

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
January 24, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 24- Chess Match @ St Paul's Highland 5PM
January 25- Educational Fair Projects Due (Kindergarten-8th Grade)
January 26- PK3 Class Pajama Day
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
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 13- Mardi Gras Breakfast
Valentine's Day Parties For K-4th
February 14- Ash Wednesday
February 16- PK3 & PK4 Valentine's Day Parties
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

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 or cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org

Book Fair

Information about the Book Fair will be coming home this week. Students will be able to shop at the open house, special person's lunch, and then with their class throughout the week. Purchases can be made by cash, credit card, check or ewallet. The ewallet feature lets your child shop with preloaded money you have added to their online account. Use the link below to set up ewallet or follow the instructions that were sent home with your child. You can also use this link to shop from home. 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. If you have any questions about the book fair contact the school office.

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

Track Coach

We have several students interested in participating in Track. In order for this to happen, we are in need of a coach. If you are interested, please contact the school office by the end of next week.

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. Pk 3 & Pk4 will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, 2/16 and details will also be coming home soon from their teachers as well.

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) 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.

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. The flier is attached. Thank you to all who continue to support OLQP!

Save The Date

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. More details and sign ups will come home at a later date.

Box Tops

OLQP is still doing Box Tops for education. Use the link below to download the app and sign up. This is the perfect time to register with our Food Drive going on. Schnucks has some great specials going on for money back on cereal that runs through 2/13.

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/>

Hot Lunch

If you order weekly, the week of January 29th-February 2nd is due by Thursday 1/25 at 9AM. The February menu went home last week.

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

Students who ordered hot lunch on Monday, 1/22 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 around \$26 to paint depending on the design you choose. Friday, 1/26 is the last day to put in your order of what you would like 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 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 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.

Dinner Auction News

Flyers are coming home this week with event details . Send in the attached reservation sheet with your payment and tickets will be sent home with your child. 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. Tickets are available in the school and church offices and after masses beginning sometime in February.

This week's need is to ask for a donation /and or sponsorship from your favorite restaurant. Maybe you know a restaurant owner you can ask that would love to donate. The donation & sponsorship request letter is attached below or you can contact the school office to get copies sent home with your child.

The next auction meeting will be Monday, 1/29/24 at 6PM in the art classroom. Enter the school through the gym doors. This replaces the meeting from this past Monday that was canceled due to the weather.

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 were sent due back last Friday. If you have not sent them in yet, please do so asap. You will find our schedule for the week attached to this letter.

Please share our Open House Facebook event page link posted below on your social media again reminding new families to come check OLQP out and see why OLQP is a leader in academic excellence.

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

Catholic Schools Girls Basketball Night

Marquette Catholic High School is hosting a fun evening for area parish girls basketball players. Players from area schools will be recognized during halftime and get to watch a Marquette Girls Basketball game for free on Monday, 1/29. See the flyer attached for more details.

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) if your child is able to help.

Upcoming Servers

The February/March/April server schedules are coming home this week.

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

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

10:30AM- Everly Olmsted & Nora Militello

Saturday 2/3- 4:30PM- Ellie & Lucy Colley

Sunday 2/4- 8:30AM- Adults Servers

10:30AM- Josie Buhs & Ben Cripps

"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints." ~Pope Benedict 16th, Address to Teachers and Religious, 2010