

**Parent Update
March 9, 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

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| March | 8 | Terra Nova Test Week | |
| | 10 | School Board Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| | 12 | Stations of the Cross (gr.5-8) | 1:45 p.m. |
| | 19 | School Musical | 7:30 p.m. |
| | 20 | School Musical | 7:30 p.m. |
| April | 1 | Holy Thursday Dismissal | 11:30 a.m. |
| | | No After School Program | |
| | 2-9 | Easter Vacation | |
| | 12 | School Resumes | |

Congratulations

Congratulations to the 15 faculty members who have just completed the requirements for the University of Notre Dame Satellite Theological Education Program. This program was a 6 week on line course in which our faculty members were required to do weekly reading assignments, answer weekly assignment questions and take part in a weekly one hour on line chat session. By taking part in this course the following teachers have now achieved level 3 catechist certification Mr. Jerry McGowan, Dr. Linda Dix, Mrs. Suzanne Casey, Miss Sandra Prokop, Sister Rosemarie, Mrs. Mary Rose Adams, Mrs. Nancy Maguire, Mrs. Cheryl Biancaniello, Mrs. Cynthia Robinson, Miss Kelly Mulholland, Mrs. Kelly Ann Hill, Mrs. Marcie Steel, Mrs. Kathy Goeke, Mr. Joe Veasey, and Mrs. Rosemary Connors. Congratulations again on this achievement.

Writing Roadmap Student Guide

Students in grades 3-7 have begun receiving an introduction on how to use Writing Roadmap by their teachers along with Mrs. Casey in the Computer Lab. Enclosed with today's Parent Update is a copy of the Writing Roadmap Student Guide that should give parents a detailed presentation about the program. Writing Roadmap is available for use 24-7 by students on a 12 month basis. Teachers plan to develop ways in which Roadmap will be incorporated into their curriculum

New OLGCA Alumni Website

Check out our new OLGCA Alumni website www.olgcnj.alumnichannel.org. Parents who are alumni are encouraged to register. Many of our teachers have already registered and we are hoping to get the word out to all our alumni to register. The website can also be found on our school website also. Registration is not finalized and considered complete until it is approved by the website administrator. Again, if you know any alumni, please

get them to register.

New School Yard Monitors and Part-Time Need.

We would like to hire one more monitor part-time (2 days only) for the schoolyard. The hours are from 11:00-1:00 every day. Our yard monitors include parent Mrs. Michelle Burkhardt, parent Jackie Maloney, Mr. Bill Pepe, grandfather of Kindergarten student Grace Kline and long time monitor Mrs. Olga Maier. We would also like to hire substitute monitors as well for those occasions in the course of the year when one of the monitors is not able to be at school. If you know anyone who may be interested in being a monitor 2 days a week or may be willing to be a paid substitute please call Mrs. Turowski at school 856-235-7885.

What's Happening in Our Classrooms

Kindergarten – Sr. Rosemarie and Mrs. Adams

The Kindergarten classes celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday on Tuesday, March 2nd. The classes had guest readers come into read to the children. KA had Mr. Daniel Roccato, and Mr. McGowan. KB had Mr. Grinaldi, Miss Sandra, and Mrs. Tamez.

The room mothers prepared the lunch of green eggs and ham. The children enjoyed the birthday celebration very much.

Art – Mrs. Christ

Young At Art" Perkins Center for the Arts will be held from March 14 – April 25, 2010. The Opening Reception will be on Sunday March 14th from 1 – 5pm. There will be at least one project represented from each grade level. The participating students from our school are: Jessica Molz 8B, Christina Giunta 7A, Morgan Snowden 6B, Breanne Falese 5A, Lucas D'Antonio 4A, Danny DiSandro 3B, Kallie Hiller 2B, Jordan Anderson 1B, Luke Dickson 1A and Nicholas DiMarino KA

Terra Nova Testing

All students in Grades 2-7 are taking standardized tests called Terra Novas this week. Please make sure the children have a good night's rest and breakfast each morning so that they can be at their best each day of the testing. Please remember that the Terra Nova tests are a comprehensive assessment of academic growth. It is not a pass or fail test and should not cause any undue pressure, worry or concern on the part of the children or parents. The results of the test will be made available later this year.

Tuition Agreement Form Reminder

In last week's envelope, parents received your Tuition Agreement form for next year 2010-2011. In order for a child to be considered enrolled for next school year, the Tuition Agreement Form must be completed and returned by no later than June 1st.

We Need Your Help Please

Hostess volunteers are needed for the big night of the **Fashion Show**

On Thursday May 6th 2010. You will be needed to sell tombola and super tombola tickets as well as 50/50 tickets, (before during and immediately after the dinner hour). Don't worry, it's easy and fun, we will show you exactly what to do when you arrive.

You will be allowed to come early if you want to put your own tickets in the baskets before the show starts. We work in approximately 1-hour time slots. You will be notified prior to the show what time you should arrive to begin your shift. We begin at 5:30 and we need a minimum of 40 Fabulous Hostesses to do the job. Please show your support for the school and play a part in helping out with one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Let's make it a memorable and successful night!**Thank you in advance for your help and support.** Please fill in the slip on the attached flyer and return to Noreen Quinn c/o Owen - 2A or email your information to dquinn9159@yahoo.com

Catholic Basketball League – ALL STARS

The following athletes will represent OLGC in their CBL Divisional All Star Games on **Saturday, March 13th at St. Mary's in Medford.**

Junior Varsity Boys Game @ 12:30 PM

Junior Varsity Boys Large School Division Joe Dignam & Colin Lesser
Junior Varsity Boys Small School Division Danny O'Brien & Steven Robinson

Junior Varsity Girls Game @ 1:45 PM

Junior Varsity Girls Large School Division Erin Feeney & Gianna Horsley
Junior Varsity Girls Small School Division Sofia D'Avanzo & Vivian Overbeck

Varsity Girls Game @ 3:00 PM

Varsity Girls Large School Division Katie Feeney, Sarah Furey
& Mackenzi McErlean
Varsity Girls Small School Division Bridget Hughes & Ashley Monahan

Varsity Boys Game @ 4:15 PM

Varsity Boys Large School Division David Noworyta
Varsity Boys Small School Division Luke Underwood

Named to the All County Basketball Team are:

Varsity Boys Large School Division Philip Cunha, Dillon Di Ciurcio
& Michael Morello
Junior Varsity Boys Large School Division Michael Doto, Frankie Ochman
& Eric Sobocinski

OLGC Student Qualifies to Swim In The Middle Atlantic Junior Olympics

OLGC 5th Grader, Ryan Kay, who swims for the 'Canes at the Mt. Laurel YMCA has qualified to swim in the Middle Atlantic Junior Olympics Swimming Championships. The top 14 year old and under swimmers from NJ, PA, MD, and DE will be participating in this swim meet that will be held at the Gloucester County Institute of Technology on the weekend of March 12th, 13th, and 14th. Ryan will be competing in the 50 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke, 200 Medley Relay, and 200 Freestyle Relay. The top 12 in each event will qualify to swim in the National Junior Olympics. Good luck, Ryan!