



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

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OLGC GOOD NEWS

from Mr. Poole

September 10, 2009

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday morning, a meeting was held with the parents who are volunteering this year. A handout with guidelines was distributed to help assist the volunteers. If you were not able to attend and have or will be volunteering, you can access these guidelines on the school web site. We are still looking for parents to volunteer for several duties especially recess supervision. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

David Weimer
Assistant Principal

Classroom News

The Kindergarteners enjoyed a tour of the Church given by Father Metzger. They learned all about the holy water, the tabernacle, the altar, the crucifix and much more. Thank you, Father!

The **Fourth Grade** has gotten off to a great start! We have explored writing, creating a beautiful "Bio Poem" that our parents saw at Back to School Night (you should check out the Fourth Grade hallway). We have started our English, Spelling and Science units, learning about how Weather is measured and what affects the earth's temperature, as well as done wonderfully well on our "Class Compliments" - we are more than half way to our goal. Pretty impressive after only one week of school! In Religion we are exploring how God reveals Himself to us, and our journey of developing a relationship with Him. We have gained responsibility and independence, accomplishing daily and weekly classroom jobs.

This past week **Fifth Graders** have been designing and describing a prayer corner of their own at home. Students have taken pictures or illustrated the many items (e.g. rosaries, prayer cards, Bibles, candles, pictures of those who have died, saints books) included in their special places

The **Middle School** students are starting a Family of Faith Prayer Board in Religion. They are bringing in a small picture of someone they'd like the MS to be praying for this semester: military servicemen, those who are sick & suffering, and those who need help. They may also write/type a name to place on the board instead of a picture. People on our prayer board will always be remembered in our daily MS prayers.

The **Eighth Grade** has started the first of three sculpture projects for the year. After examining the work of artist Louise Nevelson, they began to form their own assemblage sculptures out of found objects. The challenge will be to take these random objects and position them in a harmonious arrangement in the style of the featured artist. Keep an eye out for the finished pieces next month!

Did you know that the creator of Sponge Bob is actually a marine biologist? **Eighth Graders** learned that interesting fact and more importantly they learned that anyone can be a scientist. They had to draw themselves as a scientist and their pictures are hanging in the upstairs hall outside of Mrs. Jewett's room...stop by and take a look at some future scientists!

Middle School Intramurals are back! The first sport offered will be soccer. 8th graders will referee and any interested middle school student who would like to play may form a team, fill out a sign up sheet, and return it to Mrs. Jewett. Games will begin next week and will be played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during Middle School recess. The 2009 Middle School Intramural Soccer Tournament will be held at the end of the 1st

quarter. If anyone is interested in playing and has not found an open spot on a team, please let Mrs. Jewett know and she will coordinate. Teams will be recognized for their play on the field in the areas of athletics and sportsmanship.

The **Computer Lab** has new state-of-the-art, multimedia student workstations with Microsoft Office 2007. Each workstation includes a small-footprint desktop (Dell Optiplex 760) with a flat-panel monitor, speakers, keyboard, and mouse. The five-year old workstations from the Computer Lab replaced the ten-year old workstations in the Library to create a mini-lab. Thank you to all of those who donated at the Auction to help OLGC maintain an impressive, technology-rich learning environment for our students!

The **Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus** will have their first meeting after school from 3-4pm on Tuesday, September 22 in the music room. Members from last year's group as well as any other interested students are welcome to attend. No audition is necessary. Mrs. Howell hopes to see you there.

OLGC Goes Green!

In case you haven't heard, 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)

Keep checking your child's backpack on Thursdays. Occasionally (like today) hard copies of some items will be sent home.

Upcoming Events

Sept 11	Opening School Mass, 1:45pm
Sept 14	Kindergarten begins regular hours 8am-3pm ECAP starts today for Kindergarteners who have enrolled
Sept 15	Band Meeting for Parents, 7pm in Counsel Rm
Sept 18	Class Coffee for parents of Kindergarteners & Gr 1, 7:30am in Library

OLGC PARENTS,

You have done a great job of getting forms
in to the school office!

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