

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School  
Parent Letter  
October 19, 2022

First Quarter of School is in the books.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 21:** End of First Quarter

**October 24-28:** Red Ribbon Week

**October 25:** Bethalto Halloween Parade

**October 26:** Butter Braid Delivery

**October 27:** Report Cards

**October 28:** Mission Carnival & Trunk or Treat

**October 29:** Wood River Halloween Parade

**November 1:** Living Saint Museum (more info to come)

**November 2:** Parent/Teacher Conferences after school

**November 3:** Noon Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences

**November 4:** No School

**November 11:** Noon Dismissal

**Thank You!**

A special thank you goes out to our PSA committee for organizing our Family Fun Night last Friday night. It was very well attended and fun was had by all. The next Family Fun Night will be in January.

### **Mission Mass**

Today, our second graders represented our school at the annual Mission Mass held at the Cathedral in Springfield. It was a wonderful experience for our students.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

The end of the first quarter is right around the corner and it is time to sign up for parent/teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on November 2 from 4pm to 7pm and November 3 from 1pm to 7pm. November 3 will be a noon dismissal for the students. Use the following link to sign up: <https://signup.com/group/67699881911268201>

### **Basketball Season**

We are looking for donations of 1 case of water per student to stock our school concession stand at games. Drop cases off anytime to the school office.

### **Hot Lunch**

Orders are due for the week of October 24th by 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 20th. You can order weekly or the entire month at once. The October menu can be found on our website.

The November menu is coming home today.

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

### **Nut Sale**

The 5th-8th Grade students are once again selling 1 pound bags of pecan halves, pecan pieces, and English walnuts to help fund Space Camp and other school activities. Pecan bags are \$14 each and Walnuts are \$13. Please contact one of the students or call the school office.

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### **Red Ribbon Week Information**

**Monday 10/24- Receive Red Ribbon. Wear Red Day**

**Tuesday 10/25- "My Team is Drug Free" Wear Sports Jerseys**

**Wednesday 10/26- All school Rosary** at 2pm outside. Parents are welcome to attend. **Wear Uniforms**

**Thursday 10/27- “Wake Up Drug Free” Pajama Day**, wear your favorite pajamas.

**Friday 10/28- Mission Carnival Day -Free Dress Day** (has to be Church appropriate) . Children can change into costumes after lunch for the parade that starts at 1pm. Mission Carnival runs from 1pm-2:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend. More details coming from your child's teacher.

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### **Trunk or Treat**

Space Camp students are once again sponsoring Trunk or Treat as a fundraiser on Friday, October 28, at 7:00pm. Call the office to reserve a parking spot / table to pass out candy, or for your children to walk and collect candy during it. Refreshments will be available to purchase at the event.

### **Pumpkin Decorating Contest**

OLQP is bringing back the pumpkin decorating contest. Forms are due in the office **by October 26**. Judging will be held during Mission Carnival. Every student and teacher will receive 1 ticket to vote for their favorite in each category. There is no cost to enter but you will have to provide your own pumpkin you want to decorate. If you have any questions or need a form, please call the office.

### **Halloween Parade Information**

Our school's float "OLQP to Infinity and Beyond" will be making an appearance in both the Bethalto's Halloween Parade on October 25 and Wood River's Halloween Parade on October 29. If you and your child would like to participate in these parades, please text Brony Hernandez at 618-334-3485.

### **Living Saint Museum**

Our 8th Graders will be hosting a Living Saint Museum after Mass on Tuesday, 11/1/2022, from 9:15-11:15am in the school gym. Parents, Grandparents, Family, Friends, and all Parishioners are welcome to attend.

### **CMG Connect (formerly known as Protecting God's Children)**

All adults who will work/volunteer within the schools must have completed the required training from the Springfield Diocese formerly known as Protecting God's Children (PGC).

It is now called [CMG Connect](#).

If you are interested in or required to take the CMG Connect class, [click here](#).

### **Butter Braid Delivery**

Butter Braid orders will be available for pickup on Wednesday, 10/26, at 2:30pm after the all school Rosary Service for Red Ribbon Week. Parents are welcome to attend the Rosary Service and then pick up orders afterwards. All orders must be picked up by 3pm.

### **Veteran's Day Program**

The OLQP Civics Club is once again sponsoring a Veteran's day Thank You Program. It will be held on Friday, November 11 in the school gym. Veterans and their guests are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m. If you know any veteran you would like to invite, please call the school office to add them to our list.

### **Server Schedule Sign Up**

Server sign up schedule went out last week via email. If your child volunteered to be a server you should have received one. Here is the link if you would like to sign your child up. The goal is to have each child serve once a month.

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

### **Script Purchases**

Next week marks the end of the first period of the school year for scrip purchases. The church office will be sending out notices to those families who have purchased SCRIP during the period April 1 through October 27. They will continue to offer families 80% of the rebates from SCRIP purchases each family makes. These rebates can then be applied to tuition, your Caring Hands account (if applicable) or towards the purchase of new SCRIP. It's a 'win-win' for school families and for the parish!

**St. Teresa of Avila**

“We need no wings to go in search of Jesus, but have only to look upon Him present within us.”