



Our Lady of Peace Catholic School

**Parent-Teacher
Organization
Meeting**

November 29, 2023

Opening Prayer

Father,

We thank you for the opportunity to gather today. May everything we do begin with your inspiration & continue with your help. We ask your guidance throughout this meeting, that all of our thoughts & actions would reflect your holy will, & that you would grant us the grace to love you & our neighbors more perfectly. We pray in Jesus name.

Amen

Faculty & Staff 2023 - 2024

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| Pastor | Rev. Antony Gaspar |
| Principal | Mr. Stephen Hickey |
| Office Man. | Mrs. Pam Mentrup |
| Assoc Admin/Art | Ms. Colleen Parr |
| 4K Lead | Mrs. Madison Gomez |
| 4K Aide | Ms. Lily Slagle |
| 5K | Ms. Jordan Shockley |
| 5K Aide | Mrs. Cathy Regina Carroll |
| 1st Grade | Ms. Anne Jackson |
| 1st Aide | Gigi Santo Domingo-Paul |
| 2nd Grade | Ms. Jan Kroger |
| 2nd Aide | Ms. Sarah Jackson |
| 3rd Grade | Ms. Andrea Perez |
| 4th Grade | Mrs. Lauri Hoverkamp |

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| MS Science | Dr. Austin Kyles |
| MS SS | Mr. Jeff Slagle |
| MS Math | Ms. Angie Van Dyne |
| MS ELA | Mr. Chris Herzberg |
| MS Religion | Ms. RoseMary Gorman |
| Spanish (K - 8th) | Mrs. Wilmarie Serrano |
| PE | Ms. Ricci Harris |
| Elem Intervention | Ms. Monica Garibay |
| MS Intervention | Ms. Gail Smith |
| Reading Spc | Mrs. Jean McDougald |
| Librarian/Vol. | Mrs. Mary Sherlock |
| Data Analyst | Ms. Genny Nelson |



1st Quarter in Pictures



Golf Team



Pumpkin Patch



Red Ribbon Week

October 23 - 27



Anti DRUGS, ALCOHOL,
& BULLYING



Storybook & Safety Parade October 27



MAP & STAR Test Reward



All Saints Day Projects, Nov 1



Elementary Literacy Day - Friday, November 17



We plan to host another literacy day in the spring.

More information to come.



What's Going on at OLP?

MAP Testing will begin Monday, February 5 and will run to Tuesday, February 20

Renaissance STAR Assessments (math, reading, & early literacy) will begin Monday, January 8 and will run to Friday, January 19

The Basketball team has started their season with Dr. Austin Kyles and Ms. Ricci Harris as the coaches!

Polar Express & PJ Day on Thursday, December 21 (4K - 4th grade)

Return to Bethlehem (830am arrival at site if walking, drop off at school at normal time if not accompanying students; field trip forms required)

- **Monday, December 4 — 3rd & 4th Grades**
- **Tuesday, December 5 — 5K**

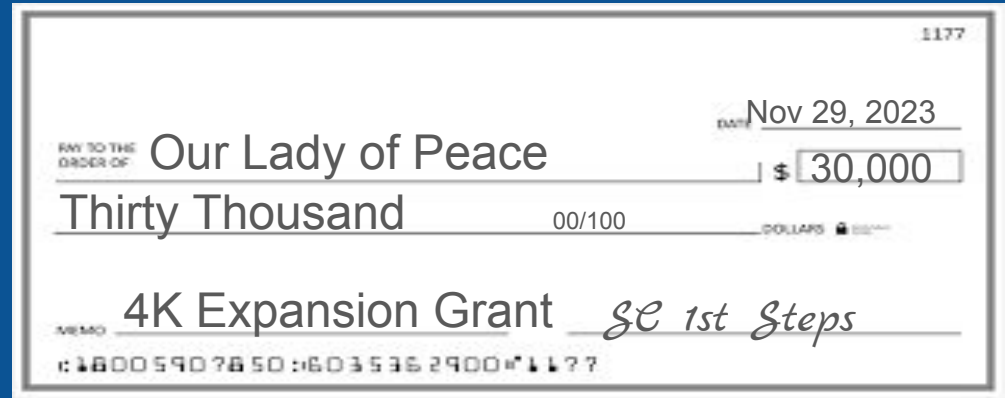
What's Going on at OLP?

4K Expansion Grant

We just received the notification that OLP was awarded a \$30,000 4K expansion grant!!!

These funds will pay for:

- site development plans for the outdoor play area
- repair flooring (water damage by sink) in the new 4K room (current 2nd grade room)
- placement of an individual water heater under the sink (DSS 4K requirement)
- additional funding for actions towards the completion of the outdoor play area.



What's Going on at OLP?

Annex Expansion

Reasoning

we have grown every year for the last 5 years. We are currently at over 180 students and we have had waiting lists for multiple grade levels the last two years. We have exceeded our 1:20 teacher:student ratio and as a result have hired permanent aides in 4K - 2nd grade. We have altered the school as much as we possibly can to accommodate our growing numbers. We have to expand if we wish to continue our growth.

What does it involve?

We plan to renovate 4 out of the 8 classrooms along with the student bathrooms this school year (depending on cost increases). ELA, Social Studies, Math, & Religion will be located in those 4 classrooms. MS will have to walk back to the elementary building for some specials and science. The plan is to eventually renovate the old science lab (room 1) and the other three classrooms to relocate the whole MS faculty and all the student classes down the hill.

What's Going on at OLP?

Annex Expansion

Impact on Elementary School

We plan to begin another 4K classroom with 10 students the first year and grow to a two classroom 4K center with 20 students in each classroom by year 2.

We plan to hire a 5th grade teacher so we can place 5th grade back into elementary school

2nd grade - 5th grade will be moved to the current middle school hallway

A STEM Science lab/room will be established in the current 3rd grade classroom

Spanish will be placed in the current 4th grade classroom

What's Going on at OLP?

Annex Expansion

Currently we are in the process of procuring the architectural drawings/renovation blueprints for the site, #4. Below is the timeline for the project:

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| 1. Project Proposal to Parish | Aug 2022 | ✓ |
| 2. Project Proposal to Diocese | Sep 2022 | ✓ |
| 3. Initiate Partnership for Project Design | Mar 2023 | ✓ |
| 4. Field Investigation & Documentation | Sep 2023 | ✓ |
| 5. Design Submittal to Owner for Review | Oct 2023 | ✓ |
| 6. Issue for Permit Review | Nov 2023 | *we are on schedule!!! |
| 7. Issue for Construction | Dec 2023 | |
| 8. Bid Opening | Jan 2024 | |
| 9. Issue Signed Contracts | Feb 2024 | |
| 10. Construction Completed | August 1, 2024 | |
| 11. Furnish the rooms | Aug 1 - 14 2024 | |
| 12. First Day of School | August 19, 2024 | |

What's Going on at OLP?

School Choice

School Choice was passed this past summer and will be implemented next school year 2024 - 2025 SY. It is an EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT/PLAN.

Funds are deposited into a secure online account and transferred to the school of their choice for tuition and fees.

24 - 25 SY 5,000 students receive up to \$6,000 of tuition & fees

200% of federal poverty level guidelines

25 - 26 SY 10,000 students receive up to \$6,000 of tuition & fees

300% of federal poverty level guidelines

26 - 27 SY 15,000 students receive up to \$6,000 of tuition & fees

400% of federal poverty level guidelines

What's Going on at OLP?

School Choice

| # of Persons in Household | 200% of Federal Poverty Level |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | \$27,180 |
| 2 | \$36,620 |
| 3 | \$46,060 |
| 4 | \$55,500 |
| 5 | \$64,940 |
| 6 | \$74,380 |

What's Going on at OLP?



What we know about it so far...

- 1st year of the program only 1st year kindergartners and public school students are eligible.
- Application window will be between January 15, 2024 - March 15, 2024.
- A rolling acceptance/awards - once funds are gone, they are gone for the year
- \$6,000 to be applied to private school tuition and fees (other alternatives as well; homeschool is not an option); anticipating an increase for inflation each year
- 200% of federal poverty level with it increasing 100% each year

NEW INFORMATION (more info to come on all of the below)

- Undocumented families are eligible to apply and accept the award
- 1st Steps qualified 4K students will automatically qualify, if they apply
- Any student on Medicare will automatically qualify, if they apply
- No state in recent history has meet their cap of applicants.
- Diocese will be pushing hard beginning in January to include current students

What's Going on at OLP?

School Choice

Our Lady of Peace & St. Edwards Parishes

- Bulletin blurbs will be going into both bulletins in the coming weeks
- An insert will be placed in bulletins with more information (once received from the diocese and state) for the New Years masses

Our Lady of Peace

- January 7 Informational meeting and Q&A session
 - 1045am School Cafeteria (ENGLISH)
 - 115pm Church Sanctuary (ESPANOL)

St. Edwards

- Informational meeting and Q&A session TBD date and time

THE SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING APPLICATION

Mass Behavior Reminder

- Doors will be locked at 845am, if you are late dropping your child off or attempting to attend Mass yourself, you will not be allowed in. Please walk your child to the school and check in with Pam Mentrup in the School Office.
- Please do not take pictures during Mass. If you do, you will not be permitted to attend the School Mass (duration of suspension will be at the discretion of the pastor)
- No phones out (games, phone calls, texting, social media, etc.)
- Do not sit between or with classes. If you sit behind them, please do not distract the students (calling out student names, telling students to fix their hair, clothes, etc. during Mass, etc.)
- Once Mass is concluded, it is not the time to approach faculty members about anything other than a friendly hello. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please schedule an appointment through Pam Mentrup in the School Office or email the teacher directly.
- A quick hug and kiss or verbal goodbye to your child is one thing. Interrupting the flow of your child's class is another. Please respect the teacher and their schedule and do not disrupt the class in order to say goodbye to your child.

Attendance Policy

10 - 15 - 20

OFFICIAL

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| 10 (unexcused) | student is retained |
| 10 (combination) | student is retained at the administrator's discretion |
| 15 (combination) | barring any extenuating circumstances, the student will be retained |
| 20 (combination) | student will be withdrawn from the school |

REALITY due to Pandemic***

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| 20 (combination) | summer school regardless of grades or scores on MAP Testing (Catapult last year it will be free) |
| 30 (combination) | student will be withdrawn from the school |

****COVID cases will count towards absences this year****

****This year will be the last year that the Pandemic circumstances will apply. We will be going***
back to 10-15-20 next school year*

Cardinal Virtue Award

Cardinal Virtues

- Temperance (self-control)
- Prudence (wisdom)
- Justice (fairness)
- Fortitude (courage)



These virtues are labeled as Cardinal virtues due to the fact that all other virtues fall under them.

Each quarter the school will focus on one of the 4 Cardinal Virtues and at the PTO meeting will recognize one student from each grade due to their virtue relevant behavior.

Cardinal Virtue Recipients - 2nd Quarter

FORTITUDE

4K - Camila Picado

5K - Sophia Picado

1st - Priscilla Presley Carroll

2nd - Stryker Riley

3rd - Reign Carroll

4th - Boston Carroll

5th - Caleb Sherlock

6th - Merci Sherlock

7th - Kody Sherlock

8th - Bryan Maines

MS SRS UGA Ecology Lab Field Trip — ~3 - 4 months away

WE NEED DRIVERS!!!

Please pick up paperwork in the School Office to complete the Diocesan background screening and driving forms.

If you are not cleared to volunteer, you cannot attend the field trips.

It takes 3 - 4 weeks to get the paperwork returned with approval from the diocese.

There will be a cut off of appointments each week and walk-ins will not be accepted. Please schedule at your earliest convenience.



**Savannah River
Ecology Laboratory**
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



Volunteer/To be of Service Opportunity-Fundraiser

Kroger's Community-It's easy to help us earn money when you enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. Sign up with your Plus Card & select Our Lady of Peace School. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards every time you swipe or use your alternate ID. If you already have an account, got to kroger.com, click Community in tool bar across the top, click on the Kroger Community Rewards tab. Choose "Do you already have an account? Click to sign in. You will need your Kroger Plus card number. Our Organization name: OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL #JI951

Publix-Sign up for a Publix.com account-Then log into your account & select a school in your account settings. Simply enter your phone number at checkout. Eligible purchases @ Publix will help earn money for our school.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

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| Dec 8 (Fri) | Holy Day of Obligation Mass (No Wed. Mass) | Jan 17 | Report Cards |
| | | Jan 29-Feb 2 | Catholic Schools Week |
| Dec 21 | Polar Express (5K-4) 1pm Dismissal | Jan 31 | PTO |
| | | Feb 5 | MAP Testing begins |
| Dec 21-Jan 7 | Christmas Break | Feb 16-19 | Winter Break |
| Jan 8 | STAR Assessments begin | | |
| Jan 11 | End of 1st Quarter | | |
| Jan 15 | MLK Jr Day | | |



2nd Grade!!!





THANK YOU
FOR
COMING

GOD BLESS