

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
March 27, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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)
Mom's Club Meeting
- April 27-Mother/Son Night
- April 30-May 4- Fischer's School Uniform Fitting

As we rejoice in the spirit of Easter, may the blessings of this holy season fill your hearts with joy, hope, and renewal. Wishing you all a blessed and joyous Easter filled with peace, happiness, and abundant blessings.

Easter Egg Hunt

Family Life is sponsoring an Easter egg hunt following the 10:30 Mass this weekend. All kids are invited to attend.

Chess

There will be no chess today, Wednesday, March 27th. Enjoy your Easter break!

Educational Review

Every five years, each school in the Diocese goes through an educational review with both the Diocese of Springfield and the state of Illinois. Our date is on Thursday, April 4th. Representatives from the state and the diocese will be in the building to go over our policies and files as well as do classroom observations on this day. This review allows us to remain a fully recognized school in the state of Illinois. We are asking that the kids NOT use a free dress pass this day. We want all students in uniform representing our school.

Registration For The 2024-2025 School Year

The link to register for next school year was emailed out on 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.

After Care Donations

If you have gently used board games that you no longer use, the before and after care program is looking for donations.

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.

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. We are looking for volunteers to co-chair a portion of the event with a member of the parish. We are in need of a co-chair for each of the following: games for the adults, music, cake walk, and beer stand. We need parents to come help plan this fun parish event that has become a major fundraiser for our school. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) for more information or if you would like to help. Start earning service hours for next year.

Mother/Son Night

Send in your Reservations!! 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

Send in your reservations. 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

Fish Fry

The PSA fish fry made a profit of \$21,153.08 this season for the school! We'd like to thank Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Woodiel for their commitment to the event and always going along with all of our "fish fry chaos". We appreciate the school staff, grandparents, parents, students, and parishioners for their volunteer time throughout the dinners.

Thank you to the Thursday night food prep ladies and our Friday weekly core crew who absolutely always come through when help is needed.

A very special thank you goes out to the OLQP KC members. This organization is comprised of many gentleman who donate countless hours of their time for 6 long weeks of food prep, baking, and frying, and ask of nothing in return from the school or parents. Please take the time to thank a member when you see them out and about and be sure to support their excellent cause. This event simply would not happen without their generosity.

Brian Bequette

The PSA is in need of a chairperson to take over the fish fry for the spring of 2025 in order for this fundraiser to continue next year. Contact the school office to sign up.

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#/>

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 Tournament Service Hours

<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.**

Hot Lunch

Orders for the week after spring break (4/8-4/12) are due no later than **Thursday, 4/4 at 9:00AM.** You can find the April menu here.

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

Dinner Auction News

Only 50 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: Gift cards and coupons in the \$2-\$10 range for a game we are playing at the auction. If you have any business or restaurant connections please ask for gift cards or coupons(\$

amount off total bill, free appetizer, free drink... anything you can think of). You can drop them off in the church or school office.

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

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

10:30AM- Reagan Devries & Josie Hagaman

Saturday 4/6 4:30PM-Jack Kruse & Levi Woodiel

Sunday 4/7- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Manny Claxito & Ben Cripps

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ~John 11:25-36