

# Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School

## Parent Letter

February 1, 2023

### Catholic Schools Week

### Faith, Excellence, Service

Catholic Schools Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of Catholic education. It is important to celebrate our connection with God and thank Him for all of our blessings. One such blessing is the sense of family that is a main focal point in being a Catholic School. Here at Our Lady Queen of Peace students, faculty, parents, and parishioners work together to help each student succeed academically and spiritually. The support Our Lady Queen of Peace School receives does not go unnoticed, and it is this support from the faithful here that make our school possible. Together, we will continue the mission of bringing the teachings of the gospel to our youth as we produce the next generation of disciples for Jesus Christ.

**February 1:** Papa Johns' pizza night

**February 1:** Pre-K registration opens for parishioners and school families

**February 1:** Chess Club 6pm

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

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

**February 5:** 3rd/4th grade girls volleyball game 3:50pm at OLQP

5th grade girls volleyball game 3:00pm at OLQP

**February 6:** 6th grade girls volleyball game 6:00pm at Sts Peter and Paul Collinsville

8th grade girls volleyball game 6:45pm at Sts Peter and Paul Collinsville

**February 8:** 5th grade girls volleyball game 6:00pm at St Elizabeth

6th grade girls volleyball game 6:45pm at St Elizabeth

8th grade girls volleyball game 7:30pm at St Elizabeth

**February 15:** ***Pre-K & Kindergarten*** open house/registration for all parishioners and public

**February 17:** Noon Dismissal for faculty meeting and auction setup

**February 18:** Auction Dinner

### **Papa Johns**

Papa Johns night is tonight ( Wednesday, 2/1) for the school. Papa Johns will donate 30% back of all sales if we reach our goal of \$500.00. Use the code "**SSNN03**" when ordering online, by phone, or on the App. You must order from the Wood River Papa Johns for it to count for OLQP. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Chess Club**

We will have a chess club meeting tonight at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

### **Thank You**

It was very nice to see everyone attend our open house this past Sunday as well as all those who came today for "Special Persons" day. Thank you for being part of Our Lady Queen of Peace School.

### **Bowling Thursday, 2/2**

Please come inside to pick up your child in their classrooms to take them to bowling. Pk4-3rd grade will be leaving OLQP at 9:15am and will leave Airport Bowl to return to OLQP at 11:00am. Grades 4-8th will leave OLQP at 12:45pm and leave Airport Bowl to return to OLQP at 2:30pm. If you have any questions, call the school office.

### **Father-Daughter Dance**

Mark your calendars. The OLQP Father- Daughter dance is back. This year it is being held on Saturday, 3/4/23. Formal invite coming soon.

### **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.

### **Pre-K Registration for 2023-2024**

Pre-K Registration for all parishioners and current school families will open on 2/1/23. Contact the school office to register. On Wednesday, 2/15 the Pre-K teachers will be holding an open house from 6-7pm and registration will open to the general public that night. All are welcome to attend the open house that evening.

### **Kindergarten Open House/ Registration for 2023-2024**

We will be holding a Kindergarten open house on Wednesday, 2/15 from 6-7pm for students entering Kindergarten next school year. Come meet the teacher, ask any questions you may have, see the curriculum used, and obtain registration paperwork. Parents and their children are both welcome to attend the open house.

### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be open until 1pm, Friday, 2/3/23. Parents can send cash, check, or utilize the ewallet feature from Scholastic for shopping. To put money in your child's account follow the QR code sent home or the website link below.

**You may also shop online throughout the week on the website link below.** Scholastic has even more book selections online that are not available at the Fair. Books can be shipped to your home or the school and make great Valentine's day gifts or Easter presents.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ourladyqueenofpeaceschool>

### **Auction News**

Last Call for dinner auction donations!

Deadline is 2/1/23. If you have a donation that still needs to be dropped off after today the auction committee can still take it. You will just need to email a description of the item to Karmin Hall (Karminhall@gmail.com) by tonight, Wednesday, 2/1 so it can be added to the auction booklet in time. You may drop off your donations at the school or church office.

The decorating committee is looking for more volunteers to help start making/planning the decorations for the auction dinner. Text Sonya Hagaman (618-514-1263) if you would like to help. The next and last auction meeting will be Monday, 2/6 at 6:30pm in Mrs Waldo's classroom.

### **Hot Lunch**

Hot lunch orders are due by Thursday, 2/2 at 9am for the week of February 6th-February 10. Pay for the entire month or just pay/order for a week at a time. You can find the February Menu on the school website.

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

### **Service Hours**

Volleyball games started last week and we are still needing volunteers for **this weekend** on both Saturday and Sunday. Follow the link below to sign up.

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

### **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award**

**Nominate a teacher for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award** – Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Know a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child? Know a teacher who goes above and beyond for his or her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for

the diocesan wide St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award! Nominations are due by March 5. Go to [dio.org/schools/eas](http://dio.org/schools/eas).

### **Bethalto Boys and Girls Club**

The Bethalto Boys and Girls Club will be hosting an ESports Night on Friday, February 10, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. See the below flyer for more details.

### **OLQP Family Life**

OLQP Family Life will be hosting a Touchstone Jewelry Quarter Auction. It will be held in the church basement, starting at 2pm. Cost \$10.00 for paddle, \$10.00 in quarters to play all rounds. Win some awesome jewelry. Bring your own favorite beverages and snacks. Call Amy Frisch at 618-444-7715 for any additional information.

### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**

We had twenty-four students participate in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest this year. Congratulations to all who participated. The winners of the contest were Julian Certa, Parker Winship, Rowan Scott, McKenna Wagner, Paige Winship, Jemma Dorsey, and Sara Aiello. These winners have the opportunity to participate at the regional level on Sunday, February 12. The contest will be held at St. Ambrose Catholic School gym beginning at 1:00pm.

### **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

"I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church: for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself."