

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
July 30, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 4th- Band "Try Our An Instrument Day"
PK & Kindergarten Splash Pad Party
- August 8th- Family Life Card Bingo
- August 10th- Open House/Back to School Bash
Mum Fundraiser Begins
- August 14th- K-8 1st day of school- **12:00 Dismissal**
- August 16th- Panda Express Fundraiser For Roof
- August 19th- PreK 4 first day
Parent & Student Band Orientation
Bowling Team Practice
- August 20th- PreK 3 first day
- August 24th- Believe In Belize Golf Tournament
- August 25th- School Pictures-Free Dress Day
Mum Fundraiser Orders Due
- August 26th- Bowling Team Practice
- August 28th- Bowling Team Practice
- September 1st- **No School**
- September 6th- Parish Hog Roast
- September 9th- OLQP Parish Auction Planning Meeting

Attachments: Belize Golf, Belize Bingo, Back To School Bash Flyer, splash pad party, Spirit Shirt Orders, Chicken Dance, Mum Fundraiser Flyer

OPEN HOUSE/BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Sunday, August 10th 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, and games. FoamZees foam truck will be here from 1:15-1:45pm. Please bring water-play clothes or other clothes for your child to change into if they get messy. Towels and goggles are also recommended. 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. We are still needing a few volunteers. You can start earning your yearly family service hours.

SIGN UP

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-57721156-back>

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 10th!

WELCOME FOLDER PACKET

On your child's desk will be a folder with important information in it and forms that need returned for the school year. One side of the folder will say "Left At Home" and the other side will say "Return To School". Please try to return all forms that your child needs completed for the school by their due dates.

BEFORE & AFTER CARE

The Before and After Care program will be open on Thursday, August 14th at 7:00AM. The After Care program will begin at 12:00 on Thursday. If you are sending your child to After Care, please remember to send lunch with them. Regular hours for the Before and After Care program will begin on Friday, August 16th. (7:00-8:15 AM and 3:00-6:00 PM).

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Staff will be at the Preschool door, the door in the primary wing, and at the Enrichment Center/gym entrance to let students in each morning. Pull into the parking lot off of Butcher Street and then proceed to either the primary wing door or Enrichment Center/gym door. If you need to get out of the car, please park away from the doors so we can keep traffic moving. If you have a child in preschool and an older sibling, they may all enter through the preschool door.

DRESS CODE

Please review the uniform guidelines found in the Policy Handbook on our website regarding dress code. Pay close attention to sock color, make up, and OLQP sweatshirts. Please make sure shoes have non marking soles. Follow the link below to look at the Student Handbook.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/student-life/student-handbook-k-8th-grade.cfm>

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. Orders are due in the school office by Friday 8/15/25. **No late orders will be accepted** by Eleveteen Designs (Becky Dipaolo). This year is a preorder only sale.

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>

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER FOR NEW ROOF

We are excited for our newest school fundraiser. The school is creating a custom parish cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our parish. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be a treasured keepsake for us all. Money raised will be used toward a new roof for the school that is needed in the near future. We are hoping to raise \$7,000 from this fundraiser but we need YOU to participate by submitting recipes and then purchasing cookbooks for your family and friends.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our cookbook. Many recipes from all members will ensure that our cookbook is a success. It would be nice if every school family could be represented in the book. We are using Morris Press Cookbook's web site to easily submit recipes online. This route is the easiest way for everyone. Scan the QR below or enter the website to get started. If you do not have Internet access, our committee can enter them for you. Submit hard copies of your recipes to Chrissy Woodiel in the school office. You can email them (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org), drop them off in the church office in an envelope marked "cookbook, for Chrissy Woodiel", or drop them off during school hours starting 8/14/25.

Please submit your recipes online or hard copies by Thursday, 9/4/25 so we can meet our deadline.

Cookbooks will be shipped within 4-6 weeks after recipes are submitted.

Thank you from all of us here at OLQP School!

To Submit Recipes Online:

- Go to www.typensave.com or scan the QR code below and click 'Login.'

- Enter the User Name: **Ourlady**
- Enter the password: **garlic751** and click 'Submit.'
- Enter your name and click 'Continue.'
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes.



SCAN ME

Recipe Writing Tips:

- When adding recipes, review the "Tips" and use standard abbreviations.
- Only enter 1 ingredient per ingredient line.
- List ingredients in order of use in the ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., (16-oz.) pkg., (24-oz.) can.
- Write directions in paragraph form, not in steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
- Additional comments about the recipe (history, nutritional data, suggested uses, etc.) are not allowed unless a "Recipe Note" field is visible. Enter extra recipe content in that field.

COOKBOOK SPONSORS

We are looking for individuals/businesses who would like to advertise/sponsor a page in the cookbook. If you know of a business who might like to advertise in our book please reach out to

them. Prices are shown below. It would be great to have some families go in together or even a class to make an advertisement in the book. The more advertisements we sell the more profit we can make from the fundraiser. Contact the school office for info and a form for the sponsor to fill out(cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org). Your donation is tax deductible.

Full Page-\$100

1/2 Page- \$60

1/3 Page-\$40

1/4 Page-\$30

1/6 Page-\$25

Patron-\$15

OLQP SCHOOL BAND

We are so excited to announce that OLQP will be starting a school band. Grades 4th-8th can participate. We will be hosting a "Try An Instrument Out Day" on Monday, 8/4 from 10AM-2PM in Dr. Woodiel's classroom. Enter the school through the Enrichment Room doors. If your child signed up to participate on the extra curricular sign up form, please stop in. Also, we will be holding a Parent/Student Band Orientation on Tuesday 8/19 from 6-7pm in Dr. Woodiel's classroom. If you have any questions about band, please email Dr. Woodiel (lwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org). See Becky Diapolo of Eleventeen Designs to order the official OLQP Band Spirit Wear shirt design shown below.



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.

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/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 beginning on Tuesday, September 2nd. Look for more information regarding public school hot lunch and Space Camp sponsored lunch in the welcome packet on your child's desk at the Open House on Sunday, 8/10. Public school hot lunch this year will be \$3.00/meal and include milk. Ordering can be done by sending in the dates your child wants to order and the payment in a marked envelope labeled "Lunch Order" with your child to school. Orders can be done for an entire month at a time or every week. September's monthly order will be due by Thursday, 8/28 at 9am and weekly orders will be due the Thursday before the week you are wanting to be served lunch. Example: The order for the week of 9/1-9/65 will be due on Thursday, 8/28 by 9am.

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 18th and August 25th. All proceeds from these lunches go to sending the kids to camp next school year. A menu is attached. **Please turn in orders no later than Friday, August 15th.** PreK- feel free to email me your orders kknight@olqpbethalto.org.

FREE AND REDUCED HOT LUNCH

In your welcome packet on your child's desk at the Open House will be paperwork to fill out if you qualify for free or reduced lunch from the State of Illinois. The forms have what income levels will qualify for these benefits. If you qualify, please return the form back to school by Thursday, 8/21/25.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Below are a few service hour opportunities to get the school year off started. Reminder that each family is required to complete 20 service hours in PK4-8th. PK3 is required 10 hours per year. Completed hours are due by 4/30/26. Use the service hour log record sheet in your welcome packet to keep track of your service hours over the school year.

PSA BACK TO SCHOOL BASH-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-57721156-back>

HOG ROAST- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-57720821-parish>

SANTA KOTTAGE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-57720902-santa>

BUILDING UPDATE

The building is looking great, and we are ready to welcome our students back! The flag pole has a fresh coat of paint. The majority of our doors are now accessible by key fob only. This will ensure we

know exactly who is in the building at all times and that the doors cannot be left unlocked accidentally. I have been told the new gym doors are going to arrive soon. This will finish our security updates for the summer. Be sure to check out the library remodel. It received a new coat of paint and a new floor. An unseen project, the garage has been cleaned and organized. Thanks to all the volunteers who have worked this summer to help with these projects.

HARVEST KNIGHTS CHICKEN & BEER DANCE

The inaugural 2025 Harvest Knights Chicken & Beer Dance is on Saturday, 11/8. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased in the school office or online following the link listed.

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/Jpp/>

Tickets include: Moonlight chicken, drinks, dancing, and access to live auction items and raffle baskets. All proceeds go directly to the school. There is an Early Bird raffle with a \$100 cash prize if you purchase your ticket before 8/14. The Gusto will be the band playing for the evening. If you have any questions about the evening, please reach out to one of the chair members (Calvin & Craig Soong-Wilson, Augie & Alissa Diericx, Chris & Brook Stutz, Johnny & Caitlin Stutz).

The dance committee has an amazon wish list for donations they would like for raffle items. Follow the link below to donate.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1U449ZA1NJK6Q?ref=cm_sw_sm_r_un_un_YerrK6WhSw4yM

They also have a pampered chef party going on until 8/31/25. All host gifts/perks will be used for raffle baskets for the evening as well. Follow the link to grab some pampered chef item and help the school out in the process. <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/fallharvestknight>

MUM FUNDRAISER

The mum fundraiser will start on Sunday, 8/10. In your welcome packet at the Open House will be info about the mum fundraiser and your order form to sell mums. Order forms are due back to the school office **no later than Monday, 8/25 at 9AM.** The delivery date will be firmed up with Market Basket once our order is submitted and we will let you know as soon as we know. Reminder: You can earn 1 family service hour for every \$100 you sell for school fundraisers.

GOLF SEASON

Information about our golf season starting soon for the upper grade students who signed up will be emailed out soon. Please contact Becky Diapolo of Eleventeen Designs if your child needs a golf shirt for matches. See attached order form to fill out.

SOCCER SEASON

We are excited for another fun soccer season starting soon. You will hear from your OLQP coach once they receive finalized rosters from Cloud-9. You do not need to enroll your child through Cloud-9, the school submitted registration forms of all students who were interested. The school will pay for part of the enrollment fee for the season. Parents' portion will be \$30 owed, made payable to OLQP, which will be due in September to the school. If for some reason you already registered/paid Cloud-9, please let the school office know (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) and we will get you a refund for what the school covers. There will be a liability waiver to sign on your child's desk at the Back To School Open House, please sign it that day and turn it into the school office.

BOWLING SEASON

We are excited to announce that OLQP will be offering bowling as an extracurricular activity this year for grades Kindergarten-8th. If your child selected they were interested in this sport on their extra curricular activity sign ups for this coming year you should have received an email with information about the season. If for some reason you did not, please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org). **A response from that email is due back by Thursday, 8/7** so we can reserve the correct number of lanes for the training session. We will be offering 3 introductory sessions before the league season begins. These sessions will be held at Bowl Haven in Alton on Tuesday 8/19, Tuesday 8/26, and Thursday 8/28 from 4-5:30PM. These sessions will be free if your child enrolls in the "Kids Bowl Free" Program and selects the Alton location as their preferred location. Follow the link below to do so. <https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/> Parents will be responsible for the lane fees for training sessions if they are not enrolled in the program. League games will be every Thursday at Bowl Haven from 4-5:30PM starting 9/11 and ending on 10/30/25. If you have not signed up your child and child is interested in playing , please email the school office to get added to the list (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org). The school will cover part of the cost of the league. Parents are responsible for \$60 and the fee can be made payable to OLQP. This fee will be due in September.

PRESCHOOL SOCCER

OLQP does not have a school sponsored soccer season for preschool but Cloud-9 graciously offered any preschool families who would like to play soccer this fall can enroll still and the late fee will be waived. Please reach out to Cloud-9 if you would like to enroll your child.

<https://www.cloud-9bethaltosportsleague.com/home>

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:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48AEAD2BA1F85-57567560-bethalto#/>

, or scan the QR code below:



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!

I DOOD IT

We are excited to bring this parish fundraiser back to Bethalto Homecoming! It is a fun tradition- but we need your help to make it a success. We're looking for a couple or two to help supervise during the event. Contact Angie Waldo (awaldo@olqpbethalto.org) if you are able to help us out.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School picture order forms will be sent home on Sunday, 8/10. School pictures are scheduled for Monday, 8/25. Free dress is allowed for picture day. Pictures will start at 8:30am and they will start with the youngest students first. If your child misses picture day, there will be a makeup day in November scheduled. You can order online anytime (if you order before picture day you get free shipping) or send in the payment to the school office at any time up until the day of pictures. If you do not order online before picture day you will receive a proof a few weeks after picture day to look at and you can order online at that time. Contact Chrissy in the school office with any questions.

UPCOMING MASS SERVERS

Saturday 8/2- 4:30PM- Clayton Pritchett & **Need Volunteer**

Sunday 8/3- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Hudson Hall & Everly Olmsted

Saturday 8/9- 4:30PM-Levi Woodiel & Camryn Friedel

Sunday 8/10- 8:30AM- Ryder Williams & Abe Diericx

10:30AM- Hope Kistner & Brynlee Spa

CHURCH NEWS

Believe In Belize Golf Tournament- Sunday, 8/24 at Woodlands Golf Club, See attached flyer for more details.

Parish Hog Roast- Saturday, September 6th starting at 5:30pm at the pavilion. The school is in charge of the Drink Bar and is looking for volunteers to sign up to serve drinks. See the service hour sign up above to grab a spot.

Card Bingo- Friday, 8/8 at 6:30PM in the church basement, See attached flyer for more details

"All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace." ~Isaiah 54:13