

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School

Parent Letter

January 18, 2023

“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.”

Martin Luther King

Upcoming Events

January 18: Chess Club

January 20: Mystery Dinner

January 23: School Board Meeting

January 25: 5th Grade Girls Volleyball 6pm @ OLQP

6th Grade Girls Volleyball 6:45pm @ OLQP

8th Grade Girls Volleyball 7:30pm @ OLQP

January 26: 5th Grade Girls Volleyball 6pm @ OLQP

6th Grade Girls Volleyball 6:45pm @ OLQP

8th Grade Girls Volleyball 7:30pm @ OLQP

January 29: Catholic Schools Week Open House

January 30: Pep Rally 1pm

5th Grade Girls Volleyball 6pm @ OLQP

6th Grade Girls Volleyball 6:45pm @ OLQP

8th Grade Girls Volleyball 7:30pm @ OLQP

February 1: Special Person's Lunch

February 2: Bowling **PK4-3rd Grade-** 9:30-11am

4th-8th Grade- 1pm-2:30pm

Thank You!

A special thank you goes out to our PSA committee for organizing our Family Fun Night last Friday night. It was very well attended and fun was had by all.

Calendar Change

February 8 will be a full day of school. February 17 will be a noon dismissal for a faculty meeting as well as time to set up for the auction.

Winter Weather

Just a reminder that we will use email, text message, and local television stations to call off school due to snow or hazardous road conditions.

Chess Club

We had a fun first meeting last week. Our next meeting is scheduled for tonight, 1/18, from 6-7pm. If your child is interested in playing, all students are welcome to join and attend.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week information got sent home last week. Permission slips for special person's day and bowling were sent home as well. Slips are due **this Friday, 1/20**. Information and permission slips are attached below if you need another copy.

School students have the opportunity to lead masses to kick off Catholic Schools Week the weekend of January 28-29. If your student is interested in having a part at the January 28 4:30, January 29 8:30, or January 29 10:30 masses, please email Mrs. Waldo at awaldo@olqpbethalto.org.

Mystery Dinner

The 5th-8th grade students are having a dinner party at The Terrible Castle of Baron Castaign on Friday, 1/20 at 6pm. The party takes place inside the school gym and dinner will be served. Students have been given the name of their character and costume suggestions. The students will then solve a mystery murder during the evening. This fun evening will conclude at 8:30pm.

Food Pantry Drive

Once again the Upper Grades are sponsoring a drive to support our parish food pantry. The pantry is appreciative of all items brought in but spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit, skillet dinners, and cereal are especially needed. Paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, wipes, paper plates, and napkins are appreciated. They would like to also start including personal care items. Items such as bar soap, body wash, hand soap, lotion, wash clothes, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, nail files, lip balm, hand sanitizer gels, bandaids, q-tips, and disposable razors. Larger items or items that cost more will be counted double this year in our contest between classes. In the K-3rd grade classes, the class

with the highest number of items per student will throw whipped cream filled plates at the winning class from 4th-8th grades. The last day items can be brought in is Friday, 1/27. Items need to be here by 8:30 am that day to count in the contest. Thank you for your support.

Auction

Join our school and parish community for a fun evening out. Ticket order forms are coming home this week. Tickets cost \$35/person and includes your meal, beer, wine, and soda. Get your seats before we sell out!!

Auction Donation request letters are available in the school office and attached below. There is still time if you have a connection to a business to ask for donations for our silent or live auction.

Donations are due by 2/1. You can drop off donations either at the school or church office.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch orders are due by Thursday, 1/19 at 9am for the week of January 23-27th. Pay for the entire month or just pay/order for a week at a time. You can find the January and February menus on the school website. February menus went home last week.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu.cfm>

Service Hours

New service hour opportunities, which include volleyball games, are posted on the school website and listed below.

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

Servers

The February/March sign ups for Mass Servers has been posted on the school website and is attached below. We are still needing servers for **this Saturday and Sunday (1/21, 1/22)**.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/monthly-sever-sign-ups.cfm>

Jason Evert

St. Mary's Church in Alton is hosting Jason Evert on Monday, February 6. He will be giving two talks about Gender and The Theology of the Body. For more information see the following link:

<https://ct.dio.org/item/5470-national-speaker-to-talk-purity-theology-of-the-body-dating-relations-hips-in-alton-feb-6.html>

Saint Francis de Sales

“There is nothing small in the service of God.”