

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
September 17, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 19th- PSA Family Fun Night
- September 20th- Panda Express Fundraiser
- September 21st- Knights Chicken Dinner
- September 22-26- 3rd-7th grade MAP testing
- September 24th- Golf Match @ Spencer T
- September 25th-5-7th Grade Recycle Afternoon
- September 26th- PK3 & PK4 Field Trip
Glow Bingo
- September 30th-6th Grade Vocation Day @ Holy Angels
- October 1st- Dominos Pizza Slice Card Fundraiser Begins
- October 2nd- Parish Dinner Auction Meeting @ 6PM
- October 8th- Mission Mass In Springfield For 2nd Grade
Papa John's Pizza Day
- October 10th- **12:00PM Dismissal**
- October 13th- **NO SCHOOL**
- October 15th- Dominos Pizza Slice Card Fundraiser Ends
- October 17th- Mom's Club Krispy Kreme & Coffee Fundraiser
Upper Grade Bowling Night
- October 20th- Panera Alton Dine To Donate Fundraiser
- October 21st- Report Cards
- October 24th- Trunk Or Treat
- October 25th- Panda Express Fundraiser
- October 27th-31st- Red Ribbon Week
- October 31st- Mission Carnival-Free Dress/Costumes In Afternoon

Chicken Dance, cookbook, October Hot Lunch, Green schools, Glow Bingo, PSA Family Fun Night, You have been clucked, Panda express, Trunk or Treat, Bowling, Mom's club coffee & doughnuts

PSA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us for a fun night at the pavilion this Friday, 9/19. We will have fall themed games, snacks, and pumpkin decorating. Everything is provided free of charge by the PSA. RSVP to the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) if you plan on attending so the PSA can purchase the correct number of pumpkins for the kids to decorate. See the attached flyer for more information.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School picture packages (if you ordered ahead) and proofs (if you did not order ahead) are coming home today (Wednesday, 9/17). Check with your child.

PANDA EXPRESS DINE TO DONATE FUNDRAISER

This Saturday (9/20) is our next Panda Express Dine to Donate Day at the Edwardsville location for the new roof fund. You must show the flyer when ordering in person for it to count for OLQP. If ordering online... you must enter the fundraiser code (3841052) on the checkout screen. In person credit will show up on your receipt under items ordered as "Fundraiser" with a \$0 owed.

RECESS MONITOR

We are looking for a grandparent or parent available to help with recess duty on Thursday (9/18), Friday (9/19), Wednesday (9/24), Thursday (9/25), and Friday (9/26). If you are able to help, please email Mrs. Knight (kknight@olqpbethalto.org). You would need to be here from 12:10-12:35PM for recess duty and have the CMG Connect (Protecting God's Children) completed.

LOCKDOWN DRILL

We will be having a lockdown drill with the Bethalto School Resource Officer on Thursday, September 25th. The teachers will be discussing the procedure in class leading up to the drill. Please reinforce the importance of being quiet and listening to teachers for directions. Thank you for helping us keep all students safe.

GLOW BINGO

We are taking reservations for the famous OLQP Glow Bingo!. Flyers went home this week. See attached flyer for more info. This is a fundraiser for our upper grade students to get to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama next school year.

GLOW BINGO SPONSOR

We are looking for 9 more round sponsors for Bingo. Round Sponsorship is \$100 and your name will be announced during Bingo and on the printed program as the sponsor. Email Mrs. Knight (kknight@olqpbethalto.org) if you are interested.

VOTE FOR FAVORITE ARTWORK ON FACEBOOK FOR THE PARISH COOKBOOK

Each grade (K-7th) made a drawing in art class together as a class project. We posted them to Facebook and the class with the most "reactions" will have their artwork featured in the parish cookbook. To view these and vote follow the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Jnn15YLuM/>

GREEN SCHOOLS

In conjunction with the Madison County Green Schools program, and with Kelly Villalobos as our school coordinator, we have several recycling projects for the school year. Participating in these programs can offer our students and families numerous educational, spiritual, and environmental benefits. We will be collecting glasses, aluminum drink can tops, keys, and tennis shoes for the Lions Club. We will also be collecting type 2 containers to be recycled for a "Buddy Bench", bottle caps, plastic bread tabs, and "soft plastic" (grocery, ziploc, bread, and cereal bags, as well as pallet and bubble wrap.) By participating in these activities, not only will your children learn to be responsible

for the environment and help others, we will also have a chance to win Green Team and Coordinator of the Year which each come with a \$500 stipend. See the attached flyer for more information.

You may send these items to the school as you collect them. Please make sure the containers and lids are clean. Thanks



COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER FOR NEW ROOF

Still Time to Enter Recipes! We are working on the extra pages to add right now. Each grade in art class is working on a class art project. We will post each grade's art work on facebook and the class with the most "likes" on their project will be a featured page in the cook book. The school is creating a custom parish cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our parish. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be a treasured keepsake for us all. Money raised will be used toward a new roof for the school that is needed in the near future. We are hoping to raise \$7,000 from this fundraiser but we need YOU to participate by submitting recipes and then purchasing cookbooks for your family and friends.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our cookbook. Many recipes from all members will ensure that our cookbook is a success. It would be nice if every school family could be represented in the book. We are using Morris Press Cookbook's web site to easily submit recipes online. This route is the easiest way for everyone. Scan the QR below or enter the website to get started. If you do not have Internet access, our committee can enter them for you. Submit hard copies of your recipes to Chrissy Woodiel in the school office. You can email them (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org), drop them off in the church office in an envelope marked "cookbook, for Chrissy Woodiel", or drop them off during school hours starting 8/14/25.

Please submit your recipes online or hard copies by Thursday, 9/4/25 so we can meet our deadline. Cookbooks will be shipped within 4-6 weeks after recipes are submitted.

Thank you from all of us here at OLQP School!

To Submit Recipes Online:

- Go to www.typensave.com or scan the QR code below and click 'Login.'



SCAN ME

- Enter the User Name: **Ourlady**
- Enter the password: **garlic751** and click 'Submit.'
- Enter your name and click 'Continue.'
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes.

Recipe Writing Tips:

- When adding recipes, review the "Tips" and use standard abbreviations.
- Only enter 1 ingredient per ingredient line.
- List ingredients in order of use in the ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., (16-oz.) pkg., (24-oz.) can.
- Write directions in paragraph form, not in steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
- Additional comments about the recipe (history, nutritional data, suggested uses, etc.) are not allowed unless a "Recipe Note" field is visible. Enter extra recipe content in that field.

COOKBOOK SPONSORS

We are still looking for individuals/businesses who would like to advertise/sponsor a page in the cookbook. If you know of a business who might like to advertise in our book please reach out to them. Prices are shown below. It would be great to have some families go in together or even a class to make an advertisement in the book. The more advertisements we sell the more profit we can make from the fundraiser. Contact the school office for info and a form for the sponsor to fill out(cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org). Your donation is tax deductible.

Full Page-\$100

½ Page- \$60

⅓ Page-\$40

¼ Page-\$30

⅙ Page-\$25

Patron-\$15

CMG CONNECT

The **CMGConnect** online training replaces the former Safe Environment Program (VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children") that was previously offered through our Archdiocese. Individuals are now required to complete all Safe Environment Training online.

CMG connect is a new web-based platform that will assist the Diocese to ensure that all employees and volunteers who are in a position of trust with children and vulnerable adults within our schools and parishes are trained to recognize behavior patterns of potential abusers and provide proactive measures for preventing abuse in any context. **This class needs to be completed before volunteering at the school and to complete service hour opportunities.** Attached below is info about how to complete the class and the website to do it at.

These links will walk you through the process.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HLt_5aiak5FMMm3XUcrdQMR0fd3pkREj/view?usp=drive_link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dwZE44STekkTPAiVw9miebKikXnzOiR4/view?usp=drive_link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dwZE44STekkTPAiVw9miebKikXnzOiR4/view?usp=drive_link

If you are noncompliant, paperwork was sent home letting you know what needs to be completed. Please return that to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our kids safe.

Krispy Kreme Doughnut/Coffee Fundraiser

Mom's Club is hosting a coffee & doughnuts fundraiser to raise funds to adopt a needy family for Christmas and for parish/community outreach projects. We will be taking preorders for coffee made by Rosewood Cafe in East Alton and fresh Krispy Kreme doughnuts by the dozen at morning drop off the morning of Friday 10/17. Order for your entire family or take to work for everyone. Please see the flyer and order forms sent home and they are attached below. Coffee is served cold in 16oz bottles and made fresh right before delivery to the school. We are also taking individual doughnut orders for parents to order a doughnut to be delivered to their child at snack time on Friday, 10/17. The picture below shows how the coffee will come. They are allowing us to have 4 flavors available and you can select yours with a dairy free option as well. The flavors are- Vanilla Latte, Caramel White Mocha Latte, Banana Nut Bread Latte, and Pumpkin Pie Latte. Please email the school office with any questions (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org).



HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch this year will be \$3.00/meal and include milk. Ordering can be done by sending in the dates your child wants to order and the payment in a marked envelope labeled "Lunch Order" with your child to school. Orders can be done for an entire month at a time or every week.. Example: The order for the week of 9/22-9/26 will be due on Thursday, 9/18 by 9am. The October monthly order is due by Thursday 9/25/25 at 9AM.

5th-7th GRADE RECYCLE AFTERNOON

Permission slips are coming home for our 5th-7th grade students to walk to the City Hall and Park to pick up trash on the afternoon of Thursday, 9/25. We are partnering with our Green Team to help complete this project. Madison County Green Program donated supplies for our students to use to do this project safely(safety vests, gloves, and more).

BETHALTO HOMECOMING PARADE

We are looking for walkers for the OLQP float to hand out candy during the homecoming parade on Friday, 10/10. If your child would like to participate a guardian must come along to supervise your child. Email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) to be added to the list and a permission slip will be sent home to sign.

We are also looking for candy donations (candy that will not melt). You can earn 1 service hour for \$20 worth of candy donated.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Reserve your table or spot to pass out candy OR a reservation for your children to collect candy. See attached flyer for more info. This year since Mission Carnival lands on Halloween... we are moving Trunk Or Treat to the Friday before (10/24).

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Once again, we will be doing our annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. It is free to enter. You only have to provide your decorated pumpkin. You may use whatever you like to decorate it or even carve it. Please fill out the permission slip that was sent home and also attached below so we can make a spot for your child's pumpkin to be on display. Permission slips are due by Friday, 10/24/25. The pumpkin with the most votes in each category wins a gift card. Pumpkins need to be dropped off by 8:30AM on Friday, 10/31. Voting begins right at 8:30AM.

UPPER GRADE BOWLING NIGHT

We will be having an upper grade bowling night on Friday, October 17th at Bowl Haven in Alton. Reservations are due to the school office no later than Friday, October 10th. See the attached flyer for more information.

MOM'S CLUB BETHALTO CHRISTMAS WALK CHRISTMAS TREE

Mom's Club is looking for donated decorations to fit the theme of "Candy Land" for our tree we are decorating for the Christmas Village at Bethalto. This year our tree is made of wood and will have electricity for lights. Any & all donations (especially if it fits the theme) are greatly appreciated. We need the decorations by 10/14 to start working on the tree. We have to submit our tree by 11/7/25.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, 9/21 is the next chicken dinner. Dining in is all you can eat. \$14 adults & \$6 children. They will have a drive-thru carryout open. Carryout meals will be \$14 and have half chicken or 5 strips and choice of 3 sides. No custom orders for carryout. They will take cash or card.

HARVEST KNIGHTS CHICKEN & BEER DANCE

The inaugural 2025 Harvest Knights Chicken & Beer Dance is on Saturday, 11/8. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased in the school office or online following the link listed.

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/Jpp/>

Tickets include: Moonlight chicken, drinks, dancing, and access to live auction items and raffle baskets. All proceeds go directly to the school. The Gusto will be the band playing for the evening. If you have any questions about the evening, please reach out to one of the chair members (Calvin & Craig Soong-Wilson, Augie & Alissa Diericx, Chris & Brook Stutz, Johnny & Caitlin Stutz).

The dance committee has an amazon wish list for donations they would like for raffle items. Follow the link below to donate.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1U449ZA1NJK6Q?ref=cm_sw_sm_r_un_un_YerrK6WhSw4yM

We are in need of raffle basket donations. Please send items to the office and we will get them to committee members.

We are also asking for beer donations for the evening. If you would like to send in cases of Michelob Ultra, Budweiser, or Busch Light to the office you will receive one service hour for each case you donate up to 5 cases.

YOU HAVE BEEN CLUCKED

The Harvest Knights Chicken & Beer Dance Committee is doing a fun fundraiser/promotion for the dance evening. See the attached flyer or the flyer that was sent home with your child for more info. For \$20, you can choose a family member or friend to be clucked and they will surprise their yard with rubber chickens for 48 hours.

PARISH AUCTION UPDATES

This year's dinner auction date is reserved for 2/14/26 due to the date Lent falls on this year. The theme is Love & Luck (which is an upscale casino type theme). We can't wait to start planning and finalizing this fun date night evening. The next meeting date is Thursday, 10/2 at 6pm in the Enrichment Room. The food menu will be finalized then and we will talk about extra money making ideas and decor for the evening. All school and parish families are invited and encouraged to attend to make this a successful fundraising event.

APPLEFEST LABOR SWAP

We are looking for about 10 individuals to sign up to help at St Ambrose's Applefest. As you recall, they came and helped us at last year's Dinner Auction in exchange for OLQP helping at their weekend event. If you are free.... Please consider signing up for a shift or 2. OLQP appreciates it!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4FADAB2CA0FF2-57535042-stambrose>

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Below are a few service hour opportunities to get the school year off started. Reminder that each family is required to complete 20 service hours in PK4-8th. PK3 is required 10 hours per year. Completed hours are due by 4/30/26. Use the service hour log record sheet in your welcome packet to keep track of your service hours over the school year.

HARVEST KNIGHTS CHICKEN AND BEER DANCE-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-58217171-harvest>

SANTA KOTTAGE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-57720902-santa>

SHARE THE WORD- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-58070147-share>

APPLEFEST LABOR SWAP-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4FADAB2CA0FF2-57535042-stambrose>

DONATION- \$20 of Candy/Items that are parade suitable, nothing that will melt (for Bethalto Homecoming & Wood River Halloween Parade)- 1 service hour for donation. Drop donations off in the school office.

DONATION- Send in cases of Michelob Ultra, Budweiser, or Busch Light for the Chicken & Beer Dance to the office and you will receive one service hour for each case you donate up to 5 cases.

GOLF MATCH SCHEDULE

Wednesday 9/24- 4:30PM @ Spencer T

Tuesday 9/30- 4:00PM @ Rolling Hills ***RAIN OUT DATE***

SOCCER GAMES WEEK 3 (9/20/25)

Kindergarten- 10:30AM Field 5A

1st-2nd Boys- 9AM Field 4

1st-2nd Girls- OLQP GOLD 12:45PM Field 4

OLQP Gray 11:30AM Field 4

3rd-4th Boys- 2PM Field 3

3rd-4th Girls- 9AM Field 3

5-8th- 12:45PM Field 1

*Coaches will notify teams if game time changes

UPCOMING MASS SERVERS

Saturday 9/20- 4:30PM- Mya Bequette and Tinsley Busse

Sunday 9/21- 8:30AM- Logan and Conner Stutz

10:30AM- Levi Kistner and Lucy Colley

Saturday 9/27- 4:30PM- Addison Villalobos and Rowan Scott

Sunday 9/28- 8:30AM- Ellie and Carson Williams

10:30AM- Ben Cripps and Ryder Williams

CHURCH NEWS

OCIA (Formally RCIA) Classes Begin, 9/3/25- The OCIA is the process established for individuals to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Contact the church office if you are wanting to sign up for this.

Rosary Leaders- The church is in desperate need of Rosary leaders for the 4:30PM Mass. With enough leaders you should only need to lead once a month to every 6 weeks. All that is required is for you to arrive at church at 4pm the day you are scheduled and lead the Rosary right from your pew. Contact the church office to sign up (618-377-6401).

Card Game Bingo- Every game is a coverall...but you can win with just 3 calls. \$20/10 games includes 1 (set of 3) cards-additional set of 3 \$20/10. Dates- 10/10, 11/14, 12/12 church basement

Bible Study Group- Join in on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month for bible study.

Scotch & Cigar Night- Fundraiser from this evening goes to Father to distribute how he sees fit. Call the church office for more details.

Sunday Offerings

Weekend Of: 9/6/25-9/7/25

	This Week	Total To Date
Loose	\$394.39	\$4,758.18
Envelopes	\$8,621.00	\$100,321.15
Online Giving	\$3,753.87	\$32,970.80
Total	\$12,769.26	\$138,050.13
Operating Budget	\$15,937.15	\$159,371.50
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,500.00	\$15,000.00
Difference	- \$4,667.89	- \$36,321.37

Total Envelopes Received: 107

Online Donations: 34

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” ~ Romans 12:12