

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
October 22, 2025

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- Living Saint Museum

November 3rd- Uniform Pants Must Be Worn Until Time Change In Spring

Living Saints Museum

November 5th- Preschool Hearing & Vision Checks

Parent Teacher Conferences

November 6th- **NOON DISMISSAL**

Parent Teacher Conferences

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

**Harvest Nights, November Hot Lunch, Green schools, You have been clucked, Trunk or Treat, PSA Family Fun Night, Red Ribbon Week, prettiest pie, Cookbook order, Panda Express, Pumpkin Contest, pumpkin purge**

**HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for someone to help with lunch and recess duty on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week. Responsibilities include picking the hot lunch up from Bethalto East at 11:00, bringing it back to school and serving it from 11:50-12:20. Then you would go out to help monitor the playground from 12:20-12:40.

**SICKNESS**

As cold and flu season begins to hit us, please remember to keep your child home from school if they have a fever (100.4°F or higher), are vomiting, or have diarrhea. They may return to school when they are fever, vomiting, and diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

### **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. The signup will be turned off on Friday, October 31st.

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

### **PANDA EXPRESS ROOF FUNDRAISER DINE TO DONATE DAY**

**This Saturday (10/25)** is our next Panda Express Dine to Donate Day at the Edwardsville location for the new roof fund. You must show the paper or digital flyer when ordering in person for it to count for OLQP. If ordering online... you must enter the fundraiser code (3841053) on the checkout screen. In person credit will show up on your receipt under items ordered as "Fundraiser" with a \$0 owed.

### **PIZZA SLICE CARD FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to all who sold Pizza Cards. The PSA is estimated to receive \$1,580 from this! Paper form cards should come in the next week and will be sent home with your child. We will send out a text so you know to look for them 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.

### **MOM'S CLUB FUNDRAISER DOUGHNUT/COFFEE FUNDRAISER**

Thanks to everyone who purchased doughnuts and coffee. Mom's Club raised \$395.35 profit off of this fundraiser to put towards adopting a needy family for Christmas.

### **PANERA FALL ROOF FUNDRAISER**

Our organization brought in \$815.98 of sales and Panera is donating \$204.00 back to OLQP. These funds will go towards the new roof account. Thanks to all who purchased food on Monday from Panera.

### **LIVING SAINTS MUSEUM**

Our upper grade students will be hosting a Living Saint Museum after Mass on Monday, 11/3/25, from 9:15-10:15AM in the school gym. Students will dress up as a Saint and tell you about the life of their Saint. Parents, grandparents, family, friends, and all parishioners are welcome to attend.

## **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.



## **RED RIBBON WEEK**

Red Ribbon Week is next 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 and send the picture along with your child's name, school and one sentence explaining why you like to compost to [lrrogers@madisoncountil.gov](mailto:lrrogers@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 10/27-10/31 will be due on Thursday, 10/23 by 9am. The November monthly order is due next Thursday, 10/30 by 9AM.

### **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**

**LAST CALL TO SIGN UP!** 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.

### **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 a 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](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) by Wednesday, 11/19/25 if your family plans to attend ( so we can have enough gifts & food).

### **LOST ITEM IN RECYCLE LIDS**

We found a gold ring in the recycle lid container, if you have lost a ring please contact the office and give us some details of what it looks like.

### **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>

### **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.

## **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.

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.

## **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 8 (10/25)**

Kindergarten- 10:30AM Field 5A

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

1st-2nd Girls- OLQP GOLD 12:45PM Field 4

OLQP GRAY 12:45PM Field 4

3rd-4th Boys- Season Over

3rd-4th Girls- 9:00AMAM Field 3

5-8th- 11:30AM Field 1

\*Coaches will notify teams if game time changes

## UPCOMING MASS SERVERS

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

Saturday 11/1- 4:30PM- Hudson Hall and Rowan Scott

Sunday 11/2- 8:30AM- Ellie and Carson Williams

10:30AM- Nora and Hadley Militello

## 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-

## Sunday Offerings

Weekend Of: 10/11/25-10/12/25

	This Week	Total To Date
Loose	\$320	\$7,475.18
Envelopes	\$7,677.00	\$146,464.28
Online Giving	\$3,762.40	\$50,057.93
Total	\$11,759.40	\$203,997.39
Operating Budget	\$15,937.15	\$239,057.25
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,500.00	\$21,000.00

Difference	- \$5,677.75	- \$57,559.86

Total Envelopes : 99

Online Donations: 64

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

~Ephesians 4:32: