



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

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OLGC GOOD NEWS

from Mr. Poole

September 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all of our returning OLGC families and a special welcome to all of our new students and their parents. We are all very excited about the opportunity to work with your children.

You may have noticed that we have taken steps to encourage all families to follow our morning and afternoon carpool procedures so that we can keep all of the children safe, increase effectiveness and make the procedures fair for every family. It is usual that it takes a little time for our carpool to run optimally as it does take a little getting used to! Please pull all the way up to the gym in the mornings and return to your cars as quickly as you can in the afternoons to help us move the cars as efficiently as possible.

Please note that our lunch schedules have changed this year with our students going out to play before they return to the Counsel Room to eat. Many Diocesan schools have recently made this switch and have found that their students are eating better and returning to class more focused. Obviously we are hoping for the same results!

I have had the opportunity to spend time with our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students discussing some of the finer points of our Parent/Student Handbook so that they are fully aware of our expectations. We look forward to a great year for all of our students.

Austin S. G. Poole
Principal

David Weimer
Assistant Principal

New Transportation Policies Reminder

In the morning-If your child is late, drop off will be at the morning drop off area or at the upper parking lot if you are walking your child to the front door.

In the afternoon-No students will be dismissed between 2:30 – 3:00pm.

For pickup - all vehicles must enter through the rear Wolfrap Rd entrance and exit via Niblick Dr. No pickup is allowed at the Parish Center lot or the upper parking lot. Please be in place by 2:55 pm.

Volunteers and all other visitors must park in the upper lot during the school day. There will be no parking in the parish center lot nor in the center of the main parking lot.

Classroom News

Fifth Graders came together for The Big Meeting (both classes) to watch a demonstration of the "Three Pile Method" showing how to successfully organize homework. Students learned well as they repeated the process for each other. The meeting ended with a hand motions/recitation of the Our Father which gives students a deeper meaning behind the prayer. What a great group!

Middle School Literature classes exhibited creativity, curiosity, and teamwork during small "Book Club" discussions about summer reading and followed up with informative oral presentations to the class. Great Job!

Middle School English students are already writing! The 8th grade students are digging up their earliest school memories for a personal narrative. The 7th grade is learning what makes a good book review and will use one of the books they read during the summer to complete this project. And, last but not least, our newest middle school class, the 6th grade, will write a friendly letter to Mrs. Lillard to introduce themselves to their teacher.

Middle School Religion students are creating Kindness Pledge Posters in Religion to be displayed for the middle school as we begin a new year. The student teams have each chosen one aspect of the Kindness Pledge and written a school-based scenario where this theme could be practiced. The stories and illustrations will be on display during back-to-school night for parents to enjoy.

Art News

Kindergarten through 4th grades are learning and reviewing color theory in art. The kindergarteners are witnessing the wonder of creating new colors through mixing while the 1st graders are reviewing how to mix colors in order to make an abstract painting. The third and fourth graders are learning a lot of new art vocabulary as they create monochromatic color paintings.

Counselor's Corner

I have visited nearly all of the classrooms this week to introduce myself and discuss the definition of bullying and how to report incidences of bullying. Each student was given a copy of the Kindness Pledge. We're going to continue with Respect for the Virtue of the Quarter. Referral forms and information about what we're working on will be on the Guidance website which should be up and running in a couple weeks.

OLGC Goes Green!

In our efforts to achieve our goal of going green, the following changes have been made to the way we communicate with you. Thursday is still our "Take Home" Day, but instead of sending home a stack of papers, you will receive an email to all of the email addresses we have on file for your family. That email will have two documents attached:

OLGC Good News (Mr. Poole's weekly newsletter)
and

Weekly Chatter (PTO weekly newsletter)

All flyers and forms that you received in hard copy in the past will now be posted on the school website <http://www.olgcschool.org>. The *Weekly Chatter* will direct you to those forms with a link to our website.

Upcoming Events

Sept 4	Early Release 11:30am (No ECAP)
Sept 7	No School-Labor Day Holiday
Sept 8	K-5 Back to School Night, 7pm
Sept 9	Parent Volunteer Meeting, 8:05am
Sept 10	Gr6-8 Back to School Night, 7pm
Sept 11	Opening School Mass, 1:45pm

Thanks to all who have submitted their school forms.
If you have not yet sent in your forms, please send them to the school office as soon as possible.