

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
March 6, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6- Volleyball @ Home vs Holy Family 4th/5th @ 6:00 and 6th/7th @ 6:45 CANCELED

March 7- Father-Daughter Dance Meeting

March 8- Stations of the Cross

Fish Fry 4-7

End of 3rd Quarter

March 10- Volleyball @ St Mary's Alton 6th/7th @ 12:00PM

Volleyball @ Home 4th/5th @ 5:10PM

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

Volleyball @ Home vs. Bethalto Gold @ 5:10

March 24- Last Day To Order A Yearbook

Volleyball @ Home 4th/5th @ 5:10PM

March 25- Space Camp Lunch

March 26- Space Camp Lunch

Auction Meeting

Spring Fling Meeting

March 27- Shadow Stations of the Cross

PreK Easter Egg Hunt

Noon Dismissal- Easter Break Begins

March 28-April 2- No School- Easter Vacation

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to spring your clocks forward this weekend and enjoy some extra daylight!! This is also the time that students are allowed to begin wearing shorts to school again. Remember that spandex shorts are not a part of the school uniform and that all shorts must be no shorter than 3" above the knee. This rule applies to free dress days as well.

Canceled

The home volleyball games scheduled tonight (Wednesday, 3/6) have been canceled.

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.

2024-2025 School Year

We are busy preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. You will receive an email when the enrollment packet is ready to be filled out. Our target date is March 15th for this. If your child will not be returning to OLQP next year, please let us know by **March 10th** so we can adequately prepare our curriculum, especially our new reading series, for next school year.

Meetings

Due to an incident that was brought to my attention after a recent meeting, we will no longer be leaving students unsupervised during meetings such as School Board, Auction, Spring Fling, etc. If your children need to attend a meeting with you, they will need to stay in the same room as the meeting and do something quietly.

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 would love for parents to come help plan this fun parish event.

PSA Grip & Sip

Info sheets went home last week. 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. 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 the Shadow Stations of the Cross put on by our upper grade students in the school gym on Wednesday, 3/27 at 11:15AM. 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 out soon.

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

Fish fry dinner season continues this week. The event is held every Friday through March 22 from 4-7pm in the school gym. **We have made a profit of \$10,600 in the first 3 weeks.** We are projecting to break our record of last year. We appreciate all your help and making this a successful fundraiser.

This week they are trying something different... a sign up for students and parents to help volunteer. If it is your class rotation to work this week, please consider donating some time to help.

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

Weekly class assignments will rotate between bringing desserts & helping work the fish fry. There is no oldest child determination. If your family has a child in any of the grades listed, we would sincerely appreciate your help with that particular item.

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 4 Rotation - March 8: 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 - Week 4 Rotation - March 8: 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.

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 11th-15th is due by Thursday, 3/7 at 9AM. See the link below for the menu. <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: If you know someone who has season tickets to the.... Fox, Muny, or any sporting event to donate tickets to the auction.

Sponsor letters and forms can be sent home with your child upon request. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalo.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 will start making the decorations tomorrow Thursday, March 7th in the school gym. Please click the link below to sign up to help.

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

Upcoming Servers

Saturday 3/9- 4:30PM Hudson Hall & Mya Bequette

Sunday 3/10- 8:30AM Ava Toner & Tinsley Busse

10:30AM Aubrey Herbstreit & Kinsey Mitchell

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

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

10:30AM- Jemma Dorsey & Josie Hagaman

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years." ~Genesis 1:14