

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
November 13, 2024

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 13th- Preschool Hearing & Vision Screenings  
Butter Braid Delivery Day  
November 14th- 8th Grade Raffle Ends  
November 15th- PSA Family Fun Night  
November 17th-KC Chicken Dinner  
November 18th- Girl Scouts  
November 20th- Midterms  
November 22nd- **Noon Dismissal**- Curriculum training  
November 25th- Picture Retakes  
Turkey Disguises Due  
November 27th-29th- **No School**- Thanksgiving break  
December 2nd- Auction Meeting  
December 5th- Mom's Club Christmas Party  
December 8th- Church Smorgasbord  
December 11th- Santa Kottage Shopping Day  
Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest  
December 13th- Preschool Christmas Program  
December 14th- Breakfast With Santa  
December 19th- K-8th Christmas Program  
December 20th- Classroom Christmas Parties  
**Noon Dismissal**

**Attachments:** December Lunch Calendar, PSA Family Fun Night Flyer, Smorgasbord Flyer, 8th grade raffle flyer, bowling night, Dress pass flyer, Breakfast with Santa, Mom's Club Letter

**PICTURE RETAKES**

Info about picture retakes will be coming in the next week or so. It will be on Monday, 11/25. Students who are retaking pictures will be allowed free dress this day. If you purchased a package and are having your child retake pictures, please send the package with your child to turn back into the picture company so your retakes will be free.

**SCARVES FOR SALE**

The 2nd grade class is selling handmade scarves for \$5.00 each. Proceeds will be donated to Stella to help with medical expenses. Stella is a 5-year-old who received a new heart in July after being hospitalized for over 180 days.



### **PSA FUNDRAISER**

The PSA will once again be selling Dress Down Passes. These passes allow your student to dress down on a day of their choice (NOT on mass days) by turning in a pass to their teacher. An order form is coming home today. All orders must be sent back to school by Friday, November 22nd. These make great stocking stuffers. The flyer is attached.

### **CALENDAR CHANGE**

This Friday, November 22 will be a noon dismissal day. Teachers will be participating in training for our new reading curriculum. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### **BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER**

Pickup for Butter Braids your child sold will be at dismissal today (Wednesday, 11/13/24). Please come to the gym doors (Enrichment Room) starting at 2:45PM to pick up order. Orders along with order forms will be in alphabetical order. Please grab your order ASAP. The school does not have freezer space to store orders overnight.

### **PSA FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Family Night this Friday, 11/15 from 6-8:00PM in the school gym. Come dressed in your favorite Christmas pajamas and bring blankets and pillows as we will be watching "The Grinch" together. The PSA will also pass out Christmas gifts while playing the "saran wrap ball game". The game will start promptly at 6pm with the movie starting at 6:30PM. Each family will receive a snack box for the movie. This is a free event and we hope to see lots of families join. Please RSVP to the school office

([cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) so we will have enough gifts in the saran wrap ball game for each child.

### **8th GRADE RAFFLE**

Tomorrow 11/14 is the last day to purchase raffle tickets. Tickets are \$0.50 each and will be available for purchase in the office. See the flyer attached for more information.

### **PLEASE HELP**

We are also in need of some parents of basketball players, or any parent since the money raised goes directly to the school benefiting all students, to help work admission money and the concession stand. Service hours will be given for anyone who helps work. We average around \$15,000 a year and this money goes directly to the school to help with technology updates, curriculum, and school safety needs. Follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-51928186-service>

### **TURKEY CONTEST**

Your child can win a Dairy Queen gift card if the turkey they disguise gets the most reactions/comments on the school FACEBOOK page. Contest info and the turkey template that must be used went home last week. 1 student from each category will win a gift card. Grades will be divided into:

PK-Kindergarten

1st-3rd Grade

4th-6th Grade

7-8th Grade.

Your disguise is due by Monday, 11/25/24 by 9AM. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. If you need a new template, call or email the school office. This contest is free to enter. You can turn completed projects into the school office when finished.

### **UPPER GRADE (4TH-8TH GRADE) BOWLING NIGHT**

We will be having a bowling night on Friday, 12/13/24 for grades 4th-8th. Information is coming home this week. **Please fill in the reservation form** with shoe size, soda, and pizza preference and send back along with payment. The cost is \$16/student for unlimited bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and soda. The student with the highest game score will win a gift card.

### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

We are now taking reservations for Breakfast With Santa. Call the school office or email Mrs Knight ( [kknight@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:kknight@olqpbethalto.org) ) to reserve your spot. The cost is \$15 a child OR \$35/Family. This event includes a meet and greet with Santa, picture with Santa, Craft, and Full Breakfast. This is a fundraiser for our students to get to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

### **SANTA KOTTAGE SHOPPING DAY**

This fun PSA fundraiser is being held on Wednesday, 12/11. This fundraiser allows students to be able to shop for gifts for everyone in their family including pets. Shopping will begin at 8:30AM. More information about it will be coming home before Thanksgiving break. We are however needing parent volunteers to help wrap gifts and ring students out for their purchases. If you are able to help, follow the sign up link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-53244609-santa>

### **UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST**

Info is coming home this week about this. Cost to enter is \$5.00 and all the money collected will be donated for the staff Christmas party. Each grade will have 1 winner ( a Christmas Fun Bag Filled of Items) and 1 student will be picked for the grand prize of "Best In School" and win a \$10 gift card. It is still a uniform day if you do not participate in the contest.

### **LIVING NATIVITY**

We are looking for 8-9 volunteers to represent OLQP to help man the Living Nativity Booth at the Bethalto Christmas Village on Sunday, 12/15/24 from 5PM-8PM. This is in an enclosed tent with straw bales to sit on. If you can't stay the entire shift we can switch volunteers out. Email Mrs Waldo ( [awaldo@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:awaldo@olqpbethalto.org) ) if you are interested in helping.

### **MADISON COUNTY GREEN SCHOOLS**

Continue sending in plastic and tennis shoes for our recycling projects. We collected 85.5 pounds of plastic so far!

### **HOT LUNCH**

Weekly orders for the week of 11/18-11/22 are due Thursday, 11/14 by 9AM. Lunch is \$3.50. Send lunch order/money in an envelope marked " Hot Lunch" with days your child would like to order into the school office by the deadline. The December menu is coming home this week.

## ONLINE DONATIONS

The church office is transitioning from GiveCentral to Push Pay for online church offerings. You will find this online giving platform an easy and secure way to manage your giving, even from the convenience of a mobile device. As before you can make a one time gift donation to the school or church, and also set up a recurring gift for weekly Sunday offerings instead of using the paper envelopes. See the QR Code below to sign up. If you used the old system (GiveCentral), you will need to stop payments from your online Give Central account.



## AUCTION NEWS

We are asking any and all parents to help gather donations. We have auction donation request letters in the office. If you would like some to hand out to businesses you know personally or frequent, we would greatly appreciate it. Please email the office ( [cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) ) asking for some to be sent home and we will send them home with your child.



The auction committee is looking for an individual or family to chair the bank during the night of the auction. If you are interested, please contact the school office ([cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)). The next auction meeting is scheduled for Monday, 12/2/24 at 6:30PM in the 6th Grade Classroom.

Your class parent should be reaching out soon about what classroom basket they are going to put together for the silent auction.

The week's auction donation request challenge: Child theme gifts: trunk of dress up clothes, birthday party, doll house, sleep over package (games, crafts, etc)

### **SMORGASBORD & BAZAAR**

Sunday, 12/8 is the Annual OLQP Smorgasbord & Bazaar. Dinner will be served in the school gym from 11-3pm. Carry-outs are available. Adults are \$15, Children are \$5, & 5 & under are free. Dinner includes: Knights Fried Chicken, Turkey & Dressing, Pigs in the Blanket, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Desserts, & Beverages. They will have a cash raffle, quilt raffle, and Advent calendar raffle with \$225 in gift cards in it. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets contact the school or church office or you may purchase them the day of.

### **KC CHICKEN DINNER**

Sunday, 11/17/24 is the next chicken dinner. DINE IN, CARRY OUT, DRIVE THRU. Adults \$14, Children \$6.00. Adult meals are either half chicken or 5 chicken strips with 3 sides. Now accepting credit card payments.

### **SERVERS**

Saturday 11/16- 4:30PM- Levi and Abe Woodiel

Sunday 11/17- 8:30AM- Ryder Williams and Abe Diericx

10:30AM- Ben Cripps and Ellie Waldo

Saturday 11/23- 4:30PM- Mya Bequette and Jace Certa

Sunday 11/24- 8:30AM- Ellie and Carson Williams

10:30AM- William Wolff and Josie Hagaman

## CHURCH NEWS

\*If you have any questions about the following, please contact the church office for more info.

### Sunday Offerings- **Weekend of 11/2/24-11/3/24**

Loose \$550.00

Envelopes \$7,237.00

Online Giving \$3,070.00

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$1.00

**TOTAL COLLECTED- \$10,858.00**

- **Operating Budget \$15,391.25**

- Tithe to Diocese \$1,500

**Difference= - \$6,033.25**

**Total Envelopes received- 105**

**Online Donations- 35**

Attention all Catholics- Are you looking to learn more about your Catholic faith? Consider joining us on Wed nights from 7-8:30PM in our RCIA classes. We would love for you to join us. Upcoming topics, 11/20-Church Calendar/Church Year, 12/4- Q&A with Fr Tom, 12/11- Rosary

Grounds Beautification Help -We are Looking for people who would like to help beautify the grounds and buildings of our parish with small projects 2-3 hours per week. Contact Norm Frisch or Joe Gulash if you can help.

Community 55 Luncheons- November 14 & December 12. Thursday, 11/14 is the next lunch. It is at Wiggler's Bar & Grill at 11:30AM in Holiday Shores. Text or call Kris Magee to RSVP or sign up on the OLQP Church Facebook Page.

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

