

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Parent Letter
September 3, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 3rd- Golf Match @ Spencer T
- September 4th- Chicken and Beer Dance Meeting @ 6:00
- September 6th- Soccer Games Start
Parish Hog Roast
- September 8th- School Board Meeting @ 6:00
- September 9th- OLQP Parish Auction Planning Meeting
- September 10th- Golf Match @ Rolling Hills
Papa John's Pizza Day
- September 11th- Bowling League Begins
- September 12th- 12:00PM Dismissal
- September 15th- Mom's Club Outing
- September 16th- Mid terms
PSA Meeting @ 6:00
Golf Match @ Rolling Hills
- September 19th- PSA Family Fun Night
- September 20th- Panda Express Fundraiser
- September 22-26- 3rd-7th grade MAP testing
- September 24th- Golf Match @ Spencer T
- September 26th- PK3 & PK4 Field Trip
Glow Bingo
- September 30th-6th Grade Vocation Day @ Holy Angels
- October 10th- 12:00PM Dismissal

Chicken Dance, cookbook, September Hot Lunch, Green schools, Glow Bingo, Mom's Club, PSA Family Fun Night, Picture of recycle

EARLY DISMISSAL

Next Friday, September 12th is a 12:00 dismissal day. 1/2 day preschool students will be dismissed at their normal 11:30. Full day preschool students will be dismissed at 11:50. Kindergarten will be dismissed between 11:50- 11:55 and the rest of the school will be dismissed at 12:00

PARISH HOG ROAST

Join us for the annual Parish Hog Roast this Saturday, 9/6/25. Dinner, drinks, and a night of entertainment with your parish family is free, we just ask for a donation of what you feel you can afford. The parish is hoping to raise \$30,000 to finish off the bathrooms and kitchen area at the pavilion. As usual... the school is in charge of finding volunteers for the drink table. Please see the service hour sign ups below to grab a spot. We still need to fill some shifts.

POLICY REMINDERS

This is a reminder that leggings/spandex shorts/bike shorts are not part of our uniforms. They are fine to wear under jumpers and skirts but should never be worn to school alone.

Smart watches are not allowed at school. If kids need to reach their parents during the school day, they need to come to the office. If they must bring them to school, they are to stay in their backpacks. Thank you for helping us enforce these policies.

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

2 more days to share your recipes! 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.'

- 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

1/2 Page- \$60

1/3 Page-\$40

1/4 Page-\$30

1/6 Page-\$25



SCAN ME

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, you will be receiving paperwork in the next week or two letting you know what needs to be completed. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our kids safe.

HOT LUNCH

We will begin serving hot lunch from the public school beginning on Tuesday, September 2nd. Public school 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 9/8-9/12 will be due on Thursday, 9/4 by 9am.

DRAMA CLUB

We are in the planning stages of bringing back our drama club for grades 4-7. We are wanting to do a spring musical. In the extra curricular survey that was completed last spring, we had about 10 students interested. **If your child said they were interested in Drama last spring on the extra curricular sign up form, please confirm** with Mrs.Knight that they would still like to participate so we can get an accurate count. In order to make this happen, we need a minimum of 18 students to participate. If your child is interested, please contact Mrs. Knight by Friday, September 5th. (kknight@olqpbethalto.org) This is a huge time commitment, and your child will be expected to memorize their lines. Mrs. Brony and her daughter Alix will be the directors. Practices will be immediately after school and will not begin until January or February. I look forward to watching our talented students perform. Please reach out with any questions.

Papa John's Pizza Night

Wednesday, 9/10 will be our first fundraiser day for Papa John's. Order via the app, online, over the phone, or in person and give them OLQP's code (SSNN03) and OLQP will receive up to 25% back on sales. This is valid at the Wood River location only.

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.

HOG ROAST- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-57720821-parish>

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>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE- Contact the school office or google Bethalto Knights of Columbus-scroll down to Bethalto K of C 4688-click on title-scroll down to Intellectual Disabilities drive- click on the ICON .

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.

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

The next planning meeting is September 4th at 6pm in the Enrichment Room. All are invited to attend.

MUM FUNDRAISER

We are waiting for the confirmation from the nursery but the delivery date will either be Wednesday 9/10/25 OR Wednesday, 9/17/25 starting at 2:30PM at the pavilion. We will let you know as soon as we know. Thank you to all who sold mums. The school sold 1,065 mums in total.

MOM'S CLUB

Join us for the first get together of the school year on Monday, 9/15 at 6pm at Huatulco Mexican Restaurant in Bethalto. Come eat tacos with us. You do NOT have to be Catholic to attend. RSVP in the Mom's Club facebook group or email the office (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto) if you plan on attending so we can get an idea of how many seats we will need to reserve. Also, we will be starting up Share The Word at 10:30AM Mass after labor day. Mom's Club is in charge of the children's part at Mass. Please use the link to sign up to help with this. We need 1 leader and a helper each week to make this happen. Father will call the kids up at Mass to dismiss them and the helpers. You will take the kids downstairs and read the Sunday Gospel Reading and discuss it along with a coloring page/craft. The helper spot is the perfect spot to grab for beginners until you feel comfortable leading. All materials for coloring/craft will be provided. Please reach out to Chrissy (cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org) if you have more questions about helping. You can earn 1 service hour every time you volunteer for this. Follow the link below to grab a spot.

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

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.

PARISH AUCTION MEETING

Save the date for Tuesday, 9/9! This will be the first meeting of the school year to vote on important topics like the theme and catering. All are welcome to attend to help plan this year's dinner auction.

PSA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us for a fun night at the pavilion. 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.

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>

GOLF MATCH SCHEDULE

Wednesday 9/3- 4:30PM @ Spencer T
Wednesday 9/10- 4:00PM @ Rolling Hills
Tuesday 9/16- 4:00PM @ Rolling Hills
Wednesday 9/24- 4:30PM @ Spencer T
Tuesday 9/30- 4:00PM @ Rolling Hills ***RAIN OUT DATE***

SOCCER GAMES WEEK 1 (9/6/25)

Kindergarten- 10:00AM Field 5A
1st-2nd Boys- 10:15AM Field 4
1st-2nd Girls- OLQP GOLD 11:30AM Field 4
 OLQP Gray 12:45PM Field 4
3rd-4th Boys- 2:00pm Field 3
3rd-4th Girls- 11:30AM Field 3
5-8th- 12:45PM Field 1

*Coaches will notify teams if game time changes

UPCOMING MASS SERVERS

Saturday 9/6- 4:30PM- Levi and Abe Woodiel

Sunday 9/7- 8:30AM- Adult Servers

10:30AM- Brynlee Spa and Elliott Perez

Saturday 9/13- 4:30PM- Clayton Pritchett and Camryn Friedel

Sunday 9/14- 8:30AM- Abram and Duke Diericx

10:30AM- Hope Kistner and Layne Frisch

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Please let the school office know if you are able to stand on a street corner for 2 hours to help collect money for the local Intellectual Disabled charity and we will get you in contact with a time and a place to help work. Service hours can be earned.

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).

Parish Hog Roast- Saturday, September 6th starting at 5:30pm at the pavilion. The school is in charge of the Drink Bar and is looking for volunteers to sign up to serve drinks. See the service hour sign up above to grab a spot.

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. Next date 9/10

Community 55- The next luncheon for 55 & up is Thursday, 9/11 at 11:30AM at Bluff City Grill. Sign up on the OLQP facebook page to attend.

Sunday Offerings

Weekend Of: 8/16-8/17

	This Week	Total To Date
Loose	\$503.00	\$3,340.25
Envelopes	\$8,578.00	\$73,718.15
Online Giving	\$4,381.52	\$23,784.69
Total	\$13,462.52	\$100,843.09
Operating Budget	\$15,937.15	\$111,560.05
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,500.00	\$10,500
Difference	- \$3,974.63	- \$21,216.96

Total Envelopes Received: 101

Online Donations: 52

"Rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation; be constant in prayer." ~Romans 12:12: