

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
October 23, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 23rd- Report Cards
October 25th- Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Mission Carnival
Trunk Or Treat
October 26- Soccer Games
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
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November 10th- Men's Night
November 11th- Veterans Day Celebration
Noon Dismissal
November 12th- PSA Meeting
November 13th- Preschool Hearing & Vision Screenings
Butter Braid Delivery Day
November 15th- PSA Family Fun Night

Attachments: , trunk or treat, Red Ribbon Week, November Lunch Calendar, Recycle, space camp lunch, Mom's Club Flyer/living saint museum flyer

PUMPKIN CONTEST INFO

Pumpkins for the contest are due Friday (10/25) by 8:30AM. Your child is bringing home a note this week with the color table and entry number to look for to place their pumpkin on Friday morning. This system makes it possible for the pumpkin decorators to remain anonymous.

BASKETBALL PARENTS

Basketball uniforms are coming home this week for your child.

We are also in need of some parents of basketball players to help work the last 2 shifts of collecting admission money and concession stand help the first weekend of games on Sunday, 11/3. 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>

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>

LOST & FOUND

If you are here for Mission Carnival please stop at the table by the office and look at the many items of our lost and found. We will have them out in hopes parents will recognize some of the items to claim.

LAST CALL FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Info on OLQP's annual Trunk Or Treat event went home a few weeks ago. 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in need of small prizes and candy for the Mission Carnival. Please send donations 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 went on sale 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 check (made out to OLQP). If you are sending in your money early your child's teacher will give them their tickets before the carnival starts Friday afternoon. All the money collected will be donated to the Missionary Childhood Association.

KRISPY KREME DONUT FUNDRAISER

Mom's club is sponsoring a Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser. You may preorder 1 dozen or 1/2 dozen by contacting the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org). Donuts will be available for pick up from 9-11:30AM outside of the church on Sunday, 11/3. 1 dozen original glazed is \$15 a dozen & \$9 a half dozen.

Limited number of single donuts will be available to purchase for \$2.00 each on Sunday along with a few extra dozen and half dozen boxes.

Profit made from this fundraiser will allow Mom's Club to adopt a family for Christmas and to accomplish projects around the parish. Their last project was changing tables in the church and school gym bathrooms.

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Fundraiser info and order forms went home a couple of weeks ago. 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.**

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

Continue sending in plastic and tennis shoes for our recycling projects. We have already collected 31 pounds of plastic!

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.

PSA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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 10/28-11/1 are due Thursday, 10/24 by 9AM. If you order monthly, the November menu is due Thursday, 10/24 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.

MENS NIGHT

Join us for a night at the Horse Races on Sunday, 11/10/24 at 7PM in the church basement. For your donation of a case of beer you will be able to win up to \$100 if your horse advances to the final round. Grab some friends and join the fun. The cases of

beer donated to play will be used at the bar during the Dinner Auction on 2/8/25. Official invites are coming home this week.

AUCTION NEWS



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). 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.

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

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

10:30AM- Jace Certa & Ben Cripps

Saturday 11/2- 4:30PM-

Sunday 11/3- 8:30AM-

10:30AM-

CHURCH NEWS

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

Sunday Offerings- **Weekend of 10/12/24-10/13/24**

Loose \$593

Envelopes \$7,003.00

Online Giving \$4,075.00

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$3.00

TOTAL COLLECTED- \$11,674.00

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

- Tithe to Diocese \$1,500

Difference= - \$5, 217.25

Total Envelopes received- 93

Online Donations- 51

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, 10/23- prayer, 10/30-Works of Mercy, 11/6-Trinity, 11/20-Church Calendar/Church Year, 12/4- Q&A with Fr Tom, 12/11- Rosary

New Eucharistic Minister Training- Would you like to begin serving as a Eucastist Minister at Mass on the weekend? We are in great need of more volunteers for this ministry. Father Tom will have a training session on Sunday, 11/3, following the 10:30AM Mass. Please come if you are able. We need you!!

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 at 9:30AM in the church basement. Bring your supplies and projects.

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

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.

Community 55 Luncheons- November 14 & December 12. More info to come.

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.

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."
~Ecclesiastes 3:1:*