

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School

Parent Letter

November 16, 2022

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and I have many things to be thankful for. The number one thing that I am most thankful for is that I work at a place where I can openly express my Catholic faith with everyone that I interact with on a daily basis. I pray that people see the Light of Christ through the daily interactions I take part in.

November 16: Auction Meeting

November 19: 6th grade Girls Basketball Game 12pm St Ambrose

November 20: 3rd/4th Grade Boys Basketball Game at 3pm St Mary's Suddes Hall

3rd/4th Grade Girls Basketball Game at 5:15pm at OLQP

November 21: School Board Meeting

November 22: 6th Grade Girls Basketball Game at 6pm St Boniface

November 23-27: Thanksgiving Break

November 28: Classes Resume

November 30: Pre-K 3&4 Vision and Hearing Screening

December 5: Santa Kottage shopping and Ugly Sweater Contest

December 10: Breakfast with Santa

Auction News

The next auction meeting is tonight, Wednesday, 11/16 @ 6:30pm in the school gym. This week's weekly challenge is to add "OLQP Auction" to your Christmas buying list.

Hot Lunch

Orders are due for the weeks of **November 21st-December 2nd** (2 weeks) by 9am on Thursday, November 17th. You can order weekly or the entire month of December at once. The November/December menu can be found on our website.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu.cfm>

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

Get your sweaters ready!! The PSA Santa Kottage Committee is once again sponsoring an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest for the students. Entry fee will be a donation of \$5.00 or more with money being donated towards the faculty Christmas party. Prizes will be awarded for the best sweater in every class and a grand prize for the best sweater of the school. The contest will take place on 12/5 during the Santa Kottage shopping day. More info to be sent home this week about the contest.

Basketball Season

We are still needing help **this Sunday, 11/20** with home basketball games. You will receive service hours for your help. **Shifts open still are 2:05 pm-4:25 pm & 4:25pm-6:45pm.** Below is the sign up link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0944a5ac2ea5f49-olqp>

November Server Sign Up

Below is the link for November Mass Server Volunteers. We still need someone to serve **this Saturday, 11/19 & Sunday, 11/20.** You can also always find this on the school website as well.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4daaa822a7fa7-november>

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/monthly-sever-sign-ups.cfm>

Living Nativity

Our school has the opportunity to portray a live nativity at the Bethalto Spirit Christmas Village at Central Park on 12/11. Costumes are provided. We will be in a tent with a portable heater. It is a fun way to share the Christmas message with the community. Please contact Mrs. Waldo (awaldo@olqpbethalto.com) to sign up for a shift from 5-6:30 or 6:30-8.

Christmas Eve Mass

The students of our school are responsible for leading the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass. If your student would like a role, please contact Mrs. Waldo (awaldo@olqpbethalto.org).

Church News

Sunday, November 20, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm is the Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner. Dine In is All-You-Care-to-Eat: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children (ages 5-10). Drive Thru or Carry Out: \$12 for half chicken or five (5) chicken strips, three (3) sides: Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy. For Carry out or drive thru: Enter from Prairie Street into the school parking lot. Proceeds go to Bethalto KC Charities and OLQP Parish.

OLQP Church is having 'A Night of Praise and Thanksgiving', Sunday, November 27, at 6:00 pm. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of worship in our church building. Please join the church community for an evening of song, prayer and adoration, followed by an 'Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social'. Questions, call Norm/Amy Frisch, 618-444-7715.

Sunday, 12/4 from 11am-3pm is our annual Smorgasbord in the school gym. Below is the link for volunteer sign ups to help make this event happen. You will receive service hours for your time.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/926989839217148051/false#/invitation>

Breakfast with Santa

Attached below is the info for Breakfast with Santa. Email kknight@olqpbethalto.org to register and send payment into the school office.

Service Hours

Available service hour opportunities can be found on our school website. The link to the website is posted below. **More opportunities have been added.**

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/service-hours.cfm>

Scouting For Food

The Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, and Jaycess in Bethalto are looking for volunteers to help with the collecting of filled can good bags on Saturday, 11/19. If you and your child are able to help please meet at Zion at 9am. OLQP food pantry will receive cans from the food drive.

Survey

Please follow the link below to take a 2 minute survey concerning summer and extra curricular interests if OLQP were able to offer options in the future. The School Board is trying to gauge our School families interests.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLDHZKF>

SCRIP

SCRIP order forms were sent home with your child to order your gift cards for the Christmas Season last week. Call the school office or parish office if you have any questions about how to order SCRIP or how to set up your SCRIP online account if you want to purchase E-Gift Cards yourself. More information about SCRIP can be found on our school website.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/fundraising.cfm>

Pope Francis

“Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!”