



Weekly Chatter from OLGC



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Message from the PTO President With any luck, the luster of the new school year is still shining brightly at your house. It is day three and my kids are wishing for the lazy summer mornings. As they come back to life at the breakfast table, they are hopeful for the joys the day. I am excited for the promise of a wonderful new year at OLGC. It has been great to see all of the smiling faces on the children as they rush to see their friends and greet their teachers each morning. The smiles on the faces of the parents tell another story...Welcome Back!

You will be receiving your packet of Sally Foster wrapping paper sale information today. This is the first PTO fundraiser of the year. All of the money raised from the sale goes to our teacher Christmas gifts. In addition to giftwrap, you'll find fun gifts, stationery and candies. There is something for everyone. Prizes will be awarded to our top sellers!! So let's get shopping!!!

Our first PTO General Meeting will be September 22nd at 7 pm. The topic is OLGC 101- Everything You Ever Needed to Know About OLGC. If you have questions or topic suggestions, please forward them to me at galbraithag@mac.com. Hope to see everyone there!

Alison Galbraith - PTO President

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Recess Volunteers Urgently Needed! If your schedule permits (or even if you'd just like to enjoy some fresh air in the middle of the day), please consider volunteering to help supervise recess activities for either one or both of the following timeframes:

Shift 1: 11:30 - 12:20 (this shift supervises grades 4-5 from 11:30 - 11:50, then grades 6-8 from 12:00 - 12:20)

or

Shift 2: 12:30 - 12:50 (this shift supervises grades 1-3)

Kindergarten recess volunteers are scheduled through the room parents. Kindergarten recess is 11:30-11:50.

Please sign up for a regular/recurring shift or even as a substitute. To volunteer, go http://olgcschool.homestead.com/Thursday_Flyers.html complete the **form** found on the school website under **Parent Info**, or contact Terri Francese at francese24@yahoo.com with any questions. The schedule will be distributed to you and also will be posted on the school website. Thank you for volunteering!

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Attention 1st Grade Girls Your first Daisy meeting of the year will be next Wednesday, September 9th, from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. New members are always welcome to join the fun! You will be picked up by Mrs. Galbraith outside the First Grade classrooms and escorted to the classrooms below DeSales Hall, where your parents will pick you up at the end of the meeting. Please contact Alison Galbraith at galbraithag@mac.com if your daughter would like to join the troop. See you on Wednesday!

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 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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Help Us Thank Our Senior Citizens We will again continue the tradition of providing food for the **Senior Citizen Luncheons** once a month in DeSales Hall. These luncheons allow us to show our appreciation for their service to the parish and school. Please sign up to provide food or to help out in some capacity. To sign up go to http://olgcschool.homestead.com/Thursday_Flyers.html or contact the school coordinator, Nan Cox, at 703-556-7874 or 8512@cox.net

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 We are excited to launch the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program for 09-10. Children in grades K-3 can join in at the 9:30 Mass on most Sundays during the school year. The children arrive with their parents and remain for the introductory rites. After the opening prayer, the priest will invite the children to attend their own special Liturgy of the Word in the chapel, where they will listen to God's Word in a way suited to their abilities and interests. At the conclusion, the children rejoin their families for the remainder of the Mass.

Please join us! We need volunteers to make this program work. Your commitment is only 8 to 9 Sundays throughout the school year and promises to be a rewarding and faith-filled experience! If you are interested in working with our parish youth, you will need to complete VIRTUS training this fall, a course which takes approximately 4 hours. For more information, please contact **Hazel Lychak at 703.759.6673 or hlychak@cox.net.**

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@olgcmenclub.org.**