gather donations. We have auction donation request letters in the office. If you would like some to hand out to businesses you know personally or frequent, we would greatly appreciate it. Please email the office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) asking for some to be sent home and we will send them home with your child.

The next auction meeting is scheduled for Monday 2/3/25 at 6:30PM in the 6th Grade classroom. Classroom baskets are due to the school office by Monday 1/27/25. You should be hearing from your PSA classroom representative regarding this project.

SERVERS

Saturday 1/18- 4:30PM- Addison Villalobos and Mya Bequette

Sunday 1/19- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Hudson Hall and Ryder Williams

Saturday 1/25- 4:30PM- Levi and Abe Woodiel

Sunday 1/26- 8:30AM- Ellie and Carson Williams

10:30AM- Brynlee Spa and Jemma Dorsey

CHURCH NEWS

*If you have any questions about the following, please contact the church office for more info.

Sunday Offerings- **Weekends of 12/24/24-1/5/25**

Loose \$2,309.00

Envelopes \$26,919.75

Online Giving \$6,388.45

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$2.25

TOTAL COLLECTED- \$35,619.45

- **Operating Budget \$30,782.50**

- Tithe to Diocese \$3,000

Difference= \$1,836.95

Total Envelopes received- 312

Online Donations- 98

Chicken Dinner- January 19th 11:30-2PM. Dine In , Carryout, or Drive Thru \$14 Adults, \$6 Children. Now accepting Credit Card Payment.

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ~Isaiah 41:10