

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
November 5, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 5th- Preschool Hearing & Vision Checks
Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 6th- **NOON DISMISSAL**
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- November 7th- **NO SCHOOL**
- November 8th- Chicken & Beer Dance
- November 10th- PSA Free Dress Pass Fundraiser Begins
- November 11th- Veterans Day Assembly
NOON DISMISSAL
- November 12th- Papa John's Pizza Day
- November 13th- 7th Graders Readers Theater
- November 18th- PSA Meeting
- November 20th- Midterms
- November 21st- PSA Family Fun Night
- November 24th- Picture Retakes
School Board Meeting
- November 26-28th- Thanksgiving Break
- November 29th- Panda Express Fundraiser
- December 1st-Classes Resume
- December 4th- Auction Meeting
- December 7th- Church Smorgasbord
- December 8th- Mom's Club Christmas Party
- December 10th- Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest
Santa Kottage Shopping Day
- December 12th- Preschool Christmas Program
- December 13th- Breakfast With Santa
- December 18th- K-8th Christmas Program
- December 19th- Classroom Christmas Parties
Noon Dismissal- Christmas Break Begins
- January 6th- Class Resume

Harvest Nights, November Hot Lunch, Green schools, PSA Family Fun Night, auction letter, Cookbook order, pumpkin purge, ugly sweater, letters to santa

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 6th from 4-7 PM and then on Thursday, November 7th from 1-3 PM and 4-7 PM. We ask that you meet with your student's teacher

to see how they are doing. The MAP testing results will be shared with parents of 3rd-7th graders. Parents of upper grade students, we ask that you see your child's homeroom teacher at a minimum.

BASKETBALL SEASON

Here is the sign up volunteer link to help at basketball games at the admission table and concession stand. We ask that all parents of basketball players volunteer for a shift or 2. Our athletic directors are just volunteers and they need help to make this season a success. All proceeds made directly benefit our students here at OLQP and help to make security and curriculum updates. You may also sign up if you are a non-basketball parent just to get your service hours in.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-59477717-basketball>

SWEATSHIRT ORDERS

OLQP sweatshirt orders were delivered today (Wednesday, 11/5) and coming home in backpacks.

COMMUNITY HOPE CENTER CHRISTMAS DRIVE

The Community Hope Center is looking for donations of new, unwrapped toys for needy children for Christmas. Donation cans can be found in both the school and church lobbies. Donations are due by Sunday, December 7th.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE

The Marths are looking to purchase a new kids Catholic Bible and thought this one looked like a great choice. There is a discount for more that are purchased so just curious if anyone else was currently looking. If so, take a look and send Julz Marth (618-806-7470) a message! I'll place an order 11/18 for whomever I hear from by then if interested. It won't let me link it here, but search **"The Story of All Stories"** to look at the bible.

COOKBOOK SALE

We placed an order for our cookbooks based on the presale number. We have a limited number of extra left to claim. Please turn in your order as soon as possible to make sure you get a copy. It is filled with almost 300 recipes and has the history of the school and church in it as well. Cookbooks are \$12 each. See attached order form.

MISSION CARNIVAL

We raised \$855.00 for the Missionary Childhood Association. Thank you to all who came and helped and enjoyed the various activities.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

The OLQP Civics Club is once again sponsoring a Veterans Day Thank You program. It will be held on Tuesday, November 11 in the school gym. Veterans and their guests are asked to arrive by 9:15AM for a 9:30AM start time. If you know a veteran you would like to invite (who hasn't attended before), please call the school office to add them to our list.

OLQP TRUCKER HATS

We are taking a preorder of Knight trucker hats. Please email the school office if you would like to order one (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) and we will add you to the list. Please specify if you would like Adult or Youth Size. They will be \$25 each. These will make great Christmas gifts and will be great to wear to all the OLQP sporting events. Any proceeds (depending on how many order them) will be put towards the new roof fundraising account.



SCRIP NOTES

The church office has a limited number of \$100 Kohl's cards that can be used to pay off your Kohl's charge cards. Remember..... families can earn 80% of the rebate amount back and the money can be used to purchase more SCRIP gift cards, money off tuition, or towards your before/after care bill. See the church office for more details.

GREEN SCHOOLS

Keep bringing in items for recycling! We currently have 84.5 pounds of soft plastic and three large trash bags of bottle caps! Keep up the good work!

Upcoming Green School Projects:

- Save your pumpkins! There will be a truck up here from November 1st - November 7th. Please take a picture of your child putting their pumpkins in the truck and send the picture along with your child's name, school and one sentence explaining why you like to compost to lrogers@madisoncountil.gov. The Green Team Leaders will then take the pumpkins to Willoughby Farm to be composted. **SEE THE ATTACHED FILE FOR THE PUMPKIN PURGE CONTEST.**
- Please save Orbit gum containers and send them to the office for our December project.
- Kindergarten - 7th graders will be doing an upcycle project using tires. We need parent help with this project. (Check out Pinterest for ideas on upcycling tires.) Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to help out with this project. Items made can be sold to help raise money for our "Buddy Bench."
- November-January we will be collecting Christmas lights. Working or not, we want them all!

You may send these items to the school as you collect them. Please make sure the containers and lids are clean. Thanks



HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch this year will be \$3.00/meal and include milk. Ordering can be done by sending in the dates your child wants to order and the payment in a marked envelope labeled "Lunch Order" with your child to school. Orders can be done for an entire month at a time or every week. Example: The order for the week of 11/10-11/14 will be due on Thursday, 11/6 by 9am.

PSA FAMILY FUN NIGHT-CHRISTMAS

Join us for Movie Night to get us in the Christmas spirit on Friday 11/21/25 from 5:45-8PM. Each kid will receive a Christmas gift from the PSA, 2 slices of cheese pizza, mac n cheese cup, and an ice cream sundae. The famous OLQP saran wrap game begins (Christmas gifts will be given out) at 5:45PM with the movie Home Alone starting immediately after. Wear your favorite Christmas pajamas and bring blankets and pillows to watch the movie. Please RSVP to the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) by Wednesday, 11/19/25 if your family plans to attend (so we can have enough gifts & food).

LETTERS TO SANTA

Mom's Club is once again sponsoring "Letters To Santa". Have your child write a letter to Santa and drop it in the North Pole mailboxes either in the school lobby or in the back of the church. Include with the letter a self addressed stamped envelope. Santa's Elves (Mom's Club) will write your child back the week of 12/9. See the attached flyer below for more details.

MOM'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us in the Enrichment Room for the Mom's Club Christmas Party on Monday 12/8 starting at 6pm. Bring your favorite appetizers and drinks to share and 3 items of your favorite things (valued at \$5.00 each or less). We will have a favorite things gift exchange along with writing Santa letters back to kids. All Mom's are welcome and invited to attend.

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

PSA will be sponsoring the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest once again this year. The cost to enter or wear Christmas free dress is \$5.00 per child. There will be a prize awarded to ugliest sweater in each

class and then a grand prize to the ugliest sweater in the entire school. Money will be given to Mrs. Knight for the Faculty Christmas Party to buy food. The contest will be the day of Santa Kottage gift shopping which is Wednesday, 12/10.

DINNER AUCTION NEWS

We have finalized the theme, menu, & fun activities for the evening. Save the date of 2/14/26. The theme is "Love & Luck", an upscale casino themed date night. The menu will include..... Flank Steak with Cowboy Butter & Chimichurri Sauce on the side, Parmesan Chicken, Salad, Garlic Roasted Mashed Potatoes, Baked Ziti, Green Bean Casserole, & Broccoli with Cheese Sauce. Beer, Wine & Seltzer's are included with your ticket. Tickets will be on sale in a couple of weeks. We will offer 4 VIP tables for \$500 each. These will seat 8 and will give you the opportunity to have first in line for food, skip the line at the bar, and enjoy appetizers and desserts. You will also be able to arrive 1 hour early to check in and have time to look at the auction items and the fun games. Tickets are \$40/person & \$320 for a reserved table of 8. After 1/9/6, tickets will go up in price to \$50/person or \$400 for a table of 8 so claim your tickets early to the most fun date night of the year.

We will have Human Slot Machines & the Knight Queen of Hearts game happening during the event along with our usual 50/50 drawing and selling of playing cards and free dress passes.

If you are interested in helping out the decorating committee, reach out to Alyssa Spa or Sonya Hagaman.

Join our Facebook event page for the dinner auction to stay up to date on all the fun auction news! See the link below to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BKgiQNsh/>

- **WEEKLY DINNER AUCTION CHALLENGE**

Ask your employer to donate an item or to be a sponsor. Attached below is the official donation request letter and sponsor form. If you would like us to send paper copies home of the donation request letter.... Please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) . If 50% of the school parents could get their place of work to be a sponsor or donate an item we would have a great start for fundraising.

- **DINNER AUCTION HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for some CHAIRS:Chairs will receive all 20 family service hours needed.

VIP CHAIR- responsible for getting appetizers and desserts donated/delivered to tables before 4:30PM. Make sure each table has what they need and knows that they can skip the line at the bar with their wristbands we provide.

SMALL BUSINESS DONATION COORDINATOR- We are seeking an individual that will collect business cards from various local businesses that offer vendor sales so we can solicit for donations with the OLQP official donation request letter we provide. We are also hoping to get crafters/vendors info from craft fairs coming up so we can request donations as well (Bethalto, Edwardsville, Alton).

If you are able to help with either, please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) and let us know.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Below are a few service hour opportunities. Reminder that each family is required to complete 20 service hours in PK4-8th. PK3 requires 10 hours per year. Completed hours are due by 4/30/26. Use the service hour log record sheet in your welcome packet to keep track of your service hours over the school year.

HARVEST KNIGHTS CHICKEN AND BEER DANCE-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-58217171-harvest>

SANTA KOTTAGE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-57720902-santa>

SHARE THE WORD- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-58070147-share>

BASKETBALL CONCESSION/ADMISSION HELP-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-59477717-basketball>

DONATION- Donate a case of water to the OLQP Basketball concession stand and your family will receive 1 service hour.

SCRIP FOR CHRISTMAS

It's not too early to begin thinking about your SCRIP order for Christmas!!! The church office keeps gift cards for approximately 45 retailers in stock, with hundreds more available to order from the www.raiseright.com website. They order weekly, and should have no problems in getting your orders in before Christmas is upon us. Just visit the above website to see all of the retailers who participate. If you set up an account, you can also place an order directly on the website. To do this, you will need this enrollment code: FF1ECBD61859 Questions, just give the parish office a call, 618-377-6519. The church keeps 20% of the rebate back and gives 80% of the money back to school families. This amount can be used to pay off tuition, pay your caring hands bill, or to order more SCRIP.

BASKETBALL GAMES WEEK 11/8-11/9

4TH Boys- Sunday, 11/9/25 3:00PM @ St Mary's Alton

4TH Girls- NO GAMES

5TH Boys- Sunday, 11/9/25 4:00PM @ St Mary's Alton

5TH Girls- NO GAMES

7TH Grade- Saturday, 11/8/25 10:00AM @ St Ambrose

*Coaches will notify teams if game time changes

UPCOMING MASS SERVERS

Saturday 11/8- 4:30PM- Tinsley busse and Camryn Friedel

Sunday 11/9- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Layne Frisch and Ellie Waldo

Saturday 11/15- 4:30PM- Reid and Ryder Bouillon

Sunday 11/16- 8:30AM- Conner and Logan Stutz

10:30AM- Lucy and Lilly Colley

CHURCH NEWS

OCIA (Formally RCIA) Classes Began, 9/3/25- The OCIA is the process established for individuals to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Contact the church office if you are wanting to sign up for this.

Rosary Leaders- The church is in desperate need of Rosary leaders for the 4:30PM Mass. With enough leaders you should only need to lead once a month to every 6 weeks. All that is required is for you to arrive at church at 4pm the day you are scheduled and lead the Rosary right from your pew. Contact the church office to sign up (618-377-6401).

Card Game Bingo- CARDS fundraiser will be taking a break until 2026. The next one is Friday, 1/23/26

Bible Study Group- Join in on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month for bible study. 9:30-10:30AM. Next date is 11/12/25

Community 55 Lunch- The next luncheon will take place on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 11:30 a.m. at Decaro's in Alton. Please join in the fun and fellowship. R.S.V.P. to Kris Magee or sign up on the OLQP Facebook page by Tuesday, November 11. If you need directions or would like to share a ride, please contact Kris.

Sunday Offerings

Weekend Of: 10/18/25-10/19/25

	This Week	Total To Date
Loose	\$644.00	\$8,119.18
Envelopes	\$9,020.00	\$155,484.28
Online Giving	\$2,844.58	\$52,902.51
Total	\$12,508.58	\$216,505.97
Operating Budget	\$15,937.15	\$254,994.40

Tithe to Diocese	\$1,500.00	\$24,000.00
Difference	- \$4,928.57	- \$62,488.43

Total Envelopes : 102

Online Donations: 30

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

~Ephesians 4:32