



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

GOOD NEWS

from Mr. Poole

October 29, 2009

Parent Teacher Conference letters were mailed out last week. Conferences will be held on Wednesday, **November 11** from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday, **November 13** from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday, **November 13** is a half day for students. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. There will be no ECAP and no after school programs.

When your child(ren) are **out of school due to illness** for 1 or 2 days, students should request to receive missed work when they return to school. If a child is out 3 days or more, please contact the teacher directly to get missed assignments.

Just a reminder that students who wear their uniforms to Mass on **Sunday, November 1** should stop by the Donut Social after Mass to pick up their no uniform pass to be used on Monday, November 2. Third graders will be on a field trip on Monday, so they can use their uniform pass on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Austin Poole
Principal

Classroom News

The **Kindergarten** hallway has been filled with the sounds of singing, as the three classes begin to make preparations for their Thanksgiving prayer service in November. We are learning new songs and new ways of thanking God – with our voices! With Sr. Sharon Cahill as our instructor, we are sure to be in good voice come November.

The **First Grade** took a walking tour of Vienna on Tuesday to learn about the community workers in our town. They visited Church Street Pizza and the Vienna Inn to learn how food goes from the kitchens to the tables at our favorite restaurants. Mayor Jane Seeman graciously met with the children and described how the town operates. The Vienna Police Department & the Vienna Fire Department gave the children behind the scenes tours. They were lucky enough to be present when the Fire Department was called out to answer a real emergency! The children had a wonderful time and walked away with an exciting hands-on experience for their Social Studies lesson on communities.

Ms. Bird's **Third Grade** students are writing Halloween books for kindergarten. They will read the books to the kindergarten classes on Friday, and then the books will become part of the kindergarten classroom libraries. Both Third Grades shared book reports with their classmates this week.

Fourth Grade has been creating Halloween ghosties and spooky kittens to decorate the Hallway in anticipation of our annual Halloween Parade. The Fourth Grade is finishing up on the Weather Unit in Science, and looking forward to "Oceans" of fun in our next unit. Religion brings the discovery of Jesus Christ as the promised Savior. Discovering who we need to be, what blessings He gave us, and tying that in with our Red Ribbon week of being stewards of the temple of a body that God gave us, is keeping Fourth grade wrapping up a very busy end-of-quarter week.

Computer News

In computer class, the **Second Graders** created multimedia stories using graphics, text, music, and sound effects with the Storybook Weaver program. Their stories centered on their favorite things including vacations, animals, parties, sports, movies, books, etc. They are presenting their stories in front of their computer classmates using the interactive whiteboard. We practiced

presentation techniques while using presentation technology tools. They were very creative and entertaining!

Science Lab News

Second Graders used water, prisms and refracting goggles to experience refraction of white light. They related this experience to observing a rainbow. The students learned the order of all seven colors that form white light. All they have to remember is ROY.G.BIV. **Fourth Graders** are beginning to study zones of the ocean and learn about some of the inhabitants of each zone. They are now creating a pull through model. **Sixth Grade** students were much surprised when they experimented with water's latent heat and found out that it takes a lot of heat to change the temperature of water. They want to design more experiments to see if different types of metals or different mass may actually raise water's temperature higher than what they saw in their last experiment.

Students in **Seventh Grade** observed photosynthesis in lettuce and identified evolving oxygen gas. They also investigated pigments such as chlorophyll, xanthophylls, carotene from lettuce and fall leaves.

Counselor's Corner

It's Red Ribbon Week at OLG! Students have created paw prints for a bulletin board: "Wildcats are 'PAWS'-itively Drug Free!" These prints share students' ideas about role models, their choice to stay drug free, and what they do instead of drugs. Students have received red ribbons and lessons about staying healthy and staying away from drugs. They are also enjoying daily themes and coming up with great responses to the trivia contest each morning! In other news, the October lessons on respect have focused on tolerance. Students are talking about ways to respect and celebrate our differences. The October Service Project raised nearly \$350 and 35 hats for the Heavenly Hats Foundation. Thanks to all participants.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 29 OLG 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
- Nov 5 Book Fair begins
- Nov 6 Report cards sent home

*** To ensure the safety of our students please refrain from using your cell phone and texting while driving on school property.***

*** Please note that parking on the Quaint Lane cul-de-sac behind the school or stopping on the cul-de-sac to wait for students is prohibited.***



Volume 9

Weekly Chatter from OLGC

<http://www.olgcschool.org>



October 29, 2009

Message from the PTO President: Candy, crazy games and dressing up like the Mad Hatter - what more would you want from a Friday night! Join us tomorrow night for Trunk or Treat. Car decorating begins at 5:00. Trick or Treating in a fun, safe, family environment begins the Friday at 5:30. Bring a dish and stay for potluck or head home with a basket full of Halloween candy. Just come and join in the FUN!

Alison Galbraith - PTO President

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Gift Card Orders: Gift card orders are due tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 30th. Turkey Day is not far off - consider buying gift cards to make all your holiday food purchases! 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! Have you tried Shop With Scrip? It's 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. Questions or comments always welcome to Liz Slovensky at Lslovensky@aol.com

8th Grade Fundraiser: It's Back Again...JOE CORBI'S PIZZA, COOKIE DOUGH, PRETZELS, PIES & MORE! The 8th grade class is selling yummy Joe Corbi items to raise money for several events (Dinner Theatre, Busch Gardens). Thank you for supporting these hard working kids! Brochures are going home this week and you can also purchase them at parent teacher conferences on Nov 11 and Nov 13! Orders are due Nov 13. Delivery is on Tuesday, Nov 24, just in time for the holidays. Questions? Call Jennifer Wiley at 703-201-3615.

Recess Schedule: Recess schedule for week of Nov. 2 (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/02	Tu/03	W/04	Th/05	F/06
Shift 1:	Pawlow, Lloyd	Provost, _____	Natale, Atiyeh	Fick, Miranda	Snyder, Atiyeh
Shift 2:	Paquette, J. Williams	Schmidt, McVean	Allen, Davila	K. Motz, Behan	Martin, _____
Shift 2 Playground:	Supernor	Harrs	K. O'Brien	Koren	Tee O'Brien

COATS FOR KIDS: BRRRR!!!!!! It's cold outside. You probably have or are starting to get out your winter coats, hats and/or gloves. Have you found any coats that don't fit? Donate them to the "Coats for Kids" drive. You can drop them off in the Administrative Building. Nora Cox, a former OLGC student, is collecting them for the children in our community who are in need of some warm coats this winter. Questions or Comments?? Call Nora at 703-556-7874 or nmcox95@gmail.com. Thanks for your donations!!

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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Family Fun Night at OLG! Trick or Treat, Smell my feet, Give me something good to eat-If you don't that's all right, I can go to Family Fun Night! Our first Trunk or Treat Family Fun Night is this Friday, Oct 30, from 5-8pm. Come dressed up in your finest Halloween costume, decorate your car, and have a great time handing out candy to our student (and sibling) trick or treaters! After that, come inside for our potluck and Halloween party. What to bring? (enough for 8 people, please):

Last name beginning with A-J side dish
K-T main dish
U-Z dessert

Drinks and snow cones will be available for 50 cents each. There will be a dance floor, smoke machine, and a contest/award for best decorated car! Contact Robin Williams at rwilliams@olgschool.or to reserve your space (for free!) and you will then be given information regarding the parking lot. Questions or concerns? Contact Niza Strike at strike4@cox.net.

Save the date! The OLG 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 bethteca@cox.net.

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BIG BONFIRE: On Sunday, November 8 from 7-11 p.m., please join St. Mark's Knights of Columbus and the OLG Men's Club at the Claude Moore Colonia Farm next to CIA on the west side. There will be a large fire as well as a smaller one for roasting hot dogs, marshmallows, etc. and a variety of food and hot drinks available. The event will take place in any weather except high winds. All families and friends are welcome (please no alcohol or pets). Questions, please contact Ed Henry at (703) 938-7630 or namconkhi@aol.com

POKER NIGHT: On Saturday, November 14, beginning at 7:00 p. m. the OLG Men's Club will hold their annual Poker Night in DeSales Hall. Food, drinks, and prizes galore will be available and professional instructors will be on hand to make it a lively evening, all for the suggested donation of only \$20. Reserve your seat by emailing rsvp@olgcmenclub.com

Koinonia Koffeehouse: 7-10 pm, Saturday, November 7 in De Sales Hall. Come gather with us – all ages welcome! – for an alternative to your normal Saturday evening. Good fellowship, live music, light refreshments, all in a wholesome atmosphere. Bring your talents to the open mic from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. Contact Patrice Roe, 703-896-7424, development@olgcva.org for further info.

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Family Fun Night Friday, October 30 Trunk or Treat!

Fall BINGO Friday, November 6