

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
October 4, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4- Mission Mass
Chess Club

October 6- Noon Dismissal
PreK 4 Car Show

October 9- No School

October 10- Butterbraid Sale Begins

October 11- Chess Club

October 12 - PreK 4 Fall Fest

October 14- Hog Roast Fundraiser

October 16- Mom's Club Meeting

October 18- Chess Club
4th/5th Boys Basketball Game @ St John Neumann's
4th/5th Girls Basketball Game @ St John Neumann's

October 19- Kindergarten Field Trip To Eckert's Farm

October 23 - 27th Red Ribbon Week

October 23- Auction Meeting

October 27- Mission Carnival
Trunk Or Treat

November 1- 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

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>

October/November Server Schedules

Assigned dates/times for October and November servers are coming home this week. If you are unable to make it to your child's scheduled mass, please find a replacement server. A Facebook group called "OLQP SERVERS" was created this week for this purpose. Invites to the group went out this week. If you need someone to cover your child's shift, please post on the group page so others can see open shifts.

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.

PreK 3, PreK 4 and Kindergarten

Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in their cubby in case of accidents. As the weather gets cooler, please change out the shorts for long pants.

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. More info coming home within the week. 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.

Family Fun Night

Our first Family Fun Night of the year was a huge success! Thank you to those who planned it and those who attended. It looked like everyone had a great evening. Our next Family Fun Night is scheduled for November 17th.

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.

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. 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.

Father/Daughter Dance Chair

We are still looking for someone to chair the Father/Daughter dance this year. No date has been set for the event yet. If you would like to chair the event, please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org).

Hot

If your child would like to order Hot Lunch for next week, (10/9-10/13) it is due no later than tomorrow, Thursday 10/5 by 9 AM. October's menu can be found here.....
<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu.cfm>

Lost and Found

Attached is a picture of a Mazda car mat that was found in the parking lot one afternoon last week. Contact the school office to claim it.

Upcoming Servers

Saturday 10/7- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Sunday 10/8- 8:30AM Ryder Williams & Ava Toner

10:30AM Ben Cripps & Everly Olmsted

Saturday 10/14- Mya Bequette & Rowan Scott

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

10:30AM- Kinsey Mitchell & Aubrey Herbstreit

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly, you are doing the impossible. ~ St. Francis of Assisi