

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
September 20, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 21- Golf Match Rolling Hills
 Chess Club
September 22- Noon Dismissal
September 24-Fellowship At The Pavilion
September 27-Chess Club
September 29- PK4 Field Trip to Eckert's Farm
 PSA Family Fun Night
October 2- School Board Meeting
October 3- PSA Meeting
October 4- Mission Mass
October 6- Noon dismissal
October 9- No School
October 10- Butterbraid Sale Begins
October 14-Hog Roast Fundraiser

SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORMS

OLQP sweatshirt order forms were sent home last week. These are the sweatshirts the students are allowed to wear with their uniform. They can also wear sweatshirts from previous years. All sweatshirt **orders are due by September 30th.**

Free Dress Pass Fundraiser

The PSA is once again selling free dress passes for students as a fundraiser for the school. You can purchase up to 5 total per child. Free dress passes can be used any day except on church days. They are \$5 each and order forms were sent home last week. **Order forms are due back by Monday, 9/25** and passes will be given to students to bring home by Monday, 10/2.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lincoln Prater, graduate of OLQP, on being named Homecoming King at Roxana High School this past weekend. OLQP is proud of you.

Hog Roast

The annual Hog Roast will be on Saturday, October 14th from 5:30-9:00 PM. Funds raised will be put towards adding bathrooms and a sink to the pavilion area. More information will be available in next week's newsletter.

Our PSA agreed to sponsor finding volunteers to work the beer and margarita stand during the hog roast. Service hours will be given for helping work the booth. Use the link below to sign up for a shift or all shifts.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-44442538-psahog>

Family Life News

Due to the Belize Golf Tournament Fundraiser being rescheduled for the spring, the Knights have partnered with Family Life Ministry to have an event at the pavilion after the 10:30 Mass on September 24th. Please join us this Sunday for a family rosary, some food, music, and fellowship. We hope to see many of you there.

Servers

Students in grades 5-8 brought home a letter to parents regarding assignments for weekend masses last week. Starting soon, weekend mass servers are going to start being assigned so Father Tom can count on having servers for every mass. There was a form attached on the back for parents to fill out regarding what mass time they prefer their child to be signed up for. This form is **due back no later than Friday, 9/22**. If you need a new form sent home, please contact the school office.

OLQP DINNER AUCTION

Save the date! The date voted on last week was to schedule the auction dinner for Saturday, 4/13/24. More details will be available after the next meeting which is on October 23 at 6:00 in the Art Room.

MISSION MASS

The 2nd graders will be attending the annual Mission Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Wednesday, October 4th. Permission slips are **due by this Friday, 9/22**.

PreK 4 Field Trip

PreK 4 will be going on a field trip to Eckerts on Friday, September 29th. I look forward to hearing about all the fun and educational activities they do!

Music Trivia

Tables are on sale now! OLQP's annual Music Trivia Night is Saturday, 11/18. More info coming home within the week. Contact Katie Barnard (618-520-8228) if you would like to help work and earn service hours before trivia starts and in between rounds. Each class is in charge of donating a basket to the basket raffle. Your PSA Class Representative will have more details about what is needed for the basket soon.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our first PSA Family Fun Night is a week away now. It will be a fall "apple" themed night. We will have a caramel apple nacho bar, games, and a craft for the kids to enjoy. Rsvp (email cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) with the number of kids and parents attending so we can plan accordingly. The fun night will be held in the pavilion on Friday, 9/29 from 6:00-7:30 pm. It will be moved inside to the gym if the weather does not cooperate.

Father/Daughter Dance Chair

We are looking for someone to chair the Father/Daughter dance this year. No date has been set for the event yet. If you would like to chair the event , please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org).

Touching Safety Forms

Permission/declination forms were sent home last week for *The Touching Safety Program*. The creator's 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. For more information on *The Touching Safety Program*, visit the virtus online website at www.virtus.com. Permission or declination forms are **due back by Friday, 9/29**. If you need a new permission form, please email the school office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org).

PARADE

We are looking for walkers for the Bethalto Homecoming Parade for this Friday, 9/22 and the Wood River Halloween Parade on Saturday, 10/28. All students are invited to walk; however, they MUST have a parent walk with them and have the permission slip required by the Diocese of Springfield filled out. (No one will be allowed to ride on the truck.) If you are interested in walking in either parade, please contact the school office at cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org and we will send the required permission slips home with your child.

- For the parade on Friday, 9/22 we are meeting at Civic Memorial High School at 2:30 and the parade begins at 3:00.
- The time frame for the Wood River Halloween parade will be on Saturday 10/28 from approximately 9:30-12:00. More information will be given at a later date.

We are also still looking for candy donations for these two parades.

CHESS

Chess will start up again tomorrow, Thursday, 9/21. Meet in Mrs. Knight's /Dr. Woodiel's classroom. Chess club meets from 6pm-7pm weekly. After this date, chess club will be moved to Wednesday nights. Students in grades K-8th are welcome to attend each week. We are hoping to get some team matches scheduled this school year.

HOT LUNCH

If your child would like to order Hot Lunch for next week, (9/25-9/29) it is due no later than tomorrow, Thursday 9/21 by 9 AM. If there is anyone that wants to **add the manager's choice option for Thursday, 9/28** please send in your money for that day. Bethalto says it will be chili, crackers, apple crisps, carrot sticks, and fruit that day. Please also email the office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) before 9am tomorrow if you want to add 9/28 onto your child's lunch order so it is included in counts sent to Bethalto.

School Board Members For The 2023-2024 School Year

The School Board had a very productive meeting on Monday this week. Listed below are the members for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to be addressed by the School Board, please email one of the members below.

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Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6