

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
October 25, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 23 - 27th Red Ribbon Week

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 11- Scouting for Food

November 13- Picture Retakes

November 17- PSA Family Fun Night

November 15- PSA Meeting

November 18- Scouting for Food collection

November 18- Music Trivia Fundraiser

November 27- Auction Meeting

Telegraph "Best of the Best"

We are excited to announce that OLQP was nominated in 4 different categories for the " Best of the Best" in the Riverbend for the Alton Telegraph. We need your help in voting! Voting starts this Thursday, October 19 lasting until November, 1st. You can vote once per day. The link to vote is posted below. Please share on your social media platforms to vote for OLQP.

Best Pastor – Fr. Tom Liebler (people tab)

Best Local Private School (professional services tab)

Best Principal – Mrs. Kim Knight (people tab)

Best Teacher – Ms. Bernadette Friedel (people tab)

<https://www.thetelegraph.com/bestof/#/gallery/401167255>

Pumpkin Contest Info

A note will be sent home on Thursday of where to set up your child's pumpkin on Friday morning for the pumpkin decorating contest. They will have a color (for the grade category) and a number to set it at. Look for the tables of the color they are assigned and then look for the number they are to set the pumpkin at. Students will not know who made each pumpkin when voting so it is important that your child sets it at the right spot (color and number) assigned so we know who the winners are

after voting ends. Teachers will also have a master list of what color/number their students are assigned to as well to help with the process of kids dropping off their pumpkins Friday morning.

Papa John's Day

Wednesday, 11/1 is our next Papa John's Pizza Day. A flyer is coming home this week with the promo code to use when ordering so OLQP will get credit for it. The Wood River location is still closed so they are honoring our promo code at the Alton or Edwardsville locations. OLQP will earn up to 25% back of the total sales when the promo code is used.

PSA News

Butter Braid Sales

Order forms are due back on November 1st. The delivery date for sold items is Monday, 11/13 at dismissal time.

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. It will be holiday themed and more details will come next week. Save the date!! The kids will love all the holiday surprises planned.

Stage

Please do not allow your child on the stage during practices.

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>

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-COVERED

9:00PM

12/25-9:00AM

12/31- 8:30AM

10:30AM

1/1- 8:30AM

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. Sign-ups will be turned off on the evening of Sunday, October 29th in order to allow time for teachers to prepare.

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

Chess Club Canceled Meetings

Chess club **will not be** meeting on Wednesday, 11/1.

OLQP Dinner Auction News

This week we had our second auction planning meeting. We decided on the catering menu and then also the name to call the auction evening this year. We decided at the last meeting to have a game

show theme. We are going to call the evening, "Game Show Showdown". The next planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, 11/27 at 6PM in the art classroom. This will be the last meeting until after the new year. All are invited to attend and help with the planning.

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 your child's basket

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

We have 2 days left of Red Ribbon Week. Thursday is pajama day and Friday is a free dress day until the afternoon when the Mission Carnival starts. Students will be allowed to change into their costumes starting at 12:40pm (after lunch ends).

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. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with their child.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat info went home a couple of weeks ago. 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". It costs \$5.00 to set up a car or a table to pass out candy. If your child wants to attend and collect candy it is \$5.00. If you would like to do both it still is only \$5.00 total. Reservations can be made up to 3pm on Friday, 10/27.

Texas Roadhouse "Dine to Donate"

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 what was raised at the auction. The Texas Roadhouse fundraiser will go towards accomplishing this. A flyer will be sent home next week with more info.

Hot Lunch

If your child would like to order Hot Lunch for next week, (10/30-11/2) it is due no later than tomorrow, Thursday 10/26 by 9 AM. The October and November menu can be found here.....
<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu.cfm>

Upcoming Servers

Saturday 10/28- No Mass

Sunday 10/29- 8:30AM Ava Toner & Reid Bouillion

10:30AM Hadley Militello & Nora Militello

Saturday 11/4- Paige Winship & Parker Winship

Sunday 11/5- 8:30AM adults of the church

10:30AM Ellie Waldo & Everly Olmsted

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ~Isaiah 40:8