



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

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OLGC GOOD NEWS

from Mr. Poole

October 1, 2009

Many Thanks!

As always, you have displayed your enormous generosity through your contributions to the PTO's new Annual Fund Drive and our gift wrap sale. On behalf of our students and teachers, thank you for your support of this new effort and all of our traditional fundraising programs.

*Austin Poole
Principal*

A special thanks to all of our parents for following our new morning drop-off procedure. Your cooperation to ensure the safety of our students is greatly appreciated.

*David Weimer
Assistant Principal*

Classroom News

The **Second and Fifth Grades** gathered together last Thursday to meet their respective prayer partners. Both the Second Graders and Fifth Graders seemed to enjoy this meeting. They spent a few minutes working on a "Getting to Know You" activity and then the rest of the time talking quietly about each other's interests and talents. They are looking forward to meeting again throughout the year to help strengthen their prayer partner friendship.

Mrs. Blatnik's **Fourth Grade** has planned a Mass to celebrate the Guardian Angels on Friday, October 2. The students worked very hard on their banner and Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion. We hope you can join us at 1:45pm for our school Mass.

Fifth Grade Science students are about to find out about the lesser known portion of the Animal Kingdom, the invertebrates. Note-taking skills will be taught as we locate, note, diagram, and apply new information about sponges, stinging-celled animals, flatworms, roundworms, etc. Who would ever think such spineless topics would hold such interest?

Seventh Grade students are creating stories using their Unit 1 vocabulary words. The classes brainstormed ideas. Then in several groups, the students decided on a scenario and put events in chronological order. Finally each student wrote his/her own version of the story using at least ten of their vocabulary words. Sharing ideas and writing a story sure beats taking a test!

Sr. Bernadette McManigal, Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Arlington, made a surprise visit to our school on Tuesday. Sr. Bernadette had not had the opportunity to visit our school since assuming her office a few months ago. During her visit she toured all of our classrooms and talked with many students and teachers. While visiting Mrs. Lockard's **Seventh Grade** math class Sr. Bernadette challenged the students to a math problem. While it was

difficult at first, they persevered and with the teacher's help solved the problem. She congratulated them via email later on a job well done.

Counselor's Corner

The students aren't the only ones participating in service projects this year! On Thursday, October 1, the OLGC faculty and staff will be in denim and pink for Lee National Denim Day, a fundraising event for the Women's Cancer Programs. Participants donate \$5 for the privilege of wearing denim to work, and funds raised go to research, education, and screening programs. For the students' October service project, be on the lookout for information about the Heavenly Hats Parade and hat drive! The Student Council will also be getting started soon with elections in the next two weeks.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 1 Winter Uniforms required
- Oct 2 Interims mailed home
Room 7 School Mass, 1:45pm
- Oct 7 School pictures, K-8 in uniforms
- Oct 9 **Early Release, 11:30am, No ECAP**
- Oct 12 **Columbus Day Holiday, No School**

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703.938.3600 EXT. 314 OR 703.896.7434.**



Weekly Chatter from OLGC



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Message from the PTO President There are many bananas hanging from the tree in the Counsel Room and technicolor monkeys hanging from backpacks around OLGC. Many thanks to all of you who purchased from Sally Foster this year and to Michele Bocock for running this wonderful program. Our sales are strong and it looks like we'll be well on our way to providing a great Christmas gift for each of our teachers. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the Annual Fund. To date, we have received nearly \$6000. Thank you for your help!

If you are looking for the perfect gift for under the Christmas tree this year, the OLGC Cookbook will surely fit the bill. This unique collection of favorite recipes will feed your family for many years to come. The very talented Mrs. Miller has selected artwork from our students to compliment the delicious recipes included in this hard cover cookbook. Each student will be listed as a contributor too. Not handy in the kitchen? There are a couple of OLGC moms with special recipes that they can share. Give me a call at 703 938 0258 if you need help. There is still time to send in your yummy recipes!! Cookbook will be pre-sold until October 9 for a pre-Christmas delivery. Cookbooks are \$15 each. Order forms can be found on the school website.

Our first Family Fun Night of the year will be held on October 30th. Mark your calendars for a night of spooky Halloween family fun!

Alison Galbraith - PTO President

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Yearbook Photos Needed - photos of first day of school, Fall Fest and other school functions needed. Provide digital photos in their original format-no compression or combined files. Email to kjkmichel@verizon.net or t.callen@yahoo.com

School Picture Day Volunteers Needed - Wednesday, October 7. Email t.callen@yahoo.com to volunteer. Volunteers receive a credit on an order of pictures!

Book Fair Volunteers Needed - Thursday, November 5-November 13th. Flexible times and dates! Every hour you can give will make a difference! Jennifer Michel (703) 281-1010 or KJKMichel@Verizon.net to volunteer.

AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

OLGC House League (Gr 4 & 5) Basketball - Registration due **Friday, October 9th.** Forms available on school website. Moms & Dads, please sign up to help us coach (need to attend a VIRTUS training session). We'd love to see you all on the court. Questions to Lisa Nihill lmnihill@verizon.net or Duane Knauf knaufd@sarsenconsulting.com.

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Hang out with us on the links & support OLGC tuition assistance program - 8th Annual OLGC Golf Classic - Monday, Nov 2 - Westwood Country Club, Vienna. Registration and donation deadline-October 15, 2009. Sponsorships & donations encouraged. Organize your own foursome or we can help. Forms http://olgcschool.homestead.com/files/documents/2009_Golf_Registration_Sponsorship_Form.pdf. Contact Patrice Roe (703)896-7424 or development@olgcva.org

Auction Volunteers Needed - Auction is May 1, 2010 at Westwood Country Club. This is the parish's biggest fundraiser and an important social event. A couple hours of your time will make a difference. Go to the school website for a list of volunteers needed or contact the Auction Office (703)896-7425 or auction@olgcva.org

"Rock De Sales Hall!" - Koinonia Koffeehouse Opens - Saturday, Oct 3 at 7pm OLGC 5th grader Connor Williams and his rock band, C.I.W., will kick off the open mic session, performance begins at 8pm. At 9 pm, Rubbish Report (Bryan Carroll 2007 OLGC School alumnus) will perform. More info at http://olgcschool.homestead.com/files/documents/10-09_Koinonia_Koffeehouse_Flyer.pdf.

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Family Fun Night October 30
OLGC Variety Show March 5th, 7pm (Beth Tecala bethteca@cox.net)