

**Parent Update  
March 23, 2010**

**Our Parish School Mission**

*The mission of Our Lady of School Counsel Parish School is to form young minds and hearts in the image of Jesus spiritually, academically, physically, and socially through authentic Catholic teaching within a faith community of respect and compassion for others.*

**Upcoming Date**

<b>March</b>	24	Penance Service (gr.4-6-8)	1:00 p.m.
	25	Internet Safety Assembly (gr. 5-8)	1:00 p.m.
	26	Stations of the Cross (gr.5-8)	1:45 p.m.
	29	ECC Prayer Service	10:00 a.m.
	30	Parish Penance Service (gr. 3-5-7)	7:00 p.m.
	31	General Parent Meeting on Internet Safety in café	7:00p.m.
<b>April</b>	1	Holy Thursday	
		Living Stations	10:00 a.m
		<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
		No Nursery	
		No After School Program	
	<b>2-9</b>	<b>Easter Vacation</b>	
	12	School Resumes	
		<b>Summer Uniform Begins</b>	

**Bye Bye Birdie**

Congratulations to all our students and Drama Club staff who presented last weekend's very entertaining musical "*Bye Bye Birdie*"! The performances played to full houses and received rave reviews. Special thanks to everyone whose name appears in the program that is attached as a flyer. It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance. We are proud of our students and staff and thank them for their dedication in sharing their time, talents and commitment in making "*Bye Bye Birdie*" such an enjoyable musical.

**Parent Internet Safety Meeting**

All parents and any interested parishioners are invited to attend the Internet Safety seminar presented by the New Jersey State Police on March 31 at 7 pm in the cafeteria.

**After School Art**

There is still time to join our after school art program. We have 2 spots left for the Wednesday classes (grades 1-4) and 7 spots left for the Friday classes (grades 5-8). Please contact Mrs. Christ for additional information.

**All School Art Show**

Mark your calendars now for Our Lady of Good Counsels first annual end of the year art show on Friday May 14, 2010 from 6 to 8pm. Please look for additional details in the upcoming weeks!

### **Do You Have A Loved One Overseas Fighting in the War?**

As part of the PTA Caring and Sharing program at the parish school, during the month of April students will begin writing letters to those serving our country overseas. If you have a family member or friend overseas and would like to have the students of Our Lady of Good Counsel school write to them please contact Angela Capozzoli at 856-222-4235 or at [angiecap@comcast.net](mailto:angiecap@comcast.net) with the name(s), branch of service and address of where the letters should be sent. Please have the information to me by April 10th. We think it would be a wonderful connection between the men and women and the students to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers and we appreciate the sacrifice they are making.

### **Enrollment in FACTS for all Families in Nursery -8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

If a family is currently enrolled in the FACTS Program and want to continue next year, they need not do anything. They will automatically be reenrolled. If there is any changes such as a different account will be used, they need to make that change and nothing else.

If a family is not enrolled in the FACTS Program this year but wants to for next year, they will have to go on the web site and register. The Parish Office will fill in all the tuition numbers for them.

### **Selecting Parents to be Chaperones**

1.) In first and second grade, the children traditionally go to Storybook Land and the Philadelphia Zoo. Because these places are outside with large groups of people, parents are encouraged to accompany their children.

2.) In third to sixth grades, the places the children visit dictate a limited number of chaperones they would like us to bring (usually one per 10 students). On the field trip permission slip, parents are asked to indicate if they would like to be considered as a chaperone. Each teacher will select a set number of chaperones and contacts those parents selected to be chaperones.

3.) In seventh grade, the homeroom mothers serve as chaperones along with the principal, school nurse and two homeroom teachers. In eighth grade only the principal, school nurse and two homeroom teachers go on the trip.

4.) What is the role of a chaperone? Chaperones are responsible for a small group of students. They should remain with their students at all times. They are responsible for meeting the other groups at the designated time and place to board the bus for the return trip to school.

5.) If a parent is not selected as a chaperone, please understand that the old adage "Many are called, but few are chosen" still holds. Because the teachers are responsible for their students, it is strongly recommended that you do not drive to the field trip destination and take their child from the group to which he/she has been assigned and go off on their own. A large part of the enjoyment of a field trip is being with their classmates in a different setting.

Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and cooperation.

**Reminders:**

- Dismissal on Holy Thursday will be at 11:30 a.m. All students will return to school after the 10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross at Church. All students will be dismissed from school at 11:30 a.m. Please no requests to take your child home from the Church.
- No Nursery on Holy Thursday
- No After School Program on Holy Thursday
- Students should not bring backpacks to school on Holy Thursday. All books needed for Easter vacation should be brought home on Wednesday.
  
- There are NO gym classes on Thursday. All students should be in full school uniform.
- **Summer uniform begins on Monday, April 12th.**



I had a conversation with our rep from FACTS this afternoon. She informed me that if a family is currently enrolled in the FACTS Program and want to continue next year, they need not do anything. They will automatically be reenrolled. If there is any changes such as a different account will be used, they need to make that change and nothing else.

If a family is not enrolled in the FACTS Program this year but wants to for next year, they will have to go on the web site and register. Once again, Mary Terry will fill in all the tuition numbers for them.

Please get the word out to all the parents with children in all classes including the nursery school and pre-K.