

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
October 29, 2025

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October 31st- Mission Carnival-Free Dress/Costumes In Afternoon
- 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**  
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- November 7th- **NO SCHOOL**
- November 8th- 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
- November 24th- Picture Retakes  
School Board Meeting
- November 26-28th- Thanksgiving Break
- December 1st-Classes Resume
- December 4th- Auction Meeting
- December 8th- Mom's Club Christmas Party

**Harvest Nights, November Hot Lunch, Green schools, You have been clucked, PSA Family Fun Night, Red Ribbon Week, prettiest pie, , auction letter, Cookbook order, pumpkin purge**

**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/group/ZpvZNBd>

### **MISSION CARNIVAL TICKETS**

Send money in early before Friday and avoid long lines to buy tickets at the mission carnival on Friday. If you send your child's money early their tickets will be given to their teachers to pass out right before the carnival begins so they can skip the line and start playing games. Tickets are 25 cents each and each booth costs 25 cents to play/participate.

### **BASKETBALL SEASON**

**We are still needing help Sunday, 11/2/25.** We have some empty shifts to fill still. 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. You may also sign up if you are a non-basketball parent just to get your service hours in.

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

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

Thank you to everyone who ate at Panda Express this past Saturday. OLQP received \$47.08 back from proceeds. The next Panda Express Dine To Donate will be Saturday, 11/29/25.

### **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.

### **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.

### **COOKBOOK SALE**

We placed an order for our cookbooks based off the presale number. We have a limited number extra left to claim. Please turn in your order as soon as possible to make sure you get a copy. It is filled with almost 300 recipes and has the history of the school and church in it as well. Cookbooks are \$12 each. See attached order form.

### **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 halfway over! Please see the attached flyer below or the paper copy your child brought home a few 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.

## SCRIP NOTES

The church office has a limited number of \$100 Kohl's cards that can be used to pay off your Kohl's charge cards. Remember.... families can earn 80% of the rebate amount back and the money can be used to purchase more SCRIP gift cards, money off tuition, or towards your before/after care bill. See the church office for more details.

## 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 11/3-11/7 will be due on Thursday, 10/30 by 9am. **The November monthly order is due tomorrow (Thursday, 10/30) by 9AM.**

## **PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**

Check backpacks if your child signed up for the pumpkin contest..... Your child will be bringing home a slip of paper with their table color on it and entry number. It is important that on Friday you put your child's pumpkin at the correct number and table color so they can be judged. This allows all entries to remain anonymous for fair judging. Pumpkins must be here by 8:30AM on Friday, 10/31 to be entered in the contest.

## **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.

## **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**

We have finalized the theme, menu, & fun activities for the evening. Save the date of 2/14/26. The theme is "Love & Luck", an upscale casino themed date night. The menu will include..... Flank Steak with Cowboy Butter & Chimichurri Sauce on the side, Parmesan Chicken, Salad, Garlic Roasted Mashed Potatoes, Baked Ziti, Green Bean Casserole, & Broccoli with Cheese Sauce. Beer, Wine & Seltzer's are included with your ticket. Tickets will be on sale in a couple of weeks. We will offer 4 VIP tables for \$500 each. These will seat 8 and will give you the opportunity to have first in line for food, skip the line at the bar, and enjoy appetizers and desserts. You will also be able to arrive 1 hour early to check in and have time to look at the auction items and the fun games. Tickets are \$40/person & \$320 for a reserved table of 8. After 1/9/6, tickets will go up in price to \$50/person or \$400 for a table of 8 so claim your tickets early to the most fun date night of the year.

We will have Human Slot Machines & the Knight Queen of Hearts game happening during the event along with our usual 50/50 drawing and selling of playing cards and free dress passes.

If you are interested in helping out the decorating committee, reach out to Alyssa Spa or Sonya Hagaman.

## **WEEKLY DINNER AUCTION CHALLENGE**

Ask your employer to donate an item or to be a sponsor. Attached below is the official donation request letter and sponsor form. If you would like us to send paper copies home of the donation request letter.... Please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) . If 50% of the school

parents could get their place of work to be a sponsor or donate an item we would have a great start for fundraising.

### **DINNER AUCTION HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for some CHAIRS: Chairs will receive all 20 family service hours needed.

**VIP CHAIR**- responsible for getting appetizers and desserts donated/delivered to tables before 4:30PM. Make sure each table has what they need and knows that they can skip the line at the bar with their wristbands we provide.

**SMALL BUSINESS DONATION COORDINATOR**- We are seeking an individual that will collect business cards from various local businesses that offer vendor sales so we can solicit for donations with the OLQP official donation request letter we provide. We are also hoping to get crafters/vendors info from craft fairs coming up so we can request donations as well ( Bethalto, Edwardsville, Alton).

If you are able to help with either, please email the school office ( [cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) and let us know.

### **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 requires 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.

### **BASKETBALL GAMES WEEK 11/1-11/2**



Envelopes	\$9,020.00	\$155,484.28
Online Giving	\$2,844.58	\$52,902.51
Total	\$12,508.58	\$216,505.97
Operating Budget	\$15,937.15	\$254,994.40
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,500.00	\$24,000.00
Difference	- \$4,928.57	- \$62,488.43

Total Envelopes : 102

Online Donations: 30

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline". ~2 Timothy 1:7: