

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
October 9, 2024

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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 17th-Kindergarten Field Trip  
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- 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- Noon Dismissal  
November 12th- PSA Meeting

Attachments: , trunk or treat, Red Ribbon Week, Pumpkin Contest, Papa John's Flyer,  
November Lunch Calendar, Recycle

**PAPA JOHN'S NIGHT**

Tonight, Wednesday, 10/9 is our 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.

### **Hurricane Donations**

Thank you to all who donated to the Hurricane Relief efforts and enjoyed free dress today. OLQP was able to raise \$548.00! This money is being sent to the Catholic Charities Hurricane Relief Fund.

### **BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER**

Fundraiser info and order forms are coming home this 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.

### **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.

### **STUDENT PERMANENT RECORDS**

Last Notices were sent out last 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.**

### **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](mailto:kknight@olqpbethalto.org) or the school office to set up conferences with Mrs. Knight. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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

### **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.

### **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 10/14-10/18 are due Thursday, 10/10 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.

## **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](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org)) to sign up to walk with your child/children.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) ). Use the link below to sign up.

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

## **SERVERS**

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

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

10:30AM- Regan Devries & Josie Buhs

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

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

10:30AM- Kinsey Mitchell & Aubrey Herbstreit

## **CHURCH NEWS**

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

Sunday Offerings- **Weekend of 9/28/24-9/29/24**

Loose \$547.00

Envelopes \$5,636.00

Online Giving \$3,265.00

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$2.00

**TOTAL COLLECTED- \$9,450.00**

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

- Tithe to Diocese \$1,500

**Difference= - \$7,441.25**

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- 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)

Ladies Sewing Group- Next Meeting is Wednesday, 10/16 @ 9:30AM in the church basement. All are welcome. Bring your supplies and projects.

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

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.

*"They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it."*  
~1 Peter 3:11