

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School
Parent Letter
November 30, 2022

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Advent is upon us and may God bless our journey as we prepare for the coming of Jesus on Christmas morning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 3: 3rd/4th Grade Boys Basketball Game at 10am & 11am at St Mary's Suddes Hall
6th Grade Girls Basketball Game 11am St Ambrose

December 4: Church Smorgasbord
6th Grade Girls Basketball Game at 1pm at St Ambrose
3rd/4th Grade Girls Basketball Game at 5:15pm St Mary's Middle School

December 5: Santa Kottage Shopping and Ugly Sweater Contest

December 10: Breakfast with Santa

December 11: Living Nativity at Bethalto Christmas Village

December 16: Pre-K Christmas Program

December 19: Auction Meeting

December 20: K-8 Christmas Program 1:30pm & 6:30pm

December 21: Classroom Parties/Noon Dismissal for Christmas Break

January 4: Classes Resume

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

The PSA Santa Kottage Committee is once again sponsoring an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest for the students. Entry fee will be a donation of \$5.00 or more with money being donated towards the Faculty Christmas Party. Prizes will be awarded for the best sweater in every class and a grand prize for the best sweater of the school. The contest will take place on 12/5 during the Santa Kottage shopping day.

Santa Kottage

Our Santa shopping day is Monday, 12/5. Money envelopes and info about shopping for gifts will be sent home this week. Please have your kids' envelopes filled out, especially the younger kids so their buddies can efficiently help them shop.

Breakfast with Santa

This is the last week to register for Breakfast with Santa. Email kknight@olqpbethalto.org to register and send payment into the school office. Breakfast is Saturday, 12/10 from 9-10:30am.

Living Nativity

Our school has the opportunity to portray a live nativity at the Bethalto Spirit Christmas Village at Central Park on 12/11. Costumes are provided. We will be in a tent with a portable heater. It is a fun way to share the Christmas message with the community. Please contact Mrs. Waldo (awaldo@olqpbethalto.com) to sign up for a shift from 5-6:30 or 6:30-8.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch orders are due by Thursday, 12/1 at 9am for the week of December 5-9. See our school website for the menu.

Christmas Spirit Week

Christmas Spirit Week will start Wednesday, 12/14.

Wednesday, 12/14: "Night Before Christmas" Christmas Pajama Day

Thursday, 12/15: "Holiday Headgear" Wear a Christmas Hat or Headband

Friday, 12/16: "Tinsel Toes" Wear Christmas Socks with School Uniform (Church Day)

Monday, 12/19: "Santa's Workshop Helper" Dress like you work in Santa's Workshop (Santa, Elf, Reindeer, Toy, Christmas Tree.....)

Tuesday, 12/20: "Merry & Bright" Wear Red, Green & White- Appropriate attire for the Christmas Program at 1:30pm

Wednesday, 12/21: "Christmas Cheer" Wear Your Favorite Christmas Shirt

Church News

This Sunday, 12/11 is the Annual OLQP Smorgasbord from 11am-3pm. Come eat delicious food and take a look at the Nativity projects the school kids worked on this week hung up by the gym.

Auction News

The next auction meeting will be on Monday, 12/19. The Auction Committee is looking for volunteers to help with designing and making props/table decorations. Please contact Sonya Hagaman (618-514-1263) if you would like to help. This week's Challenge is to donate a "Child" theme item (trunk of dress up clothes, birthday party, dollhouse are just a few examples). Auction donations can be dropped off at the church or school office.

Servers for December/January

Below is the link for sign ups for December/January Servers. They ask each child to try and sign up for 1 Mass a month to serve.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4daaa822a7fa7-december>

Missionary Childhood Association Sale

The 2nd graders are selling scarves for \$5.00. Money collected will be sent to the Missionary Childhood Association. Contact a 2nd Grader or Ms.Friedel to purchase one.

OLQP SPIRIT STORE

Don't forget to order your spirit gear soon to get your order in time for Christmas delivery. OLQP Christmas Ornaments have been added to the shop. See the School office to order.

SCRIP

If you would like to order gift cards from our SCRIP program for Christmas gifts please turn in your order forms to the school office as soon as possible. If you need another order form sent home please contact the office.

AFTERCARE

There will be no Aftercare on Wednesday, December 21.

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"But a shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.