



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

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## *OLGC GOOD NEWS*

*from Mr. Poole*

October 15, 2009

**Report cards** for the first grading period will be sent home on Friday, November 6. **Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held this year on Wednesday, November 11 (from 8am-3:30pm) and Friday, November 13 (from 12:30-2:00pm). Conferences are 15 minutes long. Our computer program will schedule conferences for families with more than one child consecutively and you will receive your schedule by mail. The conference is your opportunity to discuss the report card and your child's progress this grading period.

As you know we use the School Messenger system to send both emergency notices and our Thursday news items. Please do **NOT** unsubscribe to this service. Unsubscribing takes you out of the emergency notification system.

Austin S. G. Poole  
Principal

### **Classroom News**

In Social Studies, as part of their study of ancient Mesopotamian civilizations, our **Sixth Graders** took a close look at a translation of Hammurabi's Code of Laws. They compared Babylon's criminal penalties to our own for a variety of offenses, including receiving stolen goods, robbery, and bringing false charges. Afterwards, they prepared and performed several skits illustrating various crimes and how they would have been punished in Mesopotamia around 1700 B.C. In addition to showing a good understanding of Hammurabi's Code, they showcased some fine acting skills.

### **Computer Lab News**

**Fourth Grade** computer students just finished a project, All About Me. We learned so much about their pets, family, where they were born, and what they like to do. We practiced keyboarding and making changes to font, size, color, style, and justification. Great job!

**Eighth Grade** students are beginning their résumé for high school applications. The hardest part seems to be finding just the right words to describe themselves. They will complete these at home with their parents.

### **PE News**

Can you run a mile in under 8 minutes? What about 35 sit ups in a minute? How many pull ups can you do? Just how flexible are you? The past 2 weeks **4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders** have been working on finding the answer to these questions. Physical Fitness Testing has taken place in PE classes to see how we "measure up". This has been a great personal evaluation for the children to see what events they can improve for the spring testing. Ask them how they did and what was their favorite or not so favorite activity. Thanks for all the effort put forth! GREAT JOB OLGC STUDENTS!

### **Science Lab News**

**Kindergarten** did a fantastic job with hypothesizing sinking and floating objects. Now they are working hard on the states of water and its properties. **First Grade** made lovely log books on animal homes. They learned population dynamics and predicted with logic why a certain populations should go up or down. Second grade has investigated all the parts of the plants and how they work. They observed stem cross-sections under the microscope. It is wonderful to see how these minds work so beautifully.

### **Counselor's Corner**

Students are participating in a Hat Drive and Hat Parade to benefit the Heavenly Hats Foundation. This group sends hats to individuals who have lost their hair due to medical treatments. If students donate \$1 to the cause, they may wear a hat to school and participate in a Hat Parade on Friday afternoon, October 16. In addition, a fine selection of candidates is running for Student Council – they will be giving their speeches and the school will vote on Thursday afternoon. The four officers are from the eighth grade, and every class or homeroom will also have a representative. We look forward to getting some great projects started with our new Student Council in the coming weeks!

### **Spanish News**

**Seventh and Eighth Grade** are learning about Hispanic culture by interacting with Spanish speakers in our community. Students will be practicing their communication skills by interviewing native Spanish speakers and learning about traditions and culture of the Spanish speaking world.

**Sixth Grade** is learning to talk about clothes and shopping in Spanish. They are exploring the concept of gender in nouns and their agreement with other parts of speech. They are having fun with the idea that "a tie" is a feminine noun but mostly worn by men, and "a dress" is a masculine noun although it is worn by women. They also have learned that adjectives that end with an "e" are neutral like the "PE" uniform which is worn by girls and boys alike.

**Fifth Grade** has been learning to greet, introduce, and ask someone for their telephone number. They have enjoyed role playing to differentiate how the way we address adults in Spanish requires a complete set of words and that we have a "familiar" and a "formal" way of speaking in Spanish.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Oct 16 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Mass, 1:45pm  
Heavenly Hats Foundation Drive ends with Hat Parade
- Oct 21 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Individual Photos (dress up)
- Oct 23 **No School** – Teacher In-Service
- Oct 29 OLGC Halloween Parade (Kindergarten through grade 4),  
1:45pm (This is a time change!)
- Oct 30 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Grading Period



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# Weekly Chatter from OLGC

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**Message from the PTO President:** Goblins and Ghosts beware! Halloween is coming to OLGC! Trunk or Treat will be on Friday, October 30th. Decorate your car, dress up your family and get ready to hand out CANDY! The fun begins at 5:30 with "Trick or Treat." When you've had your fill of sweet treats, head to the Counsel Room for Halloween games, a potluck supper and a brief PTO meeting. For the adventurous crowd, the OLGC Men's Club is hosting an adults-only party on Saturday, October 24th. Best costume wins tickets to the Auction! Free babysitting is offered by the Youth Ministry so there is no excuse not to go! Check the website for more details on both of these events.

Many, many thank you's to Hazel Lychak for all of her incredible efforts on the cookbook. Her team of wonderful parents from each class entered nearly 300 recipes for our delicious collection of family treats! This is going to be a fantastic book for every OLGC kitchen.

Alison Galbraith - PTO President

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**Book Fair Volunteers Still Needed!** Come be a part of a great team and support our school library! Our Fall Book Fair will begin on Thursday, November 5th and run through Friday, November 13th. We are in need of parent volunteers to work the register, count inventory, plus assist with set up and take down. Flexible times and dates! Every hour you can give will make a difference! Please contact Jennifer Michel @ (703) 281-1010 or [KJKMichel@Verizon.net](mailto:KJKMichel@Verizon.net) for additional information!

**Gift Card Orders:** The next Gift Card Order due date is Friday, Oct 31st. Gift cards will be delivered to school on Thursday, Nov. 5th. Standing Orders are desperately needed to boost our sales! Please consider "sharing" your shopping dollars with your PTO by purchasing gift cards for your weekly grocery shopping. Halloween is right around the corner, so use gift cards to buy your Halloween treats, and help your PTO earn funds to help our school. Remember, this costs you nothing except the face value of the gift card! For questions, please contact Liz Slovensky at [Lslovensky@aol.com](mailto:Lslovensky@aol.com).

**OLGC's 3rd Annual "Share Your Sweets" Halloween Candy Collection:** We will again be bagging your Halloween candy donations for the Capitol Area Food Bank. Boxes will be in the foyer starting **Monday November 2 through Friday November 6**. This is a great way for kids to give to others, and for parents to make sure that their extra candy goes to good use.

## AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL

**OLGC Track and Field Team:** There is a new addition to the OLGC trophy case thanks to the OLGC Track and Field Team. Our Junior Varsity (5th and 6th grades) came in second place at the CYO Fall Meet on October 4. Our Varsity Members (7th and 8th grade) also did a fantastic job at representing OLGC. Almost all of our participants placed in one of their events. Next time you see a member of the Track and Field Team, be sure to say "Congratulations!" A special thank you to the rest of the team who came to practice but were unable to make the meet. We are proud of you all! Coach Williams and Coach Murphy.

**OLGC HOUSE LEAGUE BASKETBALL** will be conducting evaluation sessions according to the schedule below. All players must attend only one of the tryouts listed. As there are no 'cuts' and everyone will be placed on a team, players should come and simply do their best. The evaluation is an assessment of current skill level to arrange for as balanced teams as possible. If your child has registered to play in the OLGC House League, please have him/her attend either one of the sessions. If at all possible, we would like the kids to be at the session for the full 90 minutes.

Sunday 10/18	4:30-6:00	4th & 5th grade BOYS
	6:00-7:30	4th & 5th grade GIRLS
Tuesday 10/20	5:15-6:45	4th & 5th grade GIRLS
	6:45-8:15	4th & 5th grade BOYS

If you have any questions, please contact either of the commissioners: Lisa Nihill(Girls), 703-319-3136 or [lnnihill@verizon.net](mailto:lnnihill@verizon.net) and Duane Knauf (Boys), 703-281-1556 (Home) or 240-386-5244 (Office) or 703-472-7641(cell) or [knaufd@sarsenconsulting.com](mailto:knaufd@sarsenconsulting.com).

*The Weekly Chatter is the OLGC PTO weekly newsletter. Submissions should be emailed to Paula McGee at [chatterolgc@yahoo.com](mailto:chatterolgc@yahoo.com) by Tuesday 8 pm for the Thursday edition. Flyers & forms should be emailed to Mr. Poole at [apoole@olgcschool.org](mailto:apoole@olgcschool.org) for approval no later than Tuesday, 4pm for posting on the school website.*

**PARISH ACTIVITIES PARISH ACTIVITIES PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**It's not too late...**to register for the golf classic! Sponsorships are still available, too! Please remember, all profits benefit the OLGC School Tuition Assistance Fund. Contact Patrice Roe, 703-896-7424, [development@olgcva.org](mailto:development@olgcva.org).

**HOLLY & IVY: A CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE WANTS YOUR HANDCRAFTED ITEMS!** Holly & Ivy is right around the corner, we are asking ALL parishioners to show and share their talents with the rest of the world this holiday season by donating something they've made. Crocheted/knit items, holiday ornaments, wreaths, woodcarving, photography...the list is endless! Please contact Patrice Roe in the Development Office at (703)896-7424, or [development@olgcva.org](mailto:development@olgcva.org).

**Donut Social Volunteers Needed:** OLGC School will be hosting the November Donut Social on Sunday, November 1. Volunteers are needed after the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 Masses to set-up, serve donuts and clean up at the social. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office at 703.938.3600 ext 0.

**UPCOMING EVENTS UPCOMING EVENTS UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Family Fun Night** Friday, October 30, 4:30pm

**Principal Coffees, 7:30 am to 8:30 am in the Library:**

Friday, October 30 2nd and 3rd grade  
Friday, November 20 4th and 5th grade

**Cox's Farm** October 23 (No School for students, Diocesan Institute for Teachers)

**Fall BINGO** Friday, November 6