

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
October 30, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 14th- 8th Grade Raffle Ends
November 15th- PSA Family Fun Night
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

Attachments: November Lunch Calendar, Recycle, space camp lunch, Mom's Club
Flyer/living saint museum flyer, raffle flyer

CALENDAR CHANGE

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

CHESS

Chess will be canceled today, 10/30 (Have fun trick-or-treating!) & also on 11/6 because of parent teacher conferences.

FREE DRESS DAY

Students are welcome to wear a Halloween shirt or black and orange to school on Thursday, October 31st. Jeans or shorts are acceptable. Please make sure you are following the dress code on free dress days. (No spaghetti straps. Shorts must come to at least your fingertips.)

8th GRADE RAFFLE

Beginning on Thursday, October 31st, 8th grade will be holding a raffle to raise money for their end of year activities. Tickets are \$0.50 each and will be available for purchase in the office each afternoon between Thursday 10/31 and Thursday 11/14. See the flyer attached for more information.

UNIFORM

This Friday, November 1st is the last day to wear shorts to school until time changes again in the spring. This includes any free dress days we might have.

BASKETBALL PARENTS

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>

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 is coming home this 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. This contest is free to enter.

SAVE THE DATE UPPER GRADE STUDENTS

We will be having a bowling night on Friday, 12/13/24 for grades 4th-8th. Information will be coming home soon with details and a reservation form.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The sign up for parent teacher conferences for PreK 4 - 8th grade is closed. If for some reason you need to change your conference time, please call or email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org). 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED

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

Thank you to all who helped make our mission carnival a success. We raised \$720.75 for 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. Last week we collected 39 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

Formal invites are coming home this week. The next event is scheduled for 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 movie 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) so we will have enough gifts in the saran wrap ball game for each child.

HOT LUNCH

Weekly orders for the week of 11/4-11/8 are due Thursday, 10/31 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.

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.**

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.

SERVERS

Saturday 11/2- 4:30PM- Josie Hagaman and Addison Villalobos

Sunday 11/3- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Jemma Dorsey and Layne Frisch

Saturday 11/9- 4:30PM- Jace Certa and Rowan Scott

Sunday 11/10- 8:30AM- Reid and Ryder Bouillon

10:30AM- Kinsey Mitchell and Elliott Perez

CHURCH NEWS

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

Sunday Offerings- **Weekend of 10/19/24-10/20/24**

Loose \$541.33

Envelopes \$10,432.86

Online Giving \$3,295.00

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$1.00

TOTAL COLLECTED- \$14,270.19

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

- Tithe to Diocese \$1,500

Difference= - \$2, 621.06

Total Envelopes received- 97

Online Donations- 26

All Saints Day- Holy Day of obligation- Friday, 11/1/24 8:30AM & 6:30PM

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, 10/30-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 Eucastrist 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!!

Loved But Not Forgotten Mass- Mass is Monday, 11/4 at 7pm. If you have not received a letter and would like your loved one included, contact the parish office. All are welcome.

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- November 12th 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 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.

