

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
March 19, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19th- Report Cards

March 21st- No School Day- School Improvement Day

Fish Fry

March 24th- Spring Fling Planning Meeting

March 28th- Fish Fry

March 31st- Luna Shaved Ice Fundraisers

April 3rd- PSA Meeting

Sports Banquet RSVP Due

April 10th- Field Day Shirt Orders Due

April 11th- Luna Shaved Ice Fundraiser Forms Due

April 14th- 25/26 Online Enrollment Due

April 16th- Noon Dismissal

April 17th-April 22nd- Easter Break No School

April 24th- Sports Banquet

April 26th- Mother/Son Night

April 30th- 1st Grade Field Trip

May 3rd- PSA Golf Scramble

Father/Daughter Dance

Attachments: April Lunch Calendar, Summer Camp, Mother/son night, Fish Fry Flyer ,
Father/Daughter Dance, Field Day Order Form, Sports Banquet, Golf Scramble, VBS
Registration, VBS Volunteer, Dance

OPEN FISH FRY SHIFTS THIS FRIDAY, 3/21/25

Grades- **K, 3rd, 6th**

3:45PM-5PM- 0 More Line Servers

0 Drink Station Person

1 Dessert Server

0 Raffle Basket Ticket Seller Person

0 Soda Seller Person

1 Food Line Runner

5PM-6PM- 3 More Line Servers

0 Dessert Server
1 Drink Station Person
1 Raffle Basket Ticket Seller Person
0 Food Line Runner

6PM-7:00PM- 4 More Line Servers
1 Drink Station Person
1 Raffle Basket Ticket Seller Person
1 Soda Seller Person
0 Food Line Runner

6PM-8PM- 0 dish washers in the church basement- Grades ***PK3,1st, 4th, 7th***

CLEANUP at 7PM- Grades ***PK3,1st, 4th, 7th***
4 more people

Please use the sign up link in this parent letter below if you are able to help so we know we have the shifts covered.

SPRING FLING PLANNING MEETING

Monday, 3/24/25 at 6PM in the Enrichment Room will be our first planning meeting for Spring Fling. All parishioners and school families are invited to attend. Spring Fling will be on Sunday, 5/4/25. For those who are new... the Spring Fling fundraiser directly benefits the school and helps to update security and curriculum for our students. Save The Date to attend on 5/4/25. It is a family carnival so fun will be had by all.

2025/2026 ENROLLMENT

We are sending out the online enrollment email today (Wednesday, 3/19/25). If you do not see it, please check your spam folder. If you still do not have it, email the school office and we will resend it. Please fill this out and submit it as soon as possible. We are already preparing to buy textbooks and classroom materials for next year. If you plan on not returning (this includes PK4 not staying for Kindergarten), please select the " Will Not Enroll" option on the enrollment application. Online enrollment is due by Monday, 4/14/25.

EASTER EGG VOTING

Please vote starting on Friday, 3/7/25 for your favorite eggs. Eggs will be posted on Facebook and the egg with the most reactions in each grade category will win a Dairy Queen Gift Card. You can view them in person by the gym. Please share your child's egg to get more "Reactions".

SAVE YOUR CHANGE

Penny Wars between classes will begin between 3/31-4/3. More details coming soon. Money collected will go towards updating the Enrichment Room.

AFTER CARE PICK UP ON FRIDAY DURING LENT

Due to the fish fry being held in the gym, after care on Fridays during Lent will be held in the PreK 3 year old classroom. Please knock on the Preschool door (on St. Mary's Street) and Mrs. Beth will let you in. We are doing this to ensure the safety of our students and to alleviate congestion in the gym lobby.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

If you are a church family and will need financial assistance for tuition next school year (2025/2026), please follow the link below to apply. Applications for financial assistance for next school year are due on Tuesday, 4/15/25.

<https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/3GLYJ/landing-page>

SCHOOL GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

We will have a school grounds landscaping work day on **Saturday, March 29, starting at 7:00 AM**. Please contact Sam Waldo at 618-580-8725 if you'd like to help so that we can have a count for planning purposes, whether you're available all day or even for a portion of it. With the great deal of work many are putting into the fish fry fundraiser and other upcoming activities, we're especially appreciative of any help you can lend to this project during this busy time of year! This is a great opportunity to get some last minute service hours (parents and students) before they are due on April 30th.

PSA GOLF SCRAMBLE

Our PSA is sponsoring a \$1000 Shoot Out Golf Scramble Fundraiser on Saturday, 5/3/25. 3 person teams playing 6 some's (Random Group Pairings). Send your reservations into the school office or Brock Lord. Any questions, please contact Brock Lord (oocc4man@gmail.com).

The PSA is also looking for Round sponsors. Contact Brock Lord if you would like to be one.

VOLLEYBALL WORK SCHEDULE

Please consider volunteering for a shift or two. Our Athletic Directors are just volunteers and appreciate your help. If your child plays volleyball, please sign up to help work. Service hours will be earned. Family Service hours are due for the year on 4/30/25. Follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-54430382-volleyball>

OLQP SUMMER CAMP

OLQP is excited we will be offering Summer Camp from Wednesday, 5/21/25- Friday, 5/30/25 for grades Pk4-6th (Fall of 2025). Camp is \$35/day from 8:30-3pm. We will offer a before and after care option. You must enroll in at least 3 days to attend but you can pick the days you would like your child to attend. Flyers are coming home this week. More information is posted on our website along with the electronic form to fill out to enroll. The link to the website is below. Please share the word that we are offering this on social media. Call the school office if you have any questions.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/student-life/summer-camp-2025.cfm>

VBS REGISTRATION/VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS

VBS is going to be offered the week of 7/21/25-7/25/25. VBS is free. Like past years, we will offer before/after care for a minimal fee. Registration Flyers are coming home this week. We are also looking for student and parent volunteers. Forms went home for volunteer sign ups this week as well. Students and parents can get a jump start on next year's service hours.

MOTHER/SON NIGHT

Invites for the fun evening went home a couple of weeks ago. Please send your reservations in along with food choice as soon as possible so we can get an idea of how many are attending this year and can purchase supplies.

There is also an Amazon wish list link posted below if anyone would like to donate an item for the evening to keep costs down for attendees.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LSEA8SDGKFN3?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_xssEVPzR53kYw

FATHER/DAUGHTER NIGHT

Invites for the Father/Daughter night were sent home. Please send in your reservation and money in an envelope marked "Father/Daughter Night" into the school office.

FIELD DAY SHIRTS

Field Day shirt order forms were sent home this week. The PSA has agreed to pay half the cost of the shirts. Parents will owe \$6.00/shirt. Students will be able to wear this during Field Day on Monday, 5/19/25. **Order forms are due back by Thursday, 4/10/25.**

SPORTS BANQUET

RSVP forms went home last week for OLQP's annual Sports Banquet. This will honor all 2024/2025 athletes including our Chess team. The meal will be catered by Taqueria Maya in Alton. Please send in reservations (even if not attending) for your family by Thursday, 4/3/25.

FISH FRY INFO

We need all hands on deck. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Last year in the 6 weeks we were open, we made over \$21,000 in profit. Like previous years.....we will rotate weekly jobs. You will follow the oldest child of the family's class assignment. The Fish Fry is open from 4-7pm on Fridays during Lent (March 7-April 11th). We are excited for some updates this year. We will now accept cards, cash, or checks. We also have an online To-Go order system up and working for this year. We are adding soda to the menu for \$1.00. Fruit punch, water, & tea is included with your meal as in years past.

If it is your class's week to work, please utilize Signup Genius to fill an open position. Students in grades 4th-8th can earn student service hours helping to clean-up, take out trash, and to wipe tables and trays. Please also utilize the sign up if your child plans to help. If it is your assignment to help serve, please look for Beth Bequette or Chrissy Woodiel when you arrive. If it is your turn to cleanup, please look for Kyle Hagaman when you arrive to help for instructions. If you are helping with dessert/soda stations or in the kitchen, please see Lyndsey Perez for instructions when you arrive. When it is your class's turn to donate soda and dessert, you can earn 2 service hours from your donation of both items on your class's week. Please drop off items at Thursday pickup or Friday morning drop off. Earn service hours from as many shifts you would like to sign up to help. Each family in PK4-8th is required to earn 20 family service hours a year and PK3 only families are required to obtain 10 service hours a year. Service hours are due by 4/30/25. Follow the links below to sign up yourself or your child. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

ADULT HELP SIGN UPLINK

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-55121141-fish>

STUDENT HELP SIGN UP LINK

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-55197244-fish>

Assignments:

Week 3 (3/21)-

Help Serve- *K, 3rd, 6th*

Help Cleanup- *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people-*PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

Week 4 (3/28)

-Help Serve- *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

Help Cleanup-*PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people- *K, 3rd, 6th*

Week 5 (4/4)-

Help Serve- *PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

Help Cleanup- *K, 3rd, 6th*

Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people- *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

Week 6 (4/11)-

Help Serve- *K, 3rd, 6th*

Help Cleanup- *PK3, 1st, 4th, 7th*

Donate 1 pack of (12 sodas) Soda & 1 Non- Refrigerated Dessert to feed 20-24 people-*PK4, 2nd, 5th, 8th*

FISH FRY TO-GO ORDERS

Follow the link below to place a to-go fish fry order every Friday.

<https://olqp-fish-fry.weebly.com/#/>

FISH FRY DINE-IN

Dine-In will be all you can eat. Adults cost \$15/person and kids cost \$6/person. The fish fry is open from 4pm-7pm the first 6 Fridays of Lent (March 7th-April 11th.)

MADISON COUNTY GREEN SCHOOLS

Continue sending in plastic for our recycling project. We collected 325.5 pounds of plastic so far! We are falling behind in the plastic collection. Please send in any plastic you might have at home: grocery bags, toilet paper/paper towel wrappings, Amazon packages...

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DANCE

6th-8th grade students are invited to the area Catholic Schools Dance on 4/11/25 from 7-10pm at Woodlands Golf Club in Alton. Entrance fee is \$15. See the flyer attached below for more info.

HOT LUNCH

Weekly orders for the week of 3/24 - 3/28 are due Thursday, 3/20/25 by 9AM. Lunch is \$3.50 and includes milk. Send lunch order/money in an envelope marked "Hot Lunch" with days your child would like to order into the school office by the deadline. April's Hot Lunch monthly orders are due Thursday, 3/27/25 by 9AM.

MADISON COMMUNICATIONS TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

From March 1st-March 31st you may nominate a teacher who has made a difference for you or your child. Follow the link below starting on Saturday, March 1st to nominate a teacher. Once nominations are over, you may begin to vote for your favorite from the list. Voting is from 4/1/25-4/30/25. You may vote once per day. The top 5 teachers will win \$500 for their classrooms and a classroom pizza party for their students.

<https://gomadison.com/teacher-of-the-year/>

SERVERS

Saturday 3/22- 4:30PM- Clayton Pritchett and Rowan Scott

Sunday 3/23- 8:30AM- Ellie and Carson Williams

10:30AM- Ryder Williams and Hudson Hall

Saturday 3/29- 4:30PM- Tinsley Busse and Jace Certa

Sunday 3/30- 8:30AM- Reid and Ryder Bouillon

10:30AM- Everly Olmsted and Ellie Waldo

CHURCH NEWS

*If you have any questions about the following, please contact the church office for more info.

EVENINGS OF REFLECTION- Every Monday from 7pm-8pm during Lent, we will have an "Evening of Reflection", to include prayer time, Adoration, and Benediction.

SEDER MEAL- On Sunday, 3/23, everyone is invited to this Seder Meal, which commemorates the Israelites' journey from slavery to Egypt to freedom. More info to come.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION- Throughout the season of Lent, Father Tom is available for Confession, beginning 45 minutes before every Mass, every day, except for 10:30AM Sunday Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- On all Fridays of Lent at 2:15PM & 6:30PM.

LADIES GROUP- Our gatherings are changing! Our meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9:30AM in the church basement.

Sunday Offerings- **Weekends of 3/8 & 3/9**

Loose \$344.02

Envelopes \$10,012.00

Online Giving \$4,070.80

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$1.55

TOTAL COLLECTED- \$14,428.37

- **Operating Budget \$30,782.50**

- Tithe to Diocese \$3,000

Difference= - \$2,462.88

Total Envelopes received- 100

Online Donations- 149

