

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
March 20, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 CANCELED
March 24- Last Day To Order A Yearbook
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
April 13- Dinner Auction
Week of April 15- MAP testing for grades 3-7
April 18- Midterms
1st Grade Field Trip
April 19- PK 3 Doughnuts With Dads
Creative Challenge (4th - 7th)
April 27-Mother/Son Night
April 30-May 4- Fischer's School Uniform Fitting

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.

Registration For The 2024-2025 School Year

The link to register for next school year was emailed out last Friday, 3/15/24. If you have any issues registering please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org). Please also email the school office if you plan on not returning next year (this includes all PK4 students going into Kindergarten not returning). **Please complete the online registration by Tuesday, 4/2/24**. We are purchasing new curriculum for next school year and need a final count of students.

Creative Challenge

The annual OLQP Creative Challenge for grades 4 - 7 will be held on Friday, April 19th. This event will be held here at school and will begin after Mass and end around 2:45. The 4th/5th grades will be competing against each other while the 6th/7th grades will be competing against each other.

The students will be given free dress day on this day. However, keep in mind that we will be attending Mass and the students will be on the floor working on challenges. A morning snack will be provided for the students. Lunch will not be provided. Students can either buy hot lunch or bring a lunch from home on this day. We are in need of parent volunteers to help with the scoring, judging, and supervising of students on this day. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help.

Chess Tournament

Our chess team competed in a tournament over the weekend in which they placed 4th!! We are so proud of the progress these kids have made this year.

Fischer's School Uniforms/Uniform change

See the attached flyer regarding school uniform fittings with Fisher's School Uniforms in St. Charles. Orders placed between April 30th and May 4th will receive a 10% discount.

Uniform change- Beginning next year, girls in 6th grade will be wearing skirts like the 7th and 8th graders do. Kindergarten - 5th grade will continue to wear the plaid jumpers.

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

We unfortunately did not have enough teams sign up for the golf scramble tournament on Saturday, 3/23, so it has been canceled. We will try this again next year in winter since it is an indoor event.

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 went home last week. 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

This year the company is offering online ordering only. Visit: **inter-state.com** and enter code: **83400Z**. **Orders need to be placed before Monday, 3/25/24.**

Fish Fry

Please sign up by going to this link:

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

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 - FINAL Week 6 Rotation - Mar. 22: PreK4, 1, 3, 5, and 7 (1 SERVICE HOUR EARNED)

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

Volunteer - FINAL Week 6 Rotation - Mar. 22: PreK3, K, 2, 4, 6 (1 SERVICE HOUR EARNED PER HOUR WORKED)

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 return them to the school office.

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.

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>

Volleyball

This is the last weekend of the regular volleyball season. Our volunteer athletic directors, who no longer have children in our school, have spent many hours working admissions and concessions for volleyball... often with no help from our parents. Due to their hard work, we have made over \$10,000 this season! This money goes towards updating technology and curriculum for all students. Please help them out and consider working a shift this weekend. It would be a great loss if we were no longer able to host sports because we don't have the necessary help.

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

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.

Field Day Shirts

Students will have a dress down day for Field Day. Field Day shirt order forms are coming home this week. Field day is scheduled for Monday, 5/20/24. Students must follow the dress code guidelines that are in the Student/Parent Handbook. Shorts need to be at appropriate length, and students may not wear tank tops, crop tops, or tops with spaghetti straps. **Hats, sunscreen, and sunglasses** may also be brought to school that day to protect your child from the sun. Please send a full change of clothes for your child to change into afterwards. We are asking for parent volunteers to come help during field day. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) if you are able to help. Start earning service hours for next school year.

Like last year.... The PSA is going to split the cost with parents for the shirts. Shirts sizes YXS-Adult size XL will cost parents \$6.00 & Sizes Adult 2xl and up will cost \$8.00. Please **turn order forms into the office by Friday, 4/19/24.**

Field Day Start Times

Grades K-3rd-9:30AM

Grades 4th-7th- 1:00PM

Space Camp Lunch

Order forms for space camp lunch next week are due by Friday, 3/22 at 9:00AM.

Hot Lunch

Orders for the week we come back from spring break (4/1-4/5) are due no later than **Thursday, 3/21 at 9:00AM**. The April menu went home last week.

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

Dinner Auction News

Only 100 Tickets are left!!!

Tickets are on sale in the school and church office. You can send in your reservation with your child in 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: A themed Holiday Basket. Examples include: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter.....consider putting a basket together to donate. 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>

Madison Communications Teacher of the Year

Madison Communications is now accepting nominations for "Teacher of the Year" again. After nominations, voting will take place for the award. Teachers who win will receive a trophy and \$500 to use in their classrooms. Use the link below to nominate a teacher.

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

Upcoming Servers

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

Saturday 3/30- 7:30PM- Paige & Parker Winship & Ellie Waldo

Sunday 3/31- 8:30AM- Conner & Logan Stutz

10:30AM- Reagan Devries & Josie Hagaman