

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
November 8, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11- Scouting for Food
November 12- 4th/5th Boys Basketball Game 5:00PM @ St Mary's Suddes Hall
 4th/5th Girls Basketball Game 5:15PM at OLQP
November 13- Picture Retakes
 4th/5th Boys Basketball Game 6:30PM @ St Paul's Highland
 4th/5th Girls Basketball Game 7:30PM @ St Paul's Highland
November 15- PSA Meeting
November 17- PSA Family Fun Night
November 18- Scouting for Food collection
 Music Trivia Fundraiser
November 20-School Board Meeting
November 22- No School (Thanksgiving Break Begins)
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)

Shorts

November 2nd was the last day to wear shorts to school until March 11th. This includes free dress days. Also, be mindful of the shoes your child is wearing. We have a lot of black marks throughout the school. Shoes should be non-marking soles. Crocs and combat style boots are not a part of the dress code.

Basketball Help Needed This Weekend

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

Picture Retake Day

Retake Picture Day is Monday, 11/13/2023. If you're satisfied with your child's picture, no further action is required for this day. Students can wear Free Dress if they are getting their picture taken.

If you purchased and were unhappy with your Picture Package, please send your Picture Package to school with your student on Retake Day. Your Retake Picture Package will be produced and shipped to the school four weeks after Retake Day. *Please note, if your child is photographed on the original and Retake Picture Days, the Retake picture will replace the original picture in certain products, like the yearbook.*

Students who were absent for Picture Day should come to school prepared to have their picture taken. If you have not preordered, please use the Retake Order Code 78660HF to place your order at <https://inter-state.com/Order>. To see your Order History, check your [Inter-State Account](#). Find answers to Retake Day questions [here](#).

PSA News

Butter Braid Sales

The delivery date for sold items is Monday, 11/13 at dismissal time by the Enrichment Room door. Make sure you plan on picking up your sold items as the school does not have enough freezer storage to hold orders. Thank you to all who made this a successful fundraiser for the school. We made \$4327.60 in profit from sales.

Next Meeting

The next PSA meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, 11/15 at 6:30PM in the Enrichment Room.

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 so we can have enough food and gifts to pass out that evening.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

OLQP raised \$220 from our Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser Monday night. We had a total of \$2,020 in sales attached to flyers that were brought in. We made a \$40 profit from the 50/50 drawing. The winner drawn was Ed Brown. Thank you for your continuous support of our students/school.

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 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.

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 will be selling nuts after all Masses this weekend and need students in 5th-8th grades to help. Contact Mrs. Knight and let her know what Mass your child will be able to help at.

Veterans Day Program

The OLQP Civics Club is once again sponsoring a Veterans Day Thank You program. It will be held on Friday, November 10 in the school gym. Veterans and their guests are asked to arrive by 9:30 AM. 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.

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 to distribute the bags across town on November 11th starting at 8:30am. The bags will be collected on November 18th, again starting at 8:30am in Zion's parking lot. **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.

Hot Lunch

If your child would like to order Hot Lunch for next week, (11/13-11/17) it is due no later than tomorrow, Thursday 11/9 by 9 AM. The November menu can be found here.....

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

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 11/11- Ellie Colley & Lucy Colley

Sunday 11/12- 8:30AM- Conner Stutz & Logan Stutz

10:30AM- Hudson Hall & Regan Devries

Saturday 11/18- Reid Bouillion & Josie Hagaman

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

10:30AM- Ben Cripps & Julian Certa

December/January server schedules were sent home this week.

"The Lord gives strength to his people, and the Lord blesses his people with peace." Psalm 29:11