

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
July 25, 2024

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 11th- Open House/Back to School Bash  
August 15th- K-8 1st day of school- 12:00 dismissal  
August 16th- 1st full day  
August 20th- PreK 4 first day  
August 21st- PreK 3 first day  
August 26th School Pictures-Free Dress Day

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer! I can't believe the 2024-25 school year will begin in three short weeks! I look forward to hearing about all about the students' summers!

**CALENDAR CHANGES**

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 will be a No School Day. Teachers will be in training for a supplemental religion curriculum that is being recommended by the diocese.

Feel free to stop in the school office on 8/11 to pick up a paper printed copy of the school calendar. The most updated version can also be found on the school website.

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

**SOCCER**

We are excited to announce we will have a fall soccer league for grades K-8th starting at OLQP. An email will be sent out tomorrow to students who said they would be interested in playing. We will need a response back from the email to verify your child wants to play with OLQP in order to secure a spot for our school in the league. Games will be played on Saturday mornings. If you are new to OLQP or your child has decided they are interested now in playing, email Chrissy (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) in the school office letting her know. If we do not get a response back confirming your child is playing, we will be making phone calls just to double check you saw the email before submitting our final roster to the league.

**OPEN HOUSE/BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

Sunday, August 11th will be our Back to School Event. Students may drop off their school supplies and meet with their teacher beginning after 8:30 Mass (around 9:15) until 12:00. At 12:00, Knights of Columbus will be providing lunch and activities will begin at the pavilion. There will be food, sno-cones, games, a Hawaiian dance demonstration, limbo contest, and more. This event is free provided by the PSA and Knights of Columbus.

Click on this link for students and parents to sign up to help set up and/or clean up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-50414002-back>

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 11th!

## **WELCOME**

I am happy to announce that Mrs. Laura Wagner will be the new 5th grade homeroom teacher. She will also be teaching Computers for all of the school. Mrs. Kalie Dickinson will be the new 4th grade teacher. I look forward to seeing all the wonderful activities they have planned for all of their students.

We would also like to welcome Nick Zakrzewski who was hired to fill the maintenance position at both the school and church.

## **SPIRIT DAYS**

Thursdays will once again be Spirit Days. Students may wear their Spirit T-Shirts on Thursdays with their uniform jumpers/skirts/shorts. Contact the office or Becky DiPaolo with any questions. Students may wear previous year's shirts if they wish. Order form is attached below.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Below is the link to our website where the school supply lists are posted for each grade.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/school-supplies.cfm>

## **CMG CONNECT**

The **CMGConnect** online training replaces the former Safe Environment Program (VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children") that was previously offered through our Archdiocese. Individuals are now required to complete all Safe Environment Training online.

**CMG connect** is a new web-based platform that will assist the Diocese to ensure that all employees and volunteers who are in a position of trust with children and vulnerable adults within our schools and parishes are trained to recognize behavior patterns of potential abusers and provide proactive measures for preventing abuse in any context. **This class needs to be completed before volunteering at the school and to complete service hour opportunities.** Attached below is info about how to complete the class and the website to do it at.

Many parents are missing the background check form. I will be sending those home on August 11th. You can either fill it out and email it to the address listed on the form, or send it to the office and we can email it to Springfield for you.

<https://cmgconnect.org/>

These links will walk you through the process.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HLt\\_5aiak5FMMm3XUcrdQMR0fd3pkREj/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HLt_5aiak5FMMm3XUcrdQMR0fd3pkREj/view?usp=drive_link)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dwZE44STekkTPAiVw9miebKikXnzOiR4/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dwZE44STekkTPAiVw9miebKikXnzOiR4/view?usp=drive_link)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dwZE44STekkTPAiVw9miebKikXnzOiR4/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dwZE44STekkTPAiVw9miebKikXnzOiR4/view?usp=drive_link)

### **HOT LUNCH/SPACE CAMP LUNCHES**

We will begin serving hot lunch from the public school on Wednesday, September 4th. In order to raise money to send the 7th and 8th graders to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, (and so you don't have to pack lunches the first two weeks of school) students sponsor lunches during the weeks of August 19th and August 26th. All proceeds from these lunches go to sending the kids to camp in October. Look for more information regarding public school hot lunch and Space Camp sponsored lunches in an upcoming newsletter.

### **GOLF**

Information about our golf season starting soon for the upper grade students who signed up will be emailed out soon.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD TRAILER**

The Knights of Columbus will once again have their food trailer at the Bethalto Homecoming this year. We are excited to be back at the Homecoming! Please consider helping by working a shift (or two). This is a great opportunity for the Knights and OLQP to show a good presence in our surrounding community. All Brother Knights, their spouses, and any prospective members are all welcome to help. You can sign up at the following link <http://bit.ly/KCFOOD24>, or scan the QR code below:



### **KofC Food Trailer Signup**

You may also call Luke Kistner at (618)558-2689. We hope to see many of you throughout the weekend. Thank you all for your continuous prayers and support, God Bless!

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do and he will show you which path to take." ~Proverbs 3:5-6*

