

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
October 16, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16-18th- 7th & 8th Grade Space Camp Huntsville, AL
October 17th-Kindergarten Field Trip
October 18th- End of 1st Quarter
October 19th- 5th-8th Grade Soccer Game @ 9AM Field 1
 3rd/4th Grade Boys Soccer Game @ 10:15AM Field 4
 1st/2nd Grade Boys Soccer Game @ 9:00AM Field 2
 Kindergarten Soccer Game @ 9AM Field 5A
 1st/2nd Grade Girls Soccer Game @ 10:15 AM Field 3
 3rd/4th Grade Girls Soccer Game @ 11:30AM Field 3
October 20th- KC Chicken Dinner
October 21st- Auction Meeting
October 21-25- RED RIBBON WEEK
October 23rd- Report Cards
October 25th- Pumpkin Decorating Contest
 Mission Carnival
 Trunk Or Treat
October 28th- School Board Meeting
November 1st- Living Saint Museum
 Butter Braid Fundraiser Forms Due
November 4th- Girl Scouts
November 5th- 6th Grade Vocation Day
November 6th- Parent Teacher Conferences
November 7th- Noon Dismissal
 Parent Teacher Conferences
November 11th- Veterans Day Celebration
 Noon Dismissal
November 12th- PSA Meeting
November 13th- Butter Braid Delivery Day
November 15th- PSA Family Fun Night

Attachments: , trunk or treat, Red Ribbon Week, Pumpkin Contest, November Lunch Calendar, Recycle, space camp lunch

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in need of clean, large empty cans (think restaurant size vegetable 5 or 6 pound cans) for decorations Breakfast with Santa. Please send them to the office as soon as possible.

Mom's Club is also looking for any bright colored pastel Christmas tree decorations/signs/picks you might be wanting to get rid of. They are planning the OLQP Christmas Tree to decorate at the Alton Christmas Wonderland lights this year. This is a contest and the winning top 3 trees get a cash prize. This cash prize helps toward adopting a needy family for Christmas. Please drop off your donations to the school office.

MISSION CARNIVAL TICKETS

Tickets to use at the carnival on Friday, 10/25 will be on sale starting Monday, 10/21. Tickets are 25 cents each. Each booth cost 25 cents to play. Send your money in an envelope marked "Mission Carnival Tickets for Name" and we will have them ready to go and your child's teacher can pass them out before the carnival starts. Avoid the long lines before the carnival starts by sending in your ticket order early. We will take cash or checks. All the money collected will be donated to the Missionary Childhood Association.

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Fundraiser info and order forms went home last week. We are selling Butter Braids, Cookies, and Pizzas. This is a great fundraiser for the school that gives us 40% of the profits. Our school goal is to raise at least \$5,000. You will receive 1 service hour per every \$100 you sell. **Forms are due back on Friday, 11/1/24.**

MORNING DROP OFF

Students cannot be left unattended at the school doors during morning drop off. If you need to leave before 8:15, please send your child to the Before and After School program. Teachers do not get to the doors until the bell rings at 8:15. Thank you for your cooperation.

VETERANS DAY

The OLQP Civics Club is once again sponsoring a Veterans Day Thank You program. It will be held on Monday, November 11 in the school gym. Veterans and their guests are asked to arrive by 9:30 AM. If you know a veteran you would like to invite (who hasn't attended before), please call the school office to add them to our list.

MADISON COUNTY GREEN SCHOOLS

In conjunction with Madison County Green Schools, we are going to begin a couple recycling projects. Attached are flyers for the Sneaker Collection contest and the Fantastic Plastic contest. The sneaker collection begins now and will end in mid-January. The winner of this contest will win an ice cream party. The plastic contest will begin now and will end at the end of March. The prize for this contest is up to \$300. Collection boxes will be placed in the back of the church as well as the lobby in the school. Please see the flyers attached to this letter for acceptable items.

LIVING SAINT MUSEUM

Our upper grade students will be hosting a Living Saint Museum after Mass on Friday, 11/1/24, from 9:15-11:15AM in the school gym. Students will dress up as a Saint and tell you about the life of their Saint. Parents, grandparents, family, friends, and all parishioners are welcome to attend.

FAMILY SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

As required by the Diocese of Springfield, Family School Agreements were mailed to every catholic school family a couple weeks ago. We have only received 51% of those back. Please sign the agreement and return it to the school office or use the enclosed envelope to mail it back to the church. Thank you for taking care of this.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The sign up for parent teacher conferences for PreK 4 - 8th grade is open. Miss Lyndsey in PK3 will be scheduling her own conferences. Please click the link below and sign up to meet with your child's teacher. Parents of upper grade students- we ask that you see your child's homeroom teacher to receive their MAP scores. You are welcome to sign up to meet with any of their other teachers as well. The sign up will be turned off on the evening of October 30th to allow time for teachers to prepare. Due to a family commitment, Mrs. Knight's conferences will be held from 4-7 on Tuesday, November 5th and any time on Friday, November 8th. Please contact kknight@olqpbethalto.org or the school office to set up conferences with Mrs. Knight. Sorry for the inconvenience.

<https://signup.com/go/JhFWANW>

CONCESSION STAND SERVICE HOURS

Basketball season is starting soon! Below are our available shifts to help work either the admission table or the concession stand during games we host. We have about 40 shifts to cover. In our OLQP sports liability/agreement that was signed, we ask all sports parents to help out with working a shift or two. You can earn service hours as well. You do not need to have a child playing basketball to volunteer. This is a great opportunity

to get all your service hours in for the year. 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.

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

CONCESSION STAND DONATION

With the basketball season starting up soon, we are once again looking for donations of cases of water to sell during games in the OLQP concession stand. Families will receive 1 service hour for their donation. Water cases may be dropped off in the school office anytime during school hours.

HOT LUNCH

Weekly orders for the week of 10/21-10/25 are due Thursday, 10/17 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 November lunch calendar is coming home this week.

SPACE CAMP LUNCH

Civics Club is sponsoring another Domino Pizza day on Tuesday, 11/5. Order forms are coming home this week and attached below. Order forms are due back by Thursday, 10/31 at 9AM.

WOOD RIVER PARADE

If your child would like to walk in the Wood River Halloween Parade along with OLQP, please contact the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) for a permission slip. Parents must walk with their child. The Parade is Saturday, 10/26 at 10AM.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Info on OLQP's annual Trunk Or Treat event went home last week. Send in your reservations to grab a spot. This is another great fundraiser that goes towards sending our students to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. Info is also attached below.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is the week of 10/21-10/25/24. Printed info about this week was sent home last week. It is also attached below. Please contact the school office with any questions.

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Sign ups for the annual pumpkin decorating contest went home a few weeks ago. Please fill it out and turn it back if your child wants to participate. This allows us to get tables ready and know how many pumpkins to expect for each category. This is a free & fun event. Pumpkins will need to be dropped off at arrival time on Friday, 10/25 no later than 8:30AM. Each student/staff will be able to vote for 1 pumpkin per category listed. Votes will be counted and winners announced before our Mission Carnival begins in the afternoon. See flyer attached below for additional details. **Sign ups are due by this Friday, 10/18.** Send in the form or email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) to sign up.

AUCTION NEWS

Our next auction meeting will be Monday, 10/21/24 at 6:30PM in the Enrichment Room. 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).

SHARE THE WORD

We are looking for some volunteers to help with the Share The Word Ministry at 10:30AM Sunday Mass every week. This is a ministry the children of the church really enjoy. Kids 2nd grade and under are allowed to go to the church basement and read the Sunday Gospel for the week and do a craft/color sheet relating to the Gospel. We need 2 people to volunteer every Sunday. We have a leader (which leads/teaches the lesson) and a helper(that keeps an eye on the kids and assists the leader). The kids are typically down stairs for about 15-20 minutes and brought back up during the Offertory. You will receive ½ hour of service hours for every shift you sign up. The lessons are planned for you and everything. You will need to have completed the CMG Connect lessons in order to sign up for this ministry. Email the school office with any questions (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org). Use the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-51885549-fall#/>

SERVERS

Saturday 10/19-4:30PM- Paige & Parker Winship

Sunday 10/20- 8:30AM- Ellie & Carson Williams

10:30AM- Kinsey Mitchell & Aubrey Herbstreit

Saturday 10/26- 4:30PM- Rowan Scott & Reid Bouillon

Sunday 10/27- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Jace Certa & Ben Cripps

CHURCH NEWS

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

Sunday Offerings- **Weekend of 10/5-10/6/24**

Loose \$627.00

Envelopes \$7,165.29

Online Giving \$4,555.00

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$9.20

TOTAL COLLECTED- \$12,356.49

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

- Tithe to Diocese \$1,500

Difference= - \$4,534.76

Smorgasbord Planning Meeting- Thursday, 10/17 at 6:30PM in the church basement.
Anyone and everyone welcome!

KC Chicken Dinner- Sunday, October 20th 11:30AM-2PM. Dine in, carryout, or drive-thru. \$14 adults, \$6 kids (age 5-10). Now accepting credit card payment. Proceeds go to the K of C Charities/OLQP Parish.

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.

Prayer Group- October 22, 2024 6pm- We meet in the church for 1 hour on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, giving God praise and thanks. We discuss a scripture passage and how it applies to our lives. We invite anyone to bring their prayers of petition, and we end with a song of praise. Everyone is welcome.

Saints & Suds Meeting-Thursday, 10/24 at 7pm.

Ladies Sewing Group- Meets Wednesday, 10/30

Ladies of the Parish Meeting- Thursday, 11/7 at 6PM in the church basement. Bring a friend/snack. No sewing at this meeting.

40 days For Life- You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 day vigil in the public right of way outside the Hope Clinic in Granite City. Our parish has adopted Wednesday, 10/23 from 7AM-6PM. We are needing 2 people an hour to stand at the clinic in Peaceful Prayer. To be a part of this spiritual exercise, contact Mary Terry (618-830-0104)

Prison Ministry Project- We are collecting 2025 calendars (wall, desk, or pocket, no spiral) for women incarcerated at the Woman's Logan Facility in Lincoln, Illinois. If you can help, place your calendars in the marked box located in the vestibule of the church.

RCIA- Our inquiry sessions have begun, but we are still waiting for YOU. If you are interested in joining the Catholic faith, join us in the church basement every Wednesday at 7PM. To sign up, call the church office.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

~1 Thessalonians 5:18