

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
October 15, 2025

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October 15th- Dominos Pizza Slice Card Fundraiser Ends
- October 16th- Kindergarten Field Trip
- October 17th- Upper Grade Bowling Night
- October 19th- Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner
- October 20th- Panera Alton Dine To Donate Fundraiser
- October 21st- Report Cards
- October 22nd- Mom's Club Krispy Kreme & Coffee Fundraiser/**NEW DATE**  
Dinner Auction Meeting
- October 24th- Trunk Or Treat
- October 25th- Panda Express Fundraiser  
Wood River Halloween Parade
- October 27th-31st- Red Ribbon Week
- October 29th- 5-8th Grade Trash/Recycle Afternoon
- October 31st- Mission Carnival-Free Dress/Costumes In Afternoon
- November 3rd- Uniform Pants Must Be Worn Until Time Change In Spring
- November 5th- Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 6th- **NOON DISMISSAL**  
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- November 7th- **NO SCHOOL**
- November 8th- Chicken & Beer Dance
- November 10th- Chicken/Beer Dance
- 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

**Chicken Dance, October Hot Lunch/ November Hot Lunch, Green schools, You have been clucked, Trunk or Treat, Bowling, Red Ribbon Week, prettiest pie, Panera, Cookbook order, Panda Express**

**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. You are welcome to sign up to meet with all of their teachers. Use the link below to sign up.

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

### **PIZZA SLICE CARD FUNDRAISER**

Please turn in your paper order forms **no later than 9AM tomorrow (10/16)**. Paper form pizza cards should be delivered to the school in a couple of weeks and sent home with your child. We will send an email out so you know to look for them in their backpacks.

### **MOM'S CLUB FUNDRAISER DATE CHANGE**

Due to unforeseen reasons from Krispy Kreme ( only certain locations now do fundraiser doughnuts) we have to move pickup for our doughnuts and coffee fundraiser from this Friday, 10/17 to Wednesday 10/22. If you ordered and want to cancel/change your order because of the date change, email the school office ( [cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) **by tomorrow (10/16) at 9AM**. If you would like to change your pickup to Before Care to the parking lot or the opposite... Please let us know and we will have it ready where you would like to pick it up.

### **PANERA FALL ROOF FUNDRAISER**

Monday 10/20 is our fall fundraiser for Panera. From 4-8PM 25% of sales will be given back to OLQP which will go towards our roof fun. This is valid at the Alton location and we will receive money back as long as sales total \$150 or more. You must show the attached printed flyer or a digital copy for it to count. Online orders using the code "FUND4U" can be used all day for OLQP to receive credit but in person orders only work from 4-8PM. If you have not been to panera in awhile they have great family meals. The meal includes 4 half sandwiches, 1 whole salad, 1 group soup, 1 whole French baguette and 4 Chocolate Chipper Cookies. Serves 4-6. They also have fall soups out. See the attached flyer for more information.

### **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](mailto: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.



## **BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS**

The date for our November school board meeting has been changed to Monday, November 24th at 6:00 in the library.

We are adding khaki pants/shorts to our uniform. Just like with our navy, they need to be the same style as what is sold at Fischer. (no leggings/spandex)

## **RED RIBBON WEEK**

Please see the attached flyer below or the paper copy your child brought home a couple of weeks ago to see all the fun events planned for the week of 10/27-10/31. There will be theme days of free dress during the week. The week will end with our annual Mission Carnival.

## **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:

- We will be doing another park clean up day on Wednesday, October 29th.
- 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. The Green Team Leaders will then take the pumpkins to Willoughby Farm to be composted.
- 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 10/20-10/24 will be due on Thursday, 10/16 by 9am. The November menu to order is coming home this week.

### **WOOD RIVER HALLOWEEN PARADE**

We are looking for walkers for the OLQP float to hand out candy during the Wood River Halloween parade on Saturday, 10/25. 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.

### **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.

### **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.

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

### **UPPER GRADE BOWLING NIGHT**

This Friday (10/17) is our Upper Grade Bowling Night at Bowl Haven in Alton. If your child made a reservation you are welcome to drop them off at 6PM and come back at 8PM to pick them up. The cost includes 2 games and shoe rental. If they would like food or drink while there, please send some money with them.

### **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)

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.

### **DINNER AUCTION NEWS**

Our next Dinner Auction meeting will be on Wednesday, 10/22 at 6PM in the Enrichment Room. All parish and school families are invited to attend. We will be discussing decorations and fundraising ideas.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER**

Sunday, 10/19 is the next Chicken Dinner. Dine In, Drive thru, or Carry Out . Dine In is All You Can Eat. Adults \$14 and Children up to 10 years old are \$6.00.

### **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 chucked and they will surprise their yard with rubber chickens for 48 hours.

## **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>

BASKETBALL CONCESSION/ADMISSION HELP-

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

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 7 (10/18)**

Kindergarten- 10:00AM Field 5A

1st-2nd Boys- 10:15AM Field 4

1st-2nd Girls- OLQP GOLD 11:30AM Field 4  
OLQP GRAY 12:45PM Field 4

3rd-4th Boys- Season Over

3rd-4th Girls- 10:15AM Field 3

5-8th- 12:45PM Field 1

\*Coaches will notify teams if game time changes

## **UPCOMING MASS SERVERS**

Saturday 10/18- 4:30PM- Mya Bequette and Addison Villalobos

Sunday 10/19- 8:30AM- Conner and Logan Stutz

10:30AM- Everly and Elowynn Olmsted

Saturday 10/25- 4:30PM- Abe and Levi Woodiel

Sunday 10/26- 8:30AM- Abe and Duke Diericx

10:30AM- Levi Kistner and Elliott Perez

## **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-

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: 10/4/25-10/5/25

	This Week	Total To Date
Loose	\$572	\$7,155.18
Envelopes	\$10,463.70	\$138,787.28
Online Giving	\$3,741.89	\$46,295.53

Total	\$14,777.59	\$192,237.99
Operating Budget	\$15,937.15	\$223,120.10
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,500.00	\$21,000.00
Difference	- \$2,659.56	- \$51,882.11

Total Envelopes : 104

Online Donations: 45

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.” ~Romans 8:28