

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
October 11, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11- Chess Club
October 14- Hog Roast Fundraiser
October 16- Mom's Club Meeting
October 18- 4th/5th Boys Basketball Game @ St John Neumann's 6PM
 4th/5th Girls Basketball Game @ St John Neumann's 7 PM
October 19- Kindergarten Field Trip To Eckert's Farm
October 20- Space Camp Lunch
October 23 - 27th Red Ribbon Week
October 23- Auction Meeting
October 26- Girls Basketball @ Holy Family 6 PM
 Boys Basketball @ Holy Family 7 PM
October 27- Mission Carnival 1 PM
 Trunk Or Treat 7 PM
November 1- Living Saint Museum
 Papa Johns' Day
 Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 2- **Noon Dismissal**
 Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 3- **No School**
November 6- Dine to Donate Night at Texas Roadhouse Edwardsville
November 13- Picture Retakes
November 17- PSA Family Fun Night
November 18- Music Trivia Fundraiser

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.

Basketball Service Hours

Below you will find the available service hours for the basketball season. Service hours can be earned for helping out with admissions or the concession stand. We do ask if your child plays basketball you sign up for a shift or two to help out.

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

Butter Braid Sales

The PSA is sponsoring their annual fundraiser for Butter Braid . Order forms to start selling were sent home on Tuesday. The fundraiser runs from October 10th- October 31st. The items for sale consist of pizza, cookie dough, and Butter Braids. Order forms are due back on November 1st. The delivery date for sold items is Monday, 11/13 at dismissal time.

Holiday Server Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers (not assigning) for the following listed holiday masses. If your child is interested in serving the following masses please email awaldo@olqpbethalto.org. We need 2 volunteers for each shift.

12/24-4:30PM

9:00PM

12/25-9:00AM

12/31- 8:30AM

10:30AM

1/1- 8:30AM

PSA Class Representative For Kindergarten

The kindergarten class is in need of a parent to volunteer to be the class representative for the PSA. This involves attending every PSA meeting and sharing a recap with the class parents via text or email thread. This also involves sharing important messages given to you by the school or the PSA. If you are interested, please email Karmin Hall (karminhall@gmail.com).

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.

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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on Wednesday, November 1st from 4:00-7:00 PM and Thursday, November 2nd from 1:00-3:00 PM and 4:00-7:00 PM. We ask that parents sign up to see their child's homeroom teacher. Parents of upper grade students, we ask that you sign up to see your child's homeroom teacher and then any additional teachers you need to see. It is important that everyone sign up to see their child's teacher during these two days.

<https://signup.com/go/dmGzeif>

Chess Club Canceled Meetings

Chess club **will not be** meeting on 2 upcoming weeks. Chess club is canceled on Wednesday, 10/18 and Wednesday, 11/1.

Mom's Club

OLQP parish and school is bringing back Mom's Club. We had a brief break because of covid but we are ready to start it back up. Mom's Club is open to all ages of parish and school moms as well as Catholics and Non-Catholics moms of the parish and school. Our first meeting will be Monday, 10/16 in the art classroom at 6pm. We will discuss what goals as a group we want to accomplish and also discuss Share the Word, which is a service mom's club provides at 10:30 AM Mass. Bring your own snacks and drinks. If you do not have a babysitter, kids are welcome to come and join. A flyer will be sent home soon with details.

Hog Roast

The annual Hog Roast will be on Saturday, October 14th from 5:30-9:00 PM. Funds raised will be put towards adding bathrooms and a sink to the pavilion area. More information will be available in next week's newsletter.

Our PSA agreed to sponsor finding volunteers to work the beer and margarita stand during the hog roast. Service hours will be given for helping work the booth. Use the link below to sign up for a shift or all shifts.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-44442538-psahog>

OLQP Dinner Auction

The next auction meeting is October 23 at 6:00 in the Art Room.

Music Trivia

Tables are on sale now! 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. Each class is in charge of donating a basket to the basket raffle. Your PSA Class Representative will have more details about what is needed for the basket soon.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

A note came home last week with information regarding the annual pumpkin decorating contest held on Mission Carnival day. Pumpkins can be painted, decorated, or carved. Please return the bottom portion of the slip if your child wants to participate by Friday, 10/20. This is so we can plan accordingly with how many tables to set up for voting.

Wood River Halloween Parade

If your child would like to walk in the Wood River Halloween Parade along with OLQP, please contact the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) for a permission slip. Parents must walk with their child. The parade is Saturday, 10/28 at 10AM.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week starts Monday, 10/23 and ends on Friday 10/27. Each day has a different activity/theme. Look for a note coming home this week with info about each day's events. You can also find the note home attached below.

Mission Carnival

Our annual Missional Carnival will be held on Friday, 10/27 starting at 1pm. To start the carnival out, students will walk in a parade around the block in their Halloween Costumes. The carnival starts immediately after. All proceeds go to the Missionary Childhood Association. Each class is in charge of a booth and game prizes. More information will be coming from your child's teacher on details of what they need help with to run the class booth. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with their child.

Space Camp Lunch

Space Camp will be sponsoring lunch on Friday, October 20th since the public school will have an early dismissal day. Order form went home today and is attached to this email.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat info went home last week. It is a fundraiser for the upper grades towards their space camp trip. Please send in your reservation info with payment in an envelope marked "Trunk or Treat".

Mark Your Calendars

OLQP will be having a Dine to Donate night at Texas Roadhouse in Edwardsville on Monday, 11/6. Dine-In and To-Go orders both count as well as gift card sales at the restaurant that day. They will also let us have a table set up for a 50/50 drawing that night as well. We are going to use the profit towards ordering a new reading curriculum for our students. We still have the money set aside from the 2022 auction for this, but a new curriculum costs much more than was raised at the auction. The Texas Roadhouse fundraiser will go towards accomplishing this. A flyer will be sent home in the next couple weeks with more info.

Hot Lunch

If your child would like to order Hot Lunch for next week, (10/16-10/20) it is due no later than tomorrow, Thursday 10/12 by 9 AM. October's menu can be found here.....

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

The November menu will be coming home this week.

Upcoming Servers

Saturday 10/14- Mya Bequette & Rowan Scott

Sunday 10/15 8:30AM- Adults of Church

10:30AM- Kinsey Mitchell & Aubrey Herbstreit

Saturday 10/21- Levi Woodiel & Clayton Pritchett

Sunday 10/22- 8:30AM- Reid Bouillon & Abram Diericx

10:30AM- Ellie Waldo & Reagan Devries

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ~Galatians 6:9