

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
November 15, 2023

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 15- PSA Meeting  
November 17- PSA Family Fun Night  
November 18- Scouting for Food collection  
                Music Trivia Fundraiser  
November 19- 4th/5th Grade Boys Basketball Game 12pm at St Mary's Suddes Hall  
                4th/5th Grade Girls Basketball Game 5:15PM at OLQP  
November 20-School Board Meeting  
November 22-24- **No School** ( Thanksgiving Break )  
November 27- Auction Meeting  
December 3- Smorgasboard  
December 4- Santa's Kottage Shopping  
                PSA Ugly Sweater Contest  
                Mom's Club Meeting/Christmas Party  
December 9- Breakfast With Santa  
December 15- PK Christmas Program  
December 19- K-8th Grade Christmas Program  
December 20- Class Christmas Parties  
                **Noon Dismissal** ( Christmas Break Begins )

**Hot Lunch**

If your child would like to order Hot Lunch for next week, (11/20-11/24) it is due no later than tomorrow, Thursday 11/16 by 9 AM. Also, **the order for when we come back from break (week of 11/27-12/1) is due no later than Monday, 11/20 at 9AM.** December menus are coming home this week. The November & December menus can be found here.....

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

**Basketball Help Needed This Weekend**

We still need 5 shifts covered on Sunday! Please sign up to work a shift and earn service hours. Our Athletic directors need your help in order for us to continue having a successful season!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-44978145-basketball>

**Aftercare Hours**

There will be no aftercare on Wednesday, December 20th.

**PSA News**

**Next Meeting**

The next PSA meeting is tonight (Wednesday, 11/15) at 6:30PM in the Enrichment Room. Free dress for students whose parents attend will be tomorrow, Thursday 11/16.

### **PSA Family Fun Night-**

The next family night is scheduled for Friday, 11/17 at 6PM. Invitations went home last week . It will be a holiday themed Movie Night. Save the date!! Arrive on time as the PSA Christmas gifts to the kids will be handed out at 6:00PM with a fun game of saran wrap ball. The movie "Elf" is going to start at 6:30PM. RSVP to [cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) so we can have enough food and gifts to pass out that evening.

### **PSA Ugly Sweater Contest**

The ugly sweater contest will be held on Monday, 12/4 during Santa Kottage shopping day. It is \$5.00 to enter. All proceeds will be donated towards the faculty Christmas party. Please send entry fee in an envelope marked " Ugly Sweater Contest" A winner will be chosen for each grade and then a grand prize winner will be selected out of the entire school.

### **Santa Kottage Day**

Monday, 12/4 is shopping day. Students are able to purchase gift items priced from \$1-\$10 for family members. This is a fun fundraiser for the school that the students enjoy. More info will be coming home after Thanksgiving break. We are still needing a few parents/grandparents to volunteer to help wrap the gifts students purchase. Follow the link below to sign up to help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-santa2#/>

### **Auction News**

The next auction meeting is scheduled for Monday, 11/27 at 6PM in the art classroom. Enter through the gym doors. It is our last meeting before the new year. All are invited to attend. We have donation request letters ready to go in the school office. Email the school office if you would like some copies sent home with your child to help send donation requests on behalf of the school for the dinner auction.

### **Water Donations**

We are seeking donations of cases of water to sell during basketball season for the OLQP Concession Stand during games. Families will receive **1 service hour for their donation**. Cases can be dropped off in the school office during school hours.

### **Breakfast With Santa**

We are now taking reservations for Breakfast With Santa. This is a fundraiser for the upper grades towards Space Camp. Breakfast is Saturday, 12/9 from 9AM-10:30AM. The cost is \$10 per child or \$25 per family. The cost includes breakfast, a craft, and a picture with Santa. Email [KKnight@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:KKnight@olqpbethalto.org) to reserve your spot.

### **Letters To Santa**

Mom's Club is sponsoring "Letters To Santa" again this year! We are once again bringing out our North Pole mailboxes for students to write a letter to Santa. We will have a red mailbox outside of the school office and another red mailbox will be placed in the back of the church. Please make sure your

child includes a self-addressed stamped envelope with their letter so the mom "elves" can write your child back. A flyer will be coming home this week with more info. Letters will be mailed back to students the week of 12/4/23. Please make sure your child's letter to Santa is placed in the North Pole Mailbox by 12/4/23 at 3:00PM to get a letter back.

### **Mom's Club**

Mom's Club is seeking donations of items for their Christmas tree they are decorating for Christmas Wonderland at Rotary Park in Alton. The Christmas tree will be on display from 11/23-12/27. Vehicles will be given a ballot and can vote for their favorite tree. They are collecting any Disney themed ornaments/stuffed animals/signs... anything Disney you would like to part with as you may not get them back because the tree is outdoors and items could be destroyed or blown away. Please drop off donations in the school office. The purpose of doing this is to showcase OLQP in the community and to help spread Christmas cheer from OLQP. They will be decorating the tree this Saturday, 11/18 at 10:00AM.

Mom's Club is also having their next meeting on Monday, 12/4 in the Art Room at 6:00PM. Santa's elves will be busy writing letters to all the kids that dropped letters to Santa in the North Pole Mailboxes. We will also be celebrating Christmas together. Bring your favorite Appetizer food and drinks. We will also have a gift exchange that evening. It is a bring your "favorite bottle" themed gift exchange with a \$10 spending limit.

### **Smorgasbord & Bazaar**

OLQP's 61st Annual Smorgasbord & Bazaar is Sunday, December 3, 2023. Dinner is served in the school gym from 11AM- 3:00PM. Dinner includes the famous Knights fried chicken, turkey & dressing, pigs in the blanket, mashed potatoes, vegetables, tossed salad, and desserts. Adults are \$15, children 10 & under are \$5.00, and children under 5 years of age are free. Carry-outs available. There will be a cash-raffle & craft raffle tickets available to purchase the day of as well.

### **Nut Sale**

The upper grade students are once again selling pecans and walnuts to raise money for various activities sponsored by the Civic Club and to earn money for their trip to Space Camp. Please contact any upper grade student or the school office at 618-377-6401 to place an order. Pecan halves and pieces are \$14 and walnuts are \$13.

### **Scouting for Food Help Needed - Please Read!**

The local Boy Scouts are preparing for their annual Scouting for Food Drive. They have requested help from various community organizations to pull this off this year. This is a great opportunity for students and parents of OLQP to help out the surrounding community. Plastic bags are distributed to each house across Bethalto/Moro/Cottage Hills, and then residents fill the bags with canned goods. The full bags are then recollected and the canned goods are given to needy families in the area during the upcoming holiday seasons. Whatever items are left over are then given to our food pantry here at OLQP. So many people benefit from this event. We will meet in the Zion Lutheran parking lot at 8:30 AM on November 18th to begin collecting the bags. **Mrs. Knight has agreed that student service hours will be given to any OLQP student that participates.** Please contact Luke

Kistner (618.558.2689) to sign up. This event really does make a difference in our community, and we need your help to make it successful.

### **Music Trivia**

Tables are filling up fast! There is still time to reserve a table before the price goes up. OLQP's annual Music Trivia Night is Saturday, 11/18. Contact Katie Barnard ( 618-520-8228 ) if you would like to help work and earn service hours before trivia starts and in between rounds.

### **Shoes**

Please make sure your child is wearing non-marking shoes to school. Many black sole shoes leave marks all over the floors. Students who do not wear non-marking shoes will not be allowed to participate in PE and will work on a written report as stated in the parent/student handbook. Crocs are also not allowed at school on any day.

### **Upcoming Servers**

Saturday 11/18- Reid Bouillion & Josie Hagaman

Sunday 11/19- 8:30AM- Adults of the Church

10:30AM- Ben Cripps & Julian Certa

Saturday 11/25- May Bequette & Levi Woodiel

Sunday 11/26- 8:30AM- Kellan Schwab & Layla Schwab

10:30AM- Reagan Devries & Josie Buhs

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."*