



Weekly Chatter from OLGc



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Message from the PTO President The requests for contact paper are slowing around our house and the homework is beginning to dribble in...it must be the second week of school. You've mastered the carpool lines and come up with new foods to tempt your children for lunch. Now it is time to think of how you are going to fill your days while the kids are at school. Please take a look at the volunteer opportunities posted on the website. There are lots of jobs, both big and small, that need to be done by our parents. Take a minute and check them out!

Later this week, you will receive the Annual Fund Donation information. It is a new part of our fundraising program this year as we strive to reach our goal of \$35,000. Please take the time to read the information and consider a one time, tax deductible donation to the PTO. If each family were to contribute \$100 we would reach our goal this month, please give what you can to the fund. All of the money raised by the PTO goes directly back to our school. It provides necessary capital improvements, like lighting in our classrooms, and Christmas gifts for our teachers and staff.

A reminder about the PTO meeting: You've got questions; we've got answers! The first PTO General Meeting is September 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Counsel Room. Our topic is OLGc 101: Everything You Ever Needed to Know about OLGc! Mr. Poole and our wonderful teachers will be at the meeting to address your questions about carpool, academic programs and all of the little details that make our school so special. If you have questions, topic suggestions or "I wish I had known..." ideas, please forward to me at galbraithg@mac.com. Hope to see everyone there!

Alison Galbraith - PTO President

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HOT LUNCH FORMS All hot lunch order forms and payments are due tomorrow, Friday, 9/11. Each student needs a form but please write one check per family. Additional forms are posted on the school website. Contact Stephanie Hinnenkamp at hinnenkamp512@verizon.net or Amber Williams at amber.williams@verizon.net with questions.

Used Uniform Committee Take advantage of our used uniform sales! The used uniform collection is an inexpensive way to round out your uniform wardrobe. It is also a great way to donate uniforms that are still in good condition. We only charge \$2.00 per item and all of the money goes to fund student activities. If you want to donate to our collection, you can drop off your uniforms at the front desk at any time. If you urgently need uniform items, contact Katherine O'Brien at kgo5366@aol.com to set up an appointment. The Used Uniform Committee is planning a sale in the near future and hopes to hold at least four sales throughout the school year and the summer. I need a few volunteers to help me with these sales. Please let me know if you can help. Thanks for your support.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM Gift card orders are due this Friday, Sept. 11th! Please consider supporting this important fundraiser! You buy gift cards at face value and the school gets to keep a percentage of the total sales. See details and order forms on the school website. Questions or comments welcome! Contact Liz Slovensky at Lslovensky@aol.com.

COMPUTERS FOR STUDENTS Help OLGc earn cash each time you shop at Giant using your BonusCard. You must re-designate OLGc each year for this program. Please print the form found at <http://olgcschool.homestead.com> and return it to the school office, e-mail your Bonus Card number to bulletin@olgcva.org, or call Ms. Senyk at 703-896-7402.

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OLGC Fun Run September 19 Time is running out to register for the OLGc Fun Run! The 5K and 1 mile races will be held on Saturday September 19. Check-in for the race is at 7:30 at the Upper Parking lot with the 5K starting at 8:05 and the 1 mile Fun Run/Walk starting at 8:10 a.m. For more information about the race and to register, please visit the race website <http://olgcschool.homestead.com/FallFest.html>. For those that have already registered or would like to register before the race, there will be a packet pick-up and late registration on Friday September 18 between 6 and 7:30 at or near the church administration office. Everyone is encouraged to register prior to race day. For questions, please contact Paul McKenney at 703-242-8227. See you on race day!

Calling All 5-8th Grade Runners! Join OLGc's award-winning Track & Field Team! This Year's NVJCYO Fall Track & Field Meet will be held Sunday October 4, 2009. Practices will be held on Monday September 14, 21, and 28 from 3:00- 4:15 pm. An

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.

optional "practice meet" is also scheduled for Sunday, September 20 at 3:00 pm at Potomac Falls HS. OLGC School and CCF students are invited to participate. For more information and to complete the required forms, please go to http://olgcschool.homestead.com/Thursday_Flyers.html. The cost is \$25. Make check payable to OLGC. Questions? Please contact Sheila Murphy at manutd2@cox.net or Amber Williams at amber.williams1@verizon.net.

Join Scouting Night Check out Cub Scout Pack 976 at our annual Join Scouting Night Sunday, September 13, 2009, 4 pm at Glyndon Park. Pack 976 is comprised of boys from 1st through 5th grade from OLGC School, Freedom Hill School and OLGC Parish. We have a very active pack of over 50 boys and their dedicated parents. Check us out online at: <http://www.packsonline.com/Va/976>. For more info contact: heidi.snyder@verizon.net. All boys grade 1 – 5 are welcome to join, no experience necessary!

Join the Chess Club This year the OLGC Chess Club is open to grades K-8th and will be run by a Silver Knights Chess Expert. Chess Club is \$150 for 10 sessions held on Wednesdays from 3-4pm. For more information or to register online, check out the flyer on the school website under the **Thursday News** page.

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8th Annual OLGC Golf Classic comes to Westwood Country Club! Please consider taking a day to go golfing with other school family members and parishioners in support of a good cause: tuition assistance for OLGC school families. It's a really fun day, with mini-competitions, awards, lunch and dinner, and other amenities. And this year, it's right here in Vienna at Westwood Country Club! If you can't participate as a golfer, please consider donating a silent auction item, or sponsoring a portion of the event, or providing items for the golfers' goodie bags. Useable items that also promote your business are always welcome! Be on the lookout for brochures and registration/sponsorship forms in the mail and in the parish bulletin. For further information, please contact Patrice Roe at (703) 896-7424 or development@olgcv.org. See you on the links!

Now your daughter's American Girl doll goes to OLGC too! The Auction Office has 6 doll-sized uniforms available for sale. Each one has been individually hand crafted from OLGC uniform fabric and looks exactly like the real thing. Long after she stops playing with her doll, this uniform will remain a cherished memento of your child's time at OLGC. The uniforms will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis for \$25 each. Contact the Auction Office at (703) 896-7425 or auction@olgcv.org.

Yes, it's already time to think about the auction! OLGC's annual Auction Gala will be held on May 1, 2010 at Westwood Country Club here in Vienna. This event is the parish's biggest fundraiser and an important social event. We count on your help to make it a success. Don't worry if you don't have time for a big commitment. We have many areas where even just a couple of hours will make a big difference. Download the flyer from the school website for a list of volunteer opportunities or contact the Auction Office at (703) 896-7425 or auction@olgcv.org for more information.

Volunteer to Become an Altar Server The ministry of Altar Server is one way to become more involved and give witness to your faith. Altar Servers provide service to the priest during parish liturgical functions. Girls and boys in grades 4-12 are eligible and will receive training before they serve. To learn more and sign up, go to http://olgcschool.homestead.com/Thursday_Flyers.html Forms due by **September 16**. Questions call Sr. Sharon at 703-896-7411.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity with minimal time commitment and a big pay-off? Look no further! The Children's Liturgy of the Word needs you for a total of 8 or 9 Sundays during the school year (October through May) during the 9:30 Mass. You will not be alone (you'll be part of a group), you're provided with wonderful materials to guide your discussion, and it is a rewarding 20 minutes spent sharing the gospel with the parish's K-3rd graders. Details:

- You do not have to have a child in K-3 to volunteer
- You must have VIRTUS training (or be willing to complete it this fall)
- The volunteer meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 24, 7:30pm in the Parish Center

Please call Hazel Lychak 703-759-6673 to sign on or for more details...Thanks!

Fall Fest Stuffed Animal Walk The Our Lady of Good Counsel Fall Fest, the premier event for our parishioners to get together, is scheduled for September 20 from 12 to 5PM. A new event this year is the Stuffed Animal Walk. We are asking our parishioners to donate serviceable stuffed animals to make this a fun event for our youngsters. Please clear out your closets, and bring them to the table in DeSales Hall during the Donut Sunday, which is this Sunday, September 6th, 2009. If you can't make it to Donut Sunday, please bring them to the Parish Admin Office during the week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Any questions or comments may be referred to info@olgcmensclub.org.