

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
September 25, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26th- Golf Match @ Rolling Hills

September 27th-PK3 & 4 Field Trip

Mom's Club Meeting

September 28th- Kindergarten Soccer Game @ 10AM Field 5A

1st/2nd Grade Boys Soccer Game @ 9AM Field 2

1st/2nd Grade Girls Soccer Game @ 9AM Field 3

3rd/4th Grade Boys Soccer Game @ 10:15AM Field 4

3rd/4th Grade Girls Soccer Game @ 11:30AM Field 3

5th-8th CO-ED Soccer Game @ 9AM Field 1

October 2nd- Mission Mass 2nd Grade

Chess Club

October 6th-Server Commissioning

October 7th- Girl Scouts

October 11th- PK4 Movie Drive-In Day

Noon Dismissal

October 14th- No School

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

October 18th- End of 1st Quarter

October 21-25- RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23rd- Report Cards

October 25th- Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Mission Carnival

Trunk Or Treat

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.

CHESS CLUB

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

GLOW IN THE DARK BINGO FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped in any way with the Glow in the Dark Bingo fundraiser last week. We made \$2,600 for our next trip to Space Camp!! Thank you for your continued support.

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

If you order monthly, the October order is due by this Thursday, 9/26 by 9AM. Weekly orders for the week of 9/30-10/4 are due Thursday, 9/26 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.

NOTICE OF NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY

"Our Lady Queen of Peace School admits students of any race, color sex or national ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35/.

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.

VIRTUS TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM

Permission slips/declination forms are coming home this week for *The Touching Safety Program*. The creators of *Protecting God's Children* developed the program as part of an ongoing effort to create/maintain a safe environment for children. The scheduled lessons are being offered to students in grades K-8. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether or not your student participates. Please reach out if you would like more details about the lessons.

Permission or declination forms are **due back by Monday, 9/30/24**. If you need a new permission form, please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org).

TRUNK OR TREAT

Info on OLQP's annual Trunk Or Treat event will be coming home this 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.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is the week of 10/21-10/25/24. Printed info about this week is coming home this 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 for additional details.

MOM'S CLUB MEETING

The first meeting of the school year will be **this Friday, 9/27/24** in the school gym at 6:30PM. Grab a friend and enjoy the fun night. We will have J Lane Boutique here with a pop up Hat Bar & Permanent Jewelry station set up for all to enjoy. Hats are \$25 and up and jewelry is anywhere from \$25-\$45. We will have an attendance raffle drawing for 1 mom to receive their hat free. Bring your favorite drinks and appetizer. Please RSVP by emailing the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbetalto.org) so the boutique will bring enough materials for all to enjoy.

AUCTION NEWS

Our next auction meeting will be Monday, 10/21/24 at 6:30PM in the Enrichment Room. Below you will find the agenda from this week's meeting and items that were voted on.

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).

SERVERS

Saturday 9/28- 4:30PM- Rowan Scott & Tinsley Busse

Sunday 9/29- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Hadley & Nora Militello

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

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

10:30AM- Everly Olmsted & Julian Certa

CHURCH NEWS

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

Saints & Suds- Thursday, 9/26 church basement- Come learn some history about our church and faith. Bring your questions. More info, call Norm Frisch, 618-363-3020

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.

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.

Sunday Offerings- **Weekend of 9/14/24-9/15/24**

Loose \$467.70

Envelopes \$6,989.00

Online Giving \$2,775.00

Young People (Offering Envelopes) \$2.00

TOTAL COLLECTED- \$10,233.70

Operating Budget \$15,391.25

Tithe to Diocese \$1,500

Difference \$6,657.55

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” ~James 1:2-4