

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
March 13, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13- Volleyball @ Home 4th/5th @ 6:30PM
Volleyball @ Home 6th/7th @ 7:15PM
March 14- 1st Reconciliation for Second Grade
Report Cards
March 15- No School- School Improvement Day
Fish Fry 4-7
March 16- Chess Tournament @ St Elizabeth's Granite City
March 17- Volleyball @ Home vs St. Mary's 4th/5th @ 5:10
March 20- 6th/7th Field Trip
March 22- Stations of the Cross
Fish Fry 4-7
March 23- PSA Grip & Sip Indoor Golf Scramble Fundraiser
March 24- Last Day To Order A Yearbook
Volleyball @ Home 4th/5th VS Bethalto Gold @ 5:10PM
March 25- Space Camp Lunch
March 26- Space Camp Lunch
Auction Meeting
Spring Fling Meeting
March 27- Living Stations of the Cross Outside (weather permitting) Or Inside
PreK Easter Egg Hunt
Noon Dismissal- Easter Break Begins
March 28-April 2- No School- Easter Vacation
April 12- No School Teacher Retreat Springfield

Report Cards

The end of the 3rd quarter was Friday 3/9. Report cards will be emailed out on Thursday, March 14th. Please reply to the email so your child's teacher knows you received the report card.

3rd Grade Confirmation/First Communion

3rd Graders are busy getting ready for their Confirmation & First Communion happening this summer. 3rd Graders will be attending an afternoon retreat to get them ready for the big day on Wednesday, 3/20. 3rd grade parents..... We are needing your help! Mrs Neidbalski needs written letters from family, friends, and neighbors (whoever is special to your child) about how special they are and a child of God. SHHHHH!!! It is a secret. You can email them to her (lpilker@olqpbethalto.org), put them in an envelope marked " Mrs Neidbalski" and send them into school, or mail them to the school. She just needs them by Monday, 3/18. The more letters for each child the better.

Parking Lot Safety

If there are students in the parking lot when you arrive for pick up, please wait for them to come inside before entering the parking lot. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

School Improvement Day

There will be no school on Friday, March 15th. The teachers will be participating in some training, and meetings with other teachers in the Alton Deanery.

Saint Patrick's Day

Students may wear green with jeans or shorts (appropriate length, no spandex) on Monday, March 18th to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.

Extra Curricular Activities

Congratulations to Josie Hagaman for receiving an "excellent" in both her cello and vocal competitions at the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Contest this past Saturday in Granite City. We also appreciate Mrs. Wiggenhorn supporting her in this competition.

Mya Bequette participated in the Regional KC Free Throw Contest this past weekend and earned 2nd place!

OLQP is proud of both of you!!!

Chess

OLQP will participate in a chess tournament that will be held on 3/16/24 at St Elizabeth's in Granite City. Registration begins at 8:30AM with round 1 starting at 9AM. The final round will begin at 2:30PM with the trophy presentation ending the day at 4pm.

KC Softball

The Knights of Columbus are putting together an adult softball team and are looking for additional players. If you are interested in playing, please reach out to Luke Kistner (618-558-2689) or Blake Marth (618-530-3331).

Spring Fling

Save The Date!! Our annual Spring Fling carnival will be on Sunday, May 19th. More information to come! This is a wonderful fundraiser with the proceeds going directly to the school. The next planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3/26 at 7PM in the art classroom. We are looking for volunteers to co-chair a portion of the event with a member of a parish. Ex. Food, Bingo, Envelope Raffle, Adult Games, Beer Tent. We would love for parents to come help plan this fun parish event. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) if you would like to help. Start earning service hours for next year.

PSA Grip & Sip

Info sheets went home a couple of weeks ago. The PSA is having a 9 hole simulator scramble as a fundraiser at the Grip & Sip in Cottage Hills. This will be on Saturday, 3/23 with a 10AM start time. Cost is \$100/Team (2 person teams). Text or Call Brock Lord (618-791-8719) to register. You may also call or email the school office to reserve a spot. See more info on the flier attached below.

Stations of the Cross

The students will go over to the church for Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:20PM. All school and church families are welcome to attend. We will also have an outdoor Stations of the Cross put on by our upper grade students in the school parking lot on Wednesday, 3/27 at 9:00AM. All are invited to attend this as well.

Mother/Son Night

Save the Date!!! Saturday, 4/27/24 is the event. The boys will be able to eat a catered meal with their mom, attend the OLQP Spy Academy, and then participate in a secret spy mission. A formal invite will be sent this week or next. An Amazon wish list has been created to help keep the ticket price lower. Please follow the link below to purchase/donate an item.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3KRK5C1P51SG8?ref=wl_share

Father/Daughter Dance & Wish List

Save the Date!! Saturday, 5/4/24. The evening's theme will be.... "Enchanted- This Night Is Sparkling" Our chair for the dance has put together an amazon wish list of items needed for the evening. If you would like to donate anything, please see the link below. You can have them shipped directly to her or have the items shipped directly to you and drop them off in the school office.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/19E6L9FIKY66B?ref=wl_share

Yearbook

Yearbook order information went home last week. This year the company is offering online ordering only. Visit: **inter-state.com** and enter code: **83400Z**. Orders need to be placed before 3/25/24.

Fish Fry

Each family from the designated grade levels are asked to donate 3 store bought dessert dishes for the dinner this week. These can be dropped off in the gym kitchen on Fridays prior to 4pm.

Desserts - Week 5 Rotation - Mar. 15: PreK3, K, 2, 4, 6 (1 SERVICE HOUR EARNED)

Parents and students (students 4th thru 7th grade only) are asked to work the event this week.

Volunteer - Week 5 Rotation - Mar. 15: PreK4, 1, 3, 5, and 7 (1 SERVICE HOUR EARNED PER HOUR WORKED)

Please sign up by going to this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-48343592-fish#/>

This is one of our largest fundraisers for the school and WE NEED YOUR HELP. We have 500-600 people attend this dinner every week. Please consider volunteering your time and join us for a fun event.

Call or text any questions to Brian at 618-670-5427.

Service Hours- Parents and Students

Service hours for parents and students (grades 4-7) are due at the end of April. Once you complete your hours you can

There are service hour opportunities available selling Dinner Auction Tickets after Mass over the upcoming month leading up to the auction. Follow the link below to sign up for a shift. Contact Alissa Diericx (618-977-4017)) if you have questions regarding how to sell the tickets. Students may also help sell tickets with a parent; however, the hours can only be counted once (either toward student hours or toward family service hours).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-48069594-auction#/>

Fish Frys are a great opportunity for parents and students to earn those hours.

We are also needing help with volleyball games working the concessions or admission table. Games last until the first weekend in April. Follow the link below to sign up. Our sports program brings in a lot of money for the school. This money is used to update curriculum materials and technology, so it benefits every child in the school.

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

We are going to try something out for this year...if your child wants to help work volleyball admissions (4th-7th) or concessions (6th and 7th only) they can do so with the help of a parent. A parent MUST be with them the whole time. Service hours will then count toward the student service hours, but the parent will not be given hours. Service hours will be given to either the parent or the student, not both.

Also, listed below is the link to sign up for helping to decorate for the Mother/Son night which is being held on Saturday, 4/27. Service hours can be earned for this as well.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-48081590-motherson>

VBS 2024

We are still looking for parents & grandparents who would like to help each day at VBS (June 10-14th). You can earn service hours for next school year. Email Angie Waldo (awaldo@olqpbethalto.org) if you would like to help. Also, students going into grade 6 and up in the fall are able to volunteer to help and earn service hours for next school year.

Hot Lunch

If you order weekly, the week of March 18th-22nd is due by Thursday, 3/14 at 9AM. See the link below for the menu. The April menu will be coming home this week.

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

Dinner Auction News

Tickets are on sale now in the school and church office. You can send in with your child an envelope that is marked with how many tickets you would like to buy along with payment and we will send your tickets home. 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. We have sold out of our VIP tables but still have about 40% of tickets left before we sell out. Reserve yours today.

This week's need: Experience Donation- Ask your favorite experience to donate or be a sponsor for the auction. Examples... trampoline park, winery, zoo, garden, farm.

Sponsor letters and forms can be sent home with your child upon request. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) if you would like letters sent home with your child.

The last auction meeting before the fun evening will be Tuesday, 3/26/24 at 6PM in the art classroom. Enter the school through the gym doors.

Auction Decorating Committee

The decorating committee has already been busy starting with our awesome decor and props. Please click the link below if you would like to help. Service hours can be earned.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45AFAA23A46-48394453-auction>

Upcoming Servers

Saturday 3/16- 4:30PM- Ellie & Lucy Colley

Sunday 3/17- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Jemma Dorsey & Josie Hagaman

Saturday 3/23- 4:30PM- Rowan Scott and Clayton Pritchett

Sunday 3/24- 8:30AM- Kellan and Layla Schwab

10:30AM- Reagan DeVries and Jace Certa

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ~Romans 12:12

