



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

GOOD NEWS

from Mr. Poole

October 22, 2009

Dear Parents,

The flu season is upon us and we have several students who are experiencing flu-like symptoms within our school community at this time. Here at school we are continuing to encourage our students to frequently wash their hands and we discourage the sharing of food, drinks and other items.

Due to shortages of the H1N1 vaccine, the CDC and the Fairfax County Public Health Department have announced changes in clinic locations. Please refer to the Fairfax County website for updated information regarding H1N1 vaccination clinic locations. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/flu>.

*Austin Poole
Principal*

Classroom News

As part of our study of simple machines, each student in Ms. Boyce's **Third Grade** used at least 2 simple machines to create a compound machine. We had a cereal dispenser, some catapults, machines that moved objects and cars using pulleys and inclined planes. These are just a few of the interesting ideas that the students shared this week.

The **Fifth Grade** is planning **Biography Day** to be held on Thursday, October 29 from 9-11 a.m. in rooms 9 and 10. The students have been working very hard by reading a biography on an historical figure of their choice. They will dazzle you with their vast knowledge, great costumes and props. Join us to step back in time and meet some very interesting characters!

Mrs. Lillard and Mrs. Jewett are learning a lot about different kinds of scientists from the **Sixth Grade**. Well, at least Mrs. Lillard is hearing about some of the scientists for the first time. The students wrote research reports and gave an oral presentation to their teachers and classmates. Some students even included Power Point. Everyone created a "Wanted" poster, and they are on display in the middle school hall. What a great way to practice all our language arts skills and learn about the many kinds of scientists!

Students in **Seventh Grade** math used prime factorization to find the Greatest Common Factor (GCF) and Least Common Multiple (LCM) of two and three numbers. They made this a hands-on activity by using fall-colored, cut-out leaves to make their factor trees. This activity is a great introduction to using LCM's to find the LCD's (Least Common Denominator) of fractions.

The 2009 **Middle School** Intramural Soccer tournament single elimination started Wednesday the 21st. Will the 1st seeded Blue Jays win the tournament or will another team rise to the challenge? Students have filled out their brackets and are trying to predict the winners. Stay tuned for results next week!

Student Council Officers Elected

We have also elected our Student Council officers for the year! Our President is James Orfini, Vice President Gabi Namdar, Treasurer Owen Fisher, and Secretary Courtney Wiley. Each class, K-8, has also selected a classroom representative to attend Student Council meetings and report on our activities.

Counselor's Corner

Next week we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. We will be sharing drug prevention and healthy living tips with our students via announcements and a trivia contest, along with classroom activities. We will be creating a bulletin board entitled "Wildcats are 'PAWS'-itively Drug Free!" where students can post positive ideas about staying drug free. In addition, students may participate in our daily themes: Monday – Respect Yourself, Stay Drug Free (students will receive their red ribbons in class); Tuesday – Sock it to drugs! (crazy sock day); Wednesday – Wildcats don't do drugs (students may bring a stuffed cat to school); Thursday – Say "Boo!" to drugs! (students will receive a ribbon to wear on their costumes during the Halloween parade; and Friday – Too cool for drugs (students wear sunglasses to school). Discussion questions for home will be on the counseling website.

Upcoming Events

- 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 1st Grading Period
 - Gr 2 & 3 Class Coffee in Library, 7:30am
 - PTO Family Fun Night, 5-8:30pm
- Nov 2 2nd Grading Period Begins
 - OLGC Golf Classic at Westwood CC

Parent Teacher Conference letters for Kindergarten through Grade 5 are mailed today, October 22.

Conferences will be held all day on Wednesday, November 11 and Friday, November 13 (after the 11:30 a.m. dismissal).

Middle School Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 11. Letters to Middle School parents with scheduled conferences will be mailed today. If you do not receive a letter and would like to schedule a conference, please contact the teacher by email.



Volume 8

Weekly Chatter from OLGC

<http://www.olgcschool.org>



October 22, 2009

Message from the PTO President: Spider webs? Check. Spooky garland? Check? Pointy witch hat? Check. Oodles of candy? Check!!!! Only one week until our first OLGC Trunk or Treat! Get your decorations ready - October 30th is our family fun night. The fun begins at 5:00! Bring the kids, the car, the treats and get ready for a fabulous night with your OLGC family! Check out the website for more details on trick or treating, potluck and Halloween fun! See you there - I'll be the one with the pointy hat!

Alison Galbraith - PTO President

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Gift Card Orders: Gift card orders are due next Friday, Oct. 30th. Please click on "Fundraising" on the school website for all the information on our Gift Card Program. We use your shopping dollars to raise funds at no cost to you! **Shop With Scrip** is a fun, easy way to enter your order online anytime. **Standing orders** are still being accepted. Please consider signing up for part of your weekly grocery or gas purchases, and help your PTO earn money for the school. For questions, please contact Liz Slovensky at Lslovensky@aol.com.

Class Auction Projects: Thanks and kudos to Mrs. Saied's fabulous 4th graders who raised \$376.11 for the auction by selling snow cones and ice cream during the Fall Fest. Thank you to all who supported their efforts by purchasing a delicious snow cone or refreshing ice cream from them.

Congratulations to the 8th graders and their parents who hosted a successful dance for all OLGC Parish 7th and 8th graders on October 2, 2009 in the Counsel Room. Over 80 teens danced to music provided by a deejay, talked with friends, and enjoyed snacks and snow cones. A net profit of \$453 was raised for the 2010 OLGC Auction Gala.

Recess Schedule: Recess schedule for week of Oct. 26 (if you can help out where there is a blank, please do so, and don't forget to call for a sub if you need one):

	M/26	Tu/27	W/28	Th/29	F/30
Shift 1:	Fox, Zaso	Galbraith,	_____, Fick	Miranda, Atiyeh	Snyder,
Shift 2:	Allen, Provost	Galbraith, Mondoro	McHenry, O'Donnell	K. Motz, Behan	Martin, Rothe
Playground:	Fox	Black	_____	Zaso	Fisher

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 a good use.

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Cox's Farm October 23 this Friday: Join us for some FALL fun...Corn maze/fun house, hayrides, slides, petting zoo, farm animals and more! Farm open 10:00am to 6:00pm \$9.00 per person, children under 2 free Fee includes: new for 2009 CORNundrum (corn maze/funhouse), unlimited hayrides, 5 giant slides, rope swings, farm animals, juice, apples and a free pumpkin. Hope to see you all there!

Save the date! The OLGC VARIETY SHOW will be held on Friday, March 5th at 7:00pm in DeSales Hall. Auditions will be held Friday, February 19th and Wednesday, February 24th. Christmas Break is a great time to think about what you want to do and practice your act! More info on how/when to sign up will follow in the coming months. Questions? Contact Beth Tecala at bethtecala@cox.net.

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

Adopt-A-Family Christmas 2009 Christmas is right around the corner and we are preparing for our annual holiday Adopt-A-Family program! Please consider adopting a family for the holidays. We have many families ranging in sizes and ages. Adopt a family by yourself, team up with family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, community or parish groups. Family wish lists (available after 11/1) and more information will be provided. If you are interested in adopting a family or would like further information, please contact Pat Fahey, Director of Social Concerns (703) 896-7428 or olgcfamilyadopt@aol.com.

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HOLLY & IVY: A CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE (12/5 and 12/6) needs volunteers to help decorate De Sales Hall, assist with record keeping, sell items handcrafted by parishioners at the "OLGC's Finest" table, sell raffle tickets, etc. Please contact Patrice Roe in the Development Office at (703)896-7424, or development@olgcv.org. Confirmation service hours are available!

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@olgcv.org.

Annual Men's Club Halloween (Adults Only) Party: The OLGC Men's Club will be sponsoring a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 24th, in DeSales Hall. The price is \$20.00 /per couple, which includes music, all food (hot food and snacks) and refreshments (wine, beer, sodas and water), as well as prizes for the Best Costume (auction tickets). FREEE Babysitting will be provided by the Youth Ministry. There will be a DJ, so get your costume together and join the fun!

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Family Fun Night Friday, October 30 Trunk or Treat!

Fall BINGO Friday, November 6