

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
November 21, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 22-24- **No School** (Thanksgiving Break)
November 27- Auction Meeting
December 3- Smorgasboard
4th/5th Boys Basketball Game
4th/5th Girls Basketball Game
December 4- Santa's Kottage Shopping
PSA Ugly Sweater Contest
Mom's Club Meeting/Christmas Party
December 6- 4th/5th Boys Basketball Game
4th/5th Girls Basketball Game
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)

I am thankful for so many things in my life including OLQP students, parents, faculty/staff and parishioners. I am blessed to be a part of the OLQP family. Enjoy the Thanksgiving break, and we will see our students back here on Monday!!!

K-8 Christmas Program

The Kindergarten-8th grade Christmas program will be held in the gym on Tuesday, December 19th. We will have a performance at 1:30 and again at 6:30. Students are required to attend both performances and should wear dressier type clothing- no jeans unless otherwise directed by Mrs. Wiggernhorn. Doors will open for parents/families to enter the gym at 1:00 for the afternoon performance. Doors will open at 6:00 for the evening performance and students need to be in the classroom by 6:15. Students should leave their coats with their parents as they will not be going back to their classroom after the performance.

Hot Lunch

December menus went home last week. The November & December menus can be found here.....
<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu.cfm>

Basketball Help Needed

Shifts are still open on Wednesday, 12/6 & Sunday, 12/10. Please sign up to work a shift and earn some service hours. Our Athletic Directors need your help in order for us to continue having a

successful season! The money made during sports goes directly to the school and is used for daily needs as well as curriculum and technology updates.

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

Aftercare Hours

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

PSA News

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. Prizes will be awarded.

Santa Kottage Day

Monday, 12/4 is shopping day. Students are able to purchase gift items priced from \$1.50-\$9 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. **Please have reservations in by Wednesday, December 6th so we have an accurate number for shopping.** 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 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 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.

Christmas Wonderland

Mom's club has decorated a tree for OLQP in Alton's "Christmas Wonderland" light display in Rock Springs Park. Please vote for OLQP's tree if you drive through the light display. You will be handed a ballot at the entrance and they will collect the ballot at the exit of the light display. OLQP is tree number 4. The light display is open from 11/24-12/27/23. Cash prizes will be awarded for trees ranking in 1st-3rd place. The cost to see the lights is free; however, a donation is requested.

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. We are wrapping up this sale. **Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you would still like to purchase pecans or walnuts.**

Music Trivia

Thanks to all who organized, ran, and participated in music trivia this past weekend. We raised \$4,112. It would not have been as successful as it was without the help of everyone. We truly have wonderful families at OLQP who are willing to do whatever it takes for the kids.

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 11/25- May Bequette & Levi Woodiel

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

10:30AM- Reagan Devries & Josie Buhs

Saturday 12/2- 4:30PM Tinsley Busse & Jack Kruse

Sunday 12/3- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Jemma Dorsey & Peyton Sawyer