

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
October 2, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2nd- Mission Mass 2nd Grade
Chess Club

October 5th- Kindergarten Soccer Game @ 10AM Field 5B
1st/2nd Grade Boys Soccer Game @ 11:30AM Field 2
1st/2nd Grade Girls Soccer Game @ 10:15AM Field 4
@ 12:45PM
3rd/4th Grade Boys Soccer Game @ 1:00PM Field 3
@ 3:15PM
3rd/4th Grade Girls Soccer Game @ 11:30AM Field 3
5th-8th Grade Co-Ed Soccer Game @ 10:15AM Field 1
@ 2:00 PM

October 6th-Server Commissioning

October 7th- Girl Scouts

October 9th- Papa John's Pizza Night

October 11th- PK4 Movie Drive-In Day

ButterBraid Fundraiser Begins

Noon Dismissal

October 14th- **No School**

October 16-18th- 7th & 8th Grade Space Camp Huntsville, AL

October 18th- End of 1st Quarter

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- ButterBraid 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

Attachments: , trunk or treat, Red Ribbon Week, pumpkin contest, Papa John's Flyer

STUDENT PERMANENT RECORDS

Last Notices are being sent out this week for missing items from your child's file. We are still missing some immunization & dental records from students that are required by the State of IL by October 15th. After October 15th, your child will not be able to attend school until those items are turned into the school office.

HURRICANE RELIEF

OLQP school will be collecting donations for hurricane relief. Send a donation of your choice in an envelope marked "Hurricane" to the office. Students who donate will receive a free dress day next Wednesday, October 9th. Donations will be made through Catholic Charities Hurricane Relief. Thank you for helping teach OLQP students to give back to those in need.

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to Roxana Senior and OLQP graduate Joe Newton! Joe was crowned homecoming king this past weekend. OLQP is proud of you Joe!

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.

MISSION MASS

Second graders had a great time at the Mission Mass at the Cathedral in Springfield today. We had two students read petitions, and they did a fantastic job.

Eighth grader Colin Maher was recognized at the Mission Mass for his national award for outstanding work on his Mission Society Christmas art contest submission from last year. Congratulations, Colin!

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>

MENU CHANGE

Bethalto informed us this week that on Friday, 10/18 they are NOW serving a sack lunch(typically includes sandwich, chips, & Fruit) instead of cheeseburgers like they had said. If you ordered this day and would like to cancel your lunch order, please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) by Wednesday, 10/9. You will receive a credit for next month to use.

AFTER CARE

Friday, October 11th is a noon dismissal day. If your child will be attending the after care program, be sure to send a lunch.

SERVER COMMISSIONING

We are asking all servers to please plan to attend the 10:30 Mass on October 6th for our server commissioning.

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>

CHESS CLUB

Chess club this year will be held in the 6th grade classrooms from **5:30-6:30** beginning tonight, **Wednesday, October 2nd**.

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 10/7-10/11 are due Thursday, 10/3 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.

HOMECOMING PARADE

The PSA is seeking donations of sealed bags of individual candy for OLQP to pass out at the Homecoming parade on 10/11/24. You may also just send in a monetary donation if you don't want to worry about buying candy at the store and the PSA will do the shopping.

OLQP is also looking for students to walk with our float. A parent must accompany their child to walk. Please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) to sign up to walk with your child/children.

TOOTSIE ROLL

The Knights of Columbus are selling left over tootsie rolls from their recent tootsie roll drive for \$5 for a bag of 50 or \$30 for a box of 300. These would be great for anyone planning to do the trunk or treat at the school or if you would want them to pass out as Halloween candy at home. If anyone is interested, please call Luke Kistner at 618.558.2689 to arrange a time to pick them up.

PAPA JOHN'S NIGHT

Next Wednesday, 10/9 is our next Papa John's Pizza Day. Use promo code "SSNO3" when ordering via phone, app, in person, or online and OLQP School will receive up to 25% back of sales.

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 are going home this week. 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.

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

SERVERS

Saturday 10/5-4:30PM- Adult Servers

Sunday 10/6- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Everly Olmsted & Julian Certa

Saturday 10/12- 4:30PM- Ellie & Lucy Colley

Sunday 10/13- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Regan Devries & Josie Buhs

CHURCH NEWS

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

Sunday Offerings- **Weekend of 9/21/24-9/22/24**

Loose \$420.00

Envelopes \$11,645.36

Online Giving \$4,965.00

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$1.00

TOTAL COLLECTED- \$17,031.36

Operating Budget \$15,391.25

Tithe to Diocese \$1,500

Difference \$140.11

Grounds Beautification Meeting Wednesday, 10/2/24 after 6:30PM Mass.

Can you help but can't make the meeting?

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 month. Contact Norm Frisch or Joe Gulash if you can help.

Ladies Sewing Group-The sewing group will meet next on Wednesday, 10/2 at 9:30AM in the church basement. All ladies of the church are welcome to join. Bring your supplies and projects.

Parish Prayer Group- Meets 10/8/24- Join other parishioners as we gather together and bring prayers to God. Prayer group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Church at 6PM.

Ladies Club- Join us October 3rd @ 6pm in the church basement . Bring a friend and snacks.

Community 55- Community 55 will meet for lunch on Thursday, 10/10 at 11:30AM at Geno's 140. Sign up to go on the OLQP Church Facebook page.

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)

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.

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. ~ Psalm 9:10