

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
October 1, 2025

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October 1st- Dominos Pizza Slice Card Fundraiser Begins
- October 2nd- Parish Dinner Auction Meeting @ 6PM
- October 6th- School Board Meeting
- October 8th- Mission Mass In Springfield For 2nd Grade  
Papa John's Pizza Day
- October 9th- OLQP Sweatshirt Orders Due
- October 10th- **12:00PM Dismissal**  
Mom's Club Doughnuts & Coffee Order Forms Due
- October 13th- **NO SCHOOL**
- October 15th- Dominos Pizza Slice Card Fundraiser Ends
- October 16th- Kindergarten Field Trip
- October 17th- Mom's Club Krispy Kreme & Coffee Fundraiser  
Upper Grade Bowling Night
- October 20th- Panera Alton Dine To Donate Fundraiser
- October 21st- Report Cards
- October 24th- Trunk Or Treat
- October 25th- Panda Express Fundraiser
- October 27th-31st- Red Ribbon Week
- October 31st- Mission Carnival-Free Dress/Costumes In Afternoon

Chicken Dance, cookbook, October Hot Lunch, Green schools, You have been clucked, Trunk or Treat, Bowling, Mom's club coffee & doughnuts, Recycling Poster Contest, Red Ribbon Week, Lady Eagles Basketball, sweatshirts, prettiest pie

**LAST CALL FOR OLQP SHIRTS**

Alyssa Spa still needs more OLQP shirts to make a quilt for the Chicken and Beer Dance. Please send all shirts to the school office or to Alyssa. They can be any size and any condition...even old uniforms! Call Alyssa at 618-409-2808 with any questions.

**OLQP SWEATSHIRT ORDERS**

Order forms went home for this year's design last week. Order forms are due by Thursday, 10/9. Eleventeen Designs will not accept late orders this year. Students can wear these with their uniform daily if they like. They still need to wear a polo shirt underneath. You may also wear designs from past years as well.

**ANNUAL NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

"Our Lady Queen of Peace School admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic

origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35/."

### **DOMINOS PIZZA SLICE FUNDRAISER CARD**

The fall PSA fundraiser begins today (10/1). Each family has a goal to sell 10 cards. Paper forms are coming home today. There is a website on the form along with a QR code to set up your child's online sales platform. If people purchase online from your child... they will have a shipping fee but cards will ship immediately. Paper order form cards will be received back at the school within 2 weeks of the fundraising ending and will be sent home with your child. Dominos is giving the kids great prizes. Please register them for the prize choices they want from each category as well. If your child sells 100 cards.... They get a \$50 gift card of their choice. Please contact the school office with any questions.

## How to Earn Free Cards

- For every 15 cards that you sell you will receive 1 **CARD FREE!** Sell 45 cards and get 3 **CARDS FREE!**
- The number of free cards that you will receive is determined by the number of cards you sell online as well as on your order form!
- Your free card(s) will be delivered back to you after the fundraiser has concluded with the cards you sold via order form!
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## Register to be eligible to win up to two \$50 gift cards of your choice!



- In each of the first two weeks of your fundraiser if your group sells at least 100 cards (that week) the top registered seller (that week) **who has registered [here](#) and picked their prizes** wins a \$50 gift card of their choice from **[a wide selection available through Tango Card.](#)**

- Week 1 is 10/1/25 at 12:00 am to 10/7/25 at 11:59 pm (U.S. Eastern time zone)
- Week 2 is 10/8/25 at 12:00 am to 10/14/25 at 11:59 pm (U.S. Eastern time zone)
- **This contest only applies to online card sales by those who have registered [here](#) to pick a prize before the week of the contest ends.** If there are any ties, the \$50 gift card will be evenly distributed between the winners, and they will receive a digital reward link to choose their preferred gift card.

**We are looking for volunteers to sell cards after Mass for the weekends of 10/4 & 10/11.** These can count towards your family goal, you will get service hours for them, and if your child sells 15 cards in total your family will receive a slice card for free to keep. See the attached sign up to grab a spot to sell at the end of mass. We need 3 families per mass to cover the 3 doors. These cards will be mailed to the school and we will take them out of your total packet and get them to the parishioners that order them.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-58955555-pizza>

### **LOCKDOWN DRILL**

Students did a wonderful job listening to their teachers during this drill. They were quiet and out of sight. Officer McLaughlin was impressed.

### **GLOW BINGO**

Thank you to all who played bingo or sponsored a round last week. A great time was had by all, and we made \$3,477.00 to send students to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama next year.

### **GREEN SCHOOLS POSTER CONTEST**

The theme of this year's contest is "Let's Recycle Together". Posters (along with permission entry form) are due in the office by Tuesday, 10/7/25 so we can get them turned into Madison County. Your child can win a \$75-\$25 gift card based on the place they win in each age category. See the attachments below for more information and how they will judge the contest.

### **GREEN SCHOOLS**

See the list attached for all items we are recycling. We currently have 53 pounds of soft plastic.

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



## **COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER FOR NEW ROOF**

**Still Time to Send In Recipes!** We are working on the extra pages to add right now. Congrats to the second grade class for winning the art contest. Their class project will be featured on a page in the cookbook. The school is creating a custom parish cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our parish. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be a treasured keepsake for us all. Money raised will be used toward a new roof for the school that is needed in the near future. We are hoping to raise \$7,000 from this fundraiser but we need YOU to participate by submitting recipes and then purchasing cookbooks for your family and friends.

### **Recipe Writing Tips:**

- When adding recipes, review the "Tips" and use standard abbreviations.
- Only enter 1 ingredient per ingredient line.
- List ingredients in order of use in the ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., (16-oz.) pkg., (24-oz.) can.
- Write directions in paragraph form, not in steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
- Additional comments about the recipe (history, nutritional data, suggested uses, etc.) are not allowed unless a "Recipe Note" field is visible. Enter extra recipe content in that field.

## **COOKBOOK SPONSORS**

**We are still looking for individuals/businesses who would like to advertise/sponsor a page in the cookbook.** If you know of a business who might like to advertise in our book please reach out to them. Prices are shown below. It would be great to have some families go in together or even a class to make an advertisement in the book. The more advertisements we sell the more profit we can

make from the fundraiser. Contact the school office for info and a form for the sponsor to fill out([cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)). Your donation is tax deductible.

Full Page-\$100

1/2 Page- \$60

1/3 Page-\$40

1/4 Page-\$30

1/6 Page-\$25

Patron-\$15

### **Krispy Kreme Doughnut/Coffee Fundraiser**

Mom's Club is hosting a coffee & doughnuts fundraiser to raise funds to adopt a needy family for Christmas and for parish/community outreach projects. We will be taking preorders for coffee made by Rosewood Cafe in East Alton and fresh Krispy Kreme doughnuts by the dozen at morning drop off the morning of Friday 10/17. Order for your entire family or take to work for everyone. Please see the flyer and order forms sent home and they are attached below. Coffee is served cold in 16oz bottles and made fresh right before delivery to the school. We are also taking individual doughnut orders for parents to order a doughnut to be delivered to their child at snack time on Friday, 10/17. The picture below shows how the coffee will come. They are allowing us to have 4 flavors available and you can select yours with a dairy free option as well. The flavors are- Vanilla Latte, Caramel White Mocha Latte, Banana Nut Bread Latte, and Pumpkin Pie Latte. Please email the school office with any questions ([cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)).



### **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 10/6-10/10 will be due on Thursday, 10/2 by 9am.

### **BETHALTO HOMECOMING PARADE**

We are looking for walkers for the OLQP float to hand out candy during the homecoming parade on Friday, 10/10. If your child would like to participate a guardian must come along to supervise your

child. Email the school office ([cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) to be added to the list and a permission slip will be sent home to sign.

We are also looking for candy donations (candy that will not melt). You can earn 1 service hour for \$20 worth of candy donated.

### **MATERIALS NEEDED FOR PARADE FLOAT**

We are in need of a lot of newspaper and/or paper bags for our float for the Bethalto homecoming parade next week. Please send whatever you can to the school office as soon as possible. We also need more candy! Thank you for always supporting OLQP.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

Reserve your table or spot to pass out candy OR a reservation for your children to collect candy. See attached flyer for more info. This year since Mission Carnival lands on Halloween... we are moving Trunk Or Treat to the Friday before (10/24).

### **PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**

Once again, we will be doing our annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. It is free to enter. You only have to provide your decorated pumpkin. You may use whatever you like to decorate it or even carve it. Please fill out the permission slip that was sent home and also attached below so we can make a spot for your child's pumpkin to be on display. Permission slips are due by Friday, 10/24/25. The pumpkin with the most votes in each category wins a gift card. Pumpkins need to be dropped off by 8:30AM on Friday, 10/31. Voting begins right at 8:30AM.

### **UPPER GRADE BOWLING NIGHT**

We will be having an upper grade bowling night on Friday, October 17th at Bowl Haven in Alton. Reservations are due to the school office no later than Friday, October 10th. See the attached flyer for more information. Parents can drop their children off and come back by 8PM to pick them up. This is a fun evening planned for our older students to have fun together.

### **MOM'S CLUB BETHALTO CHRISTMAS WALK CHRISTMAS TREE**

Mom's Club is looking for donated decorations to fit the theme of "Candy Land" for our tree we are decorating for the Christmas Village at Bethalto. This year our tree is made of wood and will have electricity for lights. Any & all donations (especially if it fits the theme) are greatly appreciated. We need the decorations by 10/14 to start working on the tree. We have to submit our tree by 11/7/25.

### **HARVEST KNIGHTS CHICKEN & BEER DANCE**

The inaugural 2025 Harvest Knights Chicken & Beer Dance is on Saturday, 11/8. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased in the school office or online following the link listed.

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/Jpp/>

Tickets include: Moonlight chicken, drinks, dancing, and access to live auction items and raffle baskets. All proceeds go directly to the school. The Gusto will be the band playing for the evening. If you have any questions about the evening, please reach out to one of the chair members (Calvin & Craig Soong-Wilson, Augie & Alissa Diericx, Chris & Brook Stutz, Johnny & Caitlin Stutz).

The dance committee has an amazon wish list for donations they would like for raffle items. Follow the link below to donate.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1U449ZA1NJK6Q?ref=cm\\_sw\\_sm\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_YerrK6WhSw4yM](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1U449ZA1NJK6Q?ref=cm_sw_sm_r_un_un_YerrK6WhSw4yM)

We are in need of raffle basket donations. Please send items to the office and we will get them to committee members.

Please see the attached flyer for info about the Prettiest Pie Contest.

We are also asking for beer donations for the evening. If you would like to send in cases of Michelob Ultra, Budweiser, or Busch Light to the office you will receive one service hour for each case you donate up to 5 cases.

### **YOU HAVE BEEN CLUCKED**

The Harvest Knights Chicken & Beer Dance Committee is doing a fun fundraiser/promotion for the dance evening. See the attached flyer or the flyer that was sent home with your child for more info. For \$20, you can choose a family member or friend to be clucked and they will surprise their yard with rubber chickens for 48 hours.

### **PARISH AUCTION UPDATES**

This year's dinner auction date is reserved for 2/14/26 due to the date Lent falls on this year. The theme is Love & Luck (which is an upscale casino type theme). We can't wait to start planning and finalizing this fun date night evening. **The next meeting date is Thursday, 10/2 at 6pm** in the Enrichment Room. The food menu will be finalized then and we will talk about extra money making ideas and decor for the evening. All school and parish families are invited and encouraged to attend to make this a successful fundraising event.

### **SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES**

Below are a few service hour opportunities to get the school year off started. Reminder that each family is required to complete 20 service hours in PK4-8th. PK3 is required 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.

DOMINOS PIZZA SLICE CARD- for every 10 cards sold you will get 1 service hour.

PSA PIZZA SLICE CARD SELLER AFTER MASS-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-58955555-pizza>

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>

DONATION- \$20 of Candy/Items that are parade suitable, nothing that will melt (for Bethalto Homecoming & Wood River Halloween Parade)- 1 service hour for donation. Drop donations off in the school office.

DONATION- Send in cases of Michelob Ultra, Budweiser, or Busch Light for the Chicken & Beer Dance to the office and you will receive one service hour for each case you donate up to 5 cases.

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

### **CLOUD-9 SPORTS LEAGUE GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER**

Mark your calendar for the next Cloud-9 fundraiser on 10/24. It is a golf tournament. See the flyer below for more information.

### **SOCCER GAMES WEEK 5 (9/27/25)**

Kindergarten- 10:00AM Field 5A

1st-2nd Boys- 9AM Field 4

1st-2nd Girls- OLQP GOLD 11:30AM Field 4

OLQP Gray 11:30AM Field 4

3rd-4th Boys- 12:45PM Field 3

3rd-4th Girls- 11:30AM Field 3

5-8th- 12:45PM Field 1

\*Coaches will notify teams if game time changes

### **UPCOMING MASS SERVERS**

Saturday 10/4- 4:30PM- Reid and Ryder Bouillon

Sunday 10/5- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Ellie Colley and Ellie Waldo

Saturday 10/11- 4:30PM- Hudson Hall and Clayton Pritchett

Sunday 10/12- 8:30AM- Ryder Williams and Aiden Belmonte

10:30AM- Jace Certa and Brynlee Spa

### **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 10/8/25

Community 55 Lunch- The next lunch will be 10/9. Everyone will attend 8:30AM mass and then go to Eagle’s Nest for breakfast. Visit the OLQP Facebook page to RSVP.

Scotch & Cigar Night- Fundraiser from this evening goes to Father to distribute how he sees. It will be on October 19th. The donation is \$100 and dinner will be steak, Castelli’s salad, pasta, and bread. Bring your favorite bottle of scotch (or whatever you prefer to drink). To get more information and reserve your spot email Rich Hayes (Richardhayesllc@gmail.com).

## Sunday Offerings

Weekend Of: 9/20/25-9/21/25

	This Week	Total To Date
Loose	\$462.00	\$5,927.18
Envelopes	\$8,198.00	\$114,598.15
Online Giving	\$3,630.16	\$39,758.90
Total	\$12,290.16	\$160,284.23
Operating Budget	\$15,937.15	\$191,245.80
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,500.00	\$18,000.00
Difference	- \$5,146.99	- \$48,961.57

Total Envelopes Received: 97

Online Donations: 46

“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”~2 Corinthians 13:11