

# Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School

## Parent Letter

May 17, 2023

### Last Days of School!!!

I can hear the sounds of summer break fast approaching. May God keep everyone safe as families prepare for their summer adventures.

**May 19:** Last Day of School for PK

**May 22:** Field Day

**May 23:** Mass, Report Cards, and 9:15 Dismissal

**June 4:** Uniform Swap

**June 17:** First Communion/ Confirmation

**June 26-30:** Vacation Bible School

**August 13:** Back To School Bash/Drop School Supplies Off

**August 17:** First Day Of School For K-8th grade

**August 22:** First Day Of School for PK4

**August 23:** First Day Of School for PK3

### **Congratulations**

Yesterday, May 16, was an exciting day for our 8th graders. They celebrated Mass with their buddies for the last time as OLQP students, and the whole student body took part in a nice send off. Last night's graduation Mass and reception was special as well. This class has made many fond memories here at Our Lady Queen of Peace School, and these memories will be cherished forever. They have truly made a lasting impression on all of us. We wish the Class of 2023 the best of luck as they move onto high school. They are great examples of our Catholic faith and true disciples of Jesus Christ.

### **Last Day of School**

Students will be attending Mass on Tuesday, May 23 for the last day of school. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms after Mass, approximately 9:15. There will be no aftercare on this day.

### **Caring Hands**

Aftercare for this school year ends on Friday, May 19. Before school will only be open for the last 2 days of school ( Monday, 5/22 & Tuesday, 5/23).

### **Welcome**

We would like to welcome Beth Kearns as our new Caring Hands Before/After School coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year. She also has a child that attends OLQP.

### **Field Day**

Students will have a dress down day on May 22, for field day. Field day shirts will be handed out Monday morning if your child ordered one. Make sure students follow the dress code guidelines that are in the handbook. Shorts need to be at appropriate length, and students may not wear tank tops, crop tops, or tops with spaghetti straps. We have many fun activities planned for the students so make sure your child wears tennis shoes on this day. **Hats, sunscreen, and sunglasses** may also be brought to school to protect your child from the sun. Please send a full set of clothes for your child to change into since some of the activities involve water and they will get wet. We are also asking for **10 volunteers** to work the games. K-3rd grade will begin field day at 9:30 and 4th-6th grade will begin at 1:00. Please call or email ( [cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) the school office if you would like to volunteer for one or both shifts.

### **Student Service Hours**

Student service hour sheets for the 2023-2024 school year are being sent home this week. Students in 4th and 5th grade are required to complete 10 service hours and students in 6-8th grade are required to complete 15 service hours next school year. Service hours can be accumulated from 5/1/2023-4/30/24. See the letter coming home for more information regarding student service hours. .

### **Parent Service Hours**

Parent service hours for the 2022-2023 school year along with payment for any hours not worked are due on Friday, 5/19/23. Parent service hour logs for the 2023-2024 school year are coming home this week. Hours for 2023-2024 can be accumulated from 5/1/23-4/30/24.

### **2023-2024 Financial Agreement**

The church office is needing the financial agreement forms that were mailed out in April to school families filled out and returned to the church or school office ( we will get it over to the church office) before school is out next week.

### **Baby Bottle Drive**

Baby bottles are being sent home this week with the youngest child in each family. The goal is to fill your bottle with spare change/ dollar bills for Metro East Thrive Women's Healthcare. The drive lasts up until Father's Day. Bottles can be brought back to either the school/church office or to Mass.

### **Uniform Swap**

This year's uniform exchange day will be Sunday, 6/4 in the school gym at 1pm. If you have any uniforms to swap, bring them in and we will sort them by size. If you are in need of any uniform items, come and get what you need.

### **Vacation Bible School Day Camp**

Sign ups are still happening for VBS the week of 6/26-6/30. We will be offering morning and afternoon childcare for a minimal fee and the VBS portion will be free. Lunch will be provided for \$3.00 each day or a home lunch can be brought for children staying for the afternoon at Aftercare. This is open to all children entering Pk3 -entering 5th grade. 6th grade on up can volunteer to help at it.

#### **VBS Day Camp**

- Morning Childcare 7am-9am- \$10
- VBS 9am-12pm- Free
- Afternoon Childcare 12pm-5pm- \$20

### **John 16:23-24**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.