



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

GOOD NEWS

from Mr. Poole

November 5, 2009

OLGC School will hold an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, November 15 from 10 am – 1 pm. I encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to visit us and consider OLGC School for their children.

Support the OLGC School Band by making a purchase at the Coldstone Creamery (Maple Ave store) on Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18 between 4 and 7pm. Our band teacher, Ms. Dovey and fifth grade teachers Mrs. Watts and Mr. Dwane, will be scooping ice cream! A portion of every purchase goes to our band to help defray the cost of their trip to Hershey, PA.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out at the Donut Social on Sunday and to the OLGC families who supported the Social. It was great to see so many of our students in uniform!

*Austin Poole
Principal*

Classroom News

A special flag ceremony was held recently at our school. Captain Henderson, a family friend of one of our **Second Graders**, presented OLGC school with a flag that flew over her base in Iraq. Last year, as first graders, the students sent cards to Captain Henderson's battalion in Iraq. After a few words from Captain Henderson, our Second Grade lead us in singing *God Bless America*.

The **Third Grade** visited Colvin Run Mill recently to see simple machines in action. They watched simple machines at work in the barn and learned how farmers got their products to the general store. The trip ended with lunch at the mill before returning to school.

Could you see the eerie lights glowing from Room 16 last Friday? The **Eighth Graders** in Mrs. Jewett's science class watched some interesting Halloween chemistry demonstrations including a witch's potion that changed colors with the help of a spell, a green amorphous monster that grew before our eyes, eerie lights that glowed in the dark, and ended with an oozing pumpkin. Fun was had by all and the students were able to see chemistry concepts in action!

Congratulations to the **Honey Smacks**, the **2009 Intramural Soccer champions!** Team members included Ian Featherstone, Owen Fisher, James Orfini, Stephen Harokopus, Riley Cummins and Lucas Alonso with the help of team captain Peter O'Neill. The Blue Jays finished second in a close game, with a score of 2 – 1. Many thanks to all of the **Eighth Graders** who refereed games throughout the season and all of the middle school players for exhibiting good sportsmanship. Basketball sign ups are due to Mrs. Jewett this Friday!

The **Eighth Graders** have begun after school review for the math portion of the HSPT. They are very eager and working hard in preparation for the December test.

Technology News

We have been very busy in the Computer Lab. **Third Grade** has been keyboarding and learning to keep those little fingers on home row and type each letter with the correct finger. Practicing at home really helps to improve their skills. **Fourth Grade** has been busy working with clip art. They created a wonderful Halloween poem with a beautiful pumpkin clipart as the background. **Eighth Grade** worked on their résumés listing all of their academic and personal accomplishments. These will be used by the teachers to prepare letters of recommendation to high schools. **Seventh Grade** continues to set up their Excel spreadsheets for their Stock Market project. They are witnessing the ups and downs of the market. Some students even mentioned asking Santa for stocks!

Counselor's Corner

Student Council had its first meeting on November 4! We will continue to meet twice monthly after school in the library. Meeting dates have been sent home with our representatives and are posted under the "Student Council" link on Ms. Brown's webpage. Don't forget to check Ms. Brown's page regularly for information on our service projects and guidance lessons. The tolerance lessons went well for October. Elementary students discussed everything from crayons to Sneetches to sassafras leaves in learning to celebrate our differences! Middle schoolers talked about privilege and about standing up against intolerance. Our service project for the month of November starts Monday! We will be doing a food drive and students may bring non-perishable food items to their homerooms. More information coming soon.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 5-13 Book Fair in the library
- Nov 6 Report cards sent home
- Nov 11 **Veterans Day-No school for students**
Parent Teacher Conferences held all day
- Nov 12 **Regular day of school 8am-3pm**
- Nov 13 **Dismissal for students at 11:30am**
Parent Teacher Conferences starting at 12:30pm
Book Fair ends at noon
- Nov 15 Open House for Prospective Families, 10am-1pm



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Weekly Chatter from OLGc

<http://www.olgcschool.org>



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Message from the PTO President: Thanks to all who attended the Trunk-or-Treat last Friday night. It was a great time for all to join together in the quest for candy and community. I didn't know it was possible to collect quite so much! Thank you to Andy Zaso and Carleen Knauf for such a wonderful idea. Congratulations to the Snyder Family (and their bubble machine) for winning our "Best Trunk" prize this year. If you left a dish or spoon, please check in the kitchen.

Alison Galbraith - PTO President

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Friday 11/6 is BINGO! Plan to come and bring your friends for a lively evening of fun. Tickets will be sold at the door. Dinner starts at 6:00 & Bingo starts at 7:00 in the Counsel room. See you there!

OPEN HOUSE: Volunteers are needed to greet prospective families at our Open House on Sunday, 11/15 from 10am-1pm. Contact Hazel Lychak at 703-759-6673 or hlychak@cox.net.

JOE CORBI PIZZA on Sale: Support our 8th grade and their year-end activities by purchasing pizza and other goodies. Order forms went home last week. Orders are due by 11/13-pickup is 11/24 at school just in time for feeding those Thanksgiving guests. Questions contact Jennifer Wiley 703-201-3615.

RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED ELECTRONICS: Cell phones, cartridges, PDAs, iPODs and more at OLGc. Our school receives money for each item recycled. A flyer and a collection bag will be sent home next week, however, items can be sent in any time during the school year. No contest, no pressure, just send it in, help the environment, earn cash for OLGc. Please call Nan Cox with questions and pickup of large items at 703-556-7874 or 8512@cox.net.

READ-A-THON Meeting: The 2nd Annual PTO-sponsored Read-A-Thon is just around the corner. We'll be reading and raising funds for our library and PTO in January. A volunteer meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11/17 right after drop-off (8am) in the Counsel Room. Join us as we discuss ideas and assemble packets. Questions? Contact Diane Natale at dnatale623@gmail.com or 703-319-1187.

USED BOOKS NEEDED: The OLGc Sixth Graders will once again hold a Used Book Sale as their Class Auction Project. Please consider cleaning out your bookshelves and donating your used books to this worthy cause. Books can be dropped off in the lobby of the OLGc School Office and the OLGc Parish Administration Office. The Used Book Sale will be held on December 5-6 as part of the Annual Holly & Ivy Christmas Bazaar. Please come and shop and support OLGc and the Sixth Grade! Thank you!

Recess Schedule: Recess schedule for week of 11/9 (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/09	Tu/10	W/11	Th/12	F/12
Shift 1:	Zaso, Atiyeh	Galbraith, Fisher	no school	Fick, Fox	½ day no recess
Shift 2:	Allen, Zaso	Galbraith, O'Donnell		Ulrich, McCloreay	
Playground:	Koren	Black		Fox	

SchoolKidz: We are looking for a chair person for the SchoolKidz school supply program for next year. The chair person is responsible for collecting supply lists from each of the teachers, coordinating with the Staple representative and sorting the delivery in the fall. If you are interested, please give Alison Galbraith a call at 703-938-0258.

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.

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SPIRIT STORE ORDERS DUE! Last chance to order Basketball T-shirts and Shorts, great to wear with the House League or CYO Basketball jerseys! Shirts are available in Blue or White. Go to www.olgcspiritstore.org for details and to download an order form.

Scouting for Food: Keep an eye out for scouts from Pack and Troop 976 as they continue the "Scouting for Food" tradition. On Saturday, 11/7 scouts will canvas the surrounding neighborhoods to distribute grocery bags to each home. Please support the scouts by filling the bags with canned/packaged grocery items. The scouts will return to collect your filled bags on Saturday, 11/14. Donated food will be delivered to the Capital Area Food Bank in Merrifield. Thank you for your continued support of scouting.

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Bonfire on 11/7 has been cancelled.

Koinonia Koffeehouse: 7-10 pm, Saturday, 11/7, 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.

SUPPORT THE OLG High School Work Campers: Join us at The Greek Grill, Wednesday, 11/11 any time from 8:30 am to 9:00 pm, at 312 Maple Ave W, Vienna, VA (near Dunkin Donuts). A percentage of total receipts for the ENTIRE DAY will go to support our work camp program. Please come have a break from the kitchen for breakfast, lunch or dinner, bring the kids or friends, and help support the OLG High School Work Campers!

POKER NIGHT: On Saturday, 11/14, 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

Holly & Ivy: A Christmas Marketplace, Saturday 12/5 and Sunday, 12/6, in De Sales Hall. Please consider donating your handmade or never-used items to be raffled at this event or sold at the "Treasures from Home" table. Also, this year we will be taking photos with Santa and offering family photo packages. Contact Patrice Roe, 703-896-7424, development@olgcva.org for further info.

Auction Volunteers: The Auction Committee invites you to bring your ideas and join us for our next meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, 11/16 at Anita's Restaurant in Vienna. We will be discussing ways to make this year's auction on May 1 new and exciting and we need help in many areas to make the Auction Gala a success. Please consider chairing one of our committees, or possibly even chairing or co-chairing the whole auction. Please RSVP so we can give Anita's a head count. Please note that you are welcome to purchase any refreshments you like at your own expense. Call Anna Mary Warden at the Auction Office at (703)896-7425 or auction@olgcva.org with any questions or to RSVP.

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Fall BINGO Friday, November 6