

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
January 31, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 31- Special Person's Lunch

February 1- Bowling Day At Airport Bowl

Chess @ St. Peter and Paul Collinsville @ 5PM

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 John's Pizza Day

Volleyball @Home vs St John Newman 4th/5th @6:00 and 6th/7th @6:45

Chess @ St. Ambrose @ 5PM

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

Help Needed

We are looking for someone who can put together a digital map/floor plan of our school. This is a requirement for our State Certification. If you know someone who would be able to do this, please contact kknight@olqpbethalto.org

Book Fair

The Book Fair will close at 12:00 on Friday 2/2. 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>

Belize Breakfast

Sunday, 2/4 from 8:30AM-12 NOON there will be an all you can eat breakfast in the church basement to earn money for supplies being used for OLQP's mission work in Belize. Biscuits & gravy, pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, cereal and drinks will be served.

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. **Free Dress is allowed on Tuesday, 2/13 if students wear either Valentine's Day colors OR Mardi Gras colors.**

Service Hours

We 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>

Glow Bingo

Thank you to everyone who participated in and/or sponsored a round of Glow in the Dark Bingo. The night was a huge success!! A great time was had by all, and we have received many requests to make this an annual event.

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.

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

Hot Lunch

If you order weekly, the week of February 5-9 is due by Thursday 2/1 at 9AM.

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

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. If you didn't purchase anything for the painting party and still want to come hang out, you are more than welcome. 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 Tuesday 2/27/24 at 6PM in the art classroom. Enter the school through the gym doors.

Catholic Schools Week

We have had a great start to Catholic Schools Week. Sunday's Open House was very well attended. It was nice to see so many families come through the school and the gym to celebrate Miss Friedel and her 40 years of service to OLQP too!

We enjoyed the visit from our community helpers Sgt. Moyers and Diesel on Monday. It was nice to see the students dressed up as their favorite community helpers too.

On Tuesday, we made Valentine's Day cards for the elderly of our parish. This is something we have been doing for a few years now and our parishioners truly appreciate these cards.

Today was Special Person's Day. We enjoyed having your child's special people in the building today. Students enjoyed a wonderful meal and showed off the wonderful things we do here at OLQP!

We are looking forward to bowling on Thursday and the Pep Rally on Friday.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated or helped in any way this week. We couldn't make the week so special without everyone's participation.

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

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

10:30AM- Josie Buhs & Ben Cripps

Saturday 2/10- 4:30PM- Tinsley Buysse and Clayton Pritchett

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

10:30AM- Julian Certa and Everly Olmsted

Prayer for Parishes

Lord, in all ages you breathe life into your Church as you call us to deeper holiness.

Thank you for the gift of Catholic schools, which form new generations in virtue and wisdom. Inspire our parishes with zeal to make you known, loved, and served, and grant that all families who desire a Catholic education for their children be given that blessing.

Through Christ we pray,
Amen.

