

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
January 17, 2024

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 18- Chess Match @ St Elizabeth's Granite City 5PM  
January 19- Mystery Dinner For Upper Grade Students  
January 22- Auction Meeting  
January 24- Chess Match @ St Paul's Highland 5PM  
January 25- Educational Fair Projects Due (Kindergarten-8th Grade)  
January 26- Glow In The Dark Bingo  
January 28- Catholic Schools Week Open House  
January 29- Volleyball @Holy Family 4th/5th grade @6:00 and 6th/7th grade @6:45  
January 31- Special Person's Lunch  
    - Volleyball @Home vs St. Paul Highland 4th/5th grade @6:00 and 6th/7th grade @6:45  
February 1- Bowling Day At Airport Bowl  
February 2- Pep Rally Day  
    Mom's Club Painting Party  
February 5- Father Daughter Dance Planning Meeting  
    - Volleyball @ St. Boniface 4th/5th @6:00 and 6th/7th @6:45  
February 7-Papa Johns' Pizza Day  
    - Volleyball @Home vs St John Newman 4th/5th @6:00 and 6th/7th @6:45  
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 16- Noon Dismissal  
February 19- No School  
February 20- Trash Bag Fundraiser Pick Up Day- Tentatively Scheduled  
February 28- Preschool & Kindergarten Open House For 2024-2025 School Year

**Chess**

Students have a chess match on Thursday, January 18th at St. Elizabeth's in Granite City. There will be NO chess practice on Wednesday 1/17.

**MAP Testing**

Students in grades 3-7 took the winter MAP test, our standardized test, last week. They did a phenomenal job!! Students who scored in the 80th percentile, or who made significant progress, were rewarded with a free dress/or no homework pass. They were able to earn up to three passes. The family report will be sent home this week. Please let me or the classroom teacher know if you have any questions.

**We Need Your Help**

We are needing your help to spread the word to past alumni that had Ms Friedel for a teacher. She is celebrating 40 years here at OLQP this year and we would like to celebrate her at our Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday 1/28/24. Please let past alumni know we would like them to stop in and say hi to Ms Friedel. She will be down in the gym from 9:30AM to 12:00PM during the Open House. If you have any pictures of Miss Friedel with her students throughout the years, please email them to [kknight@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:kknight@olqpbethalto.org) or [cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)

### **Service Hours**

We are looking for more help during the Special Person's Lunch on Wednesday, 1/31. If you can help serve/and or clean up anytime starting at 10:40AM ( enter through the front doors ) until 1pm, we would greatly appreciate it. Email the school office ([cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) with the times you are able to help.

We also are needing help with volleyball games that start at the beginning of February and last until the first weekend in April. Follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-46837317-volleyball>

### **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 26. Items need to be here by 8:30 that day to count in the contest. Thank you for your support.

### **Basketball Uniforms**

We are still missing a few basketball uniforms. Please turn them into the school office at your earliest convenience.

### **Space Camp Fundraiser**

We will be doing a Glow in the Dark Bingo for a Space Camp fundraiser on Friday, January 26th. Invite your friends and come have a fun evening while raising money to send our current 6th and 7th graders to Space Camp in October. You must be 18 years or older to attend Bingo. We are also looking for \$100 sponsors for each of the ten rounds. If you or a business you know, would like to

sponsor a round, please email [kknight@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:kknight@olqpbethalto.org). The flyer is attached. Thank you to all who continue to support OLQP!

### **Mystery Dinner**

The Mardi Gras Masquerade Mystery Dinner for 5th-7th grade students is this Friday, January 19th. Hors d'oeuvres and dinner will be served beginning at 5:30PM, and the event will conclude at 8:30PM.

### **Hot Lunch**

If you order weekly, the week of January 22nd-26th is due by Thursday 1/18 at 9AM. The February menu went home last week.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu.cfm>

Students who ordered hot lunch on Tuesday, 1/16 will receive a credit to use on their next lunch order.

### **Father Daughter Dance Planning Meeting**

Cassidy Sweeney has agreed to Chair this event for this school year. The first planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th at 6:30PM in the Art Room. All are welcome to attend.

Save the Date of Saturday, May 4th for the dance.

### **Mom's Club**

The next Mom's Club meeting is being held on Friday 2/2/24 in the gym. It is a painting party put on by Black Crow Designs. Visit the Facebook page of the mom's group (Our Lady Queen of Peace Mom's Club) to find the event link to order your design to paint or follow the event link below. The cost is \$26 to paint. Bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy. Grab some friends and join us for a fun evening together.

<https://fb.me/1EPfCcGsfcHRD6u>

### **PSA News**

The next PSA Fundraiser went home last week. 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 by Monday 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.

### **Auction News**

Tickets for the dinner auction will be on sale beginning Tuesday, 1/16! They are available in the school and church offices and the after masses beginning sometime in February.

This week's need is to ask a friend that sells Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Posh etc....to make a donation to the auction. No donation is too small.... We will add it to other items to make a basket/and or prize.

We are still needing **1 person to chair an event** at the dinner auction. We are needing a chair to run the 50/50 drawing during the auction. If you are able to help, please call the school office ( 618-377-6401 ) or email ( [cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) ). You will receive all 20 family service hours for chairing this event during the auction.

The next auction meeting will be Monday 1/22/24 at 6:00PM in the Art Room. Enter the school through the gym doors. All are invited to attend. We will be discussing and finalizing auction decoration ideas and checking in with the committee chairs to see how things are coming along.

### **Catholic Schools Week**

We will be celebrating National Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 28th - Friday, February 2nd. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community". We have many activities planned beginning with our Open House following both Masses on the 28th. Permission slips/forms are **due back by Friday, January 19th**. You will find our schedule for the week attached to this letter.

Share our Open House Facebook event page link posted below on your social media. Invite others to come see why OLQP is a leader in academic excellence.

<https://fb.me/e/Pv4v0VzF>

### **Catholic School Week 8:30AM Mass**

We are looking for student volunteers to help with Mass parts at the 8:30AM Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday, 1/28. Email Mrs Waldo ( [awaldo@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:awaldo@olqpbethalto.org) ) if your child is able to help.

### **Upcoming Servers**

Saturday 1/20- 4:30PM- Rowan Scott and Tinsley Busse

Sunday 1/21- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Kinsey Mitchell and Aubrey Herbstreit

Saturday 1/27- 4:30PM- Jack Kruse & Clayton Pritchett

Sunday 1/28- 8:30AM- Abram Diericx & Ryder Williams

10:30AM- Everly Olmsted & Nora Militello

*"If any of you lack wisdom, you should pray to God, who will give it to you; because God gives generously and graciously to all."*

—James 1:5