

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
November 29, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 29- Chess Club

December 3- Smorgasbord

4th/5th Boys Basketball Game (St. Mary's Suddes Hall)

4th/5th Girls Basketball Game (St. Mary's Middle School)

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)

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child is bringing a water bottle to school that is spill proof. We have been having a lot of spills lately. Bottles with straws do not work well at school.

Recess

Please make sure your child comes to school with coats, hats, and gloves. We will be going outside for lunch recess even if it is just for a few minutes.

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.

Closing for Weather

In preparation for winter weather, I wanted to let everyone know that, as in the past, we will follow the Bethalto School District if they cancel due to snow and hazardous road conditions. We will NOT cancel school if they close due to cold weather. If school is canceled, you will receive a text message and email through the FACTS system and it will also be posted on social media as well as Fox 2 News.

Note: When school is cancelled due to weather conditions, all evening events at our school are also cancelled. This is for insurance/liability reasons. This includes practices, games, meeting, or anything else that is scheduled for the evening on those days.

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.

Christmas Parties

Classroom parties will take place in the morning of Wednesday, December 20th. You will be hearing from your child's teacher regarding the classroom parties.

Father Tom's Gift

We would like to collect \$5.00 per family (or whatever you would like to give) for a gift to Father Tom from the students of the school! Please send this to the office no later than Monday, December 18th and we will present it to him at the Christmas program on Tuesday, December 19th. Thank you!

Christmas Spirit Days

Christmas spirit week will begin on Wednesday, 12/13.

Wednesday 12/13- "Night Before Christmas" Christmas Pajama Day

Thursday 12/14- "Holiday Headgear" Wear a Christmas Hat or Headband

Friday 12/15- "Tinsel Toes" Wear Christmas Socks with School Uniform (Church day)

Monday 12/18- "Santa's Workshop Helper" Dress like you work in Santa's Workshop (Santa, Elf, Reindeer, Toy, Christmas Tree....)

Tuesday 12/19- "Merry & Bright" Wear Red, Green & White- Appropriate attire for the Christmas Program at 1:30

Wednesday 12/20- "Christmas Cheer" Wear Your Favorite Christmas Shirt

Upper Grade Raffle for Needy Families

The upper grades are once again sponsoring a raffle to raise money to give to Father Tom to help needy families. Tickets are \$0.25 and will be on sale beginning Thursday, December 7th during lunch. The last day for tickets is Tuesday, 12/19. The winners will be drawn in the afternoon that day. Items being raffled will be listed in next week's letter.

Educational Fair Projects

Each year students in Kindergarten-8th grade complete projects that will be on display during Catholic Schools Week the last week of January. Your child's teacher will be sending home information about these projects by the end of next week.

Hot Lunch

If you would like to order lunch for the week of 12/4-12/8, orders are due no later than Thursday, 11/30 at 9 AM. The December menu 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 information will be coming home today or tomorrow. 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

Tickets will be on sale soon for this year's Dinner Auction on Saturday, 4/13/24.

The auction committee has been busy planning all the fun for the evening. The evening will be called "OLQP Gameshow Showdown Dinner Auction". You will not want to miss your chance to live your dream of being a contestant in your favorite game show. You will be able to spin the "Price is Right" wheel and will also be able to purchase a chance to participate in "Let's Make A Deal" to select a door for a prize. We have many more fun surprises planned for the evening as well.

We are needing 2 people to chair events still at the dinner auction. We need a chair to run the 50/50 drawing during the auction and then a chair to organize the needs for our VIP tables sold. If you are able to help, please call the school office (618-377-6401) or email (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)

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.

Upcoming Servers

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

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

10:30AM- Jemma Dorsey & Peyton Sawyer

Saturday 12/9- 4:30PM- Ellie and Lucy Colley

Sunday 12/10- 8:30 AM- Carson and Ellie Williams

10:30 AM- Manny Calixto & Jace Certa

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." ~ John 3:16