

**Parent Update  
February 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>February</b>	24	Class Mass	Grade 1A	9:00 a.m.
	25	Class Mass	Grade 6A	9:00 a.m.
	26	Class Mass	Grade 2A	9:00 a.m.
			Stations of the Cross (gr.5-8)	1:45 p.m.
<b>March</b>	1	Class Pictures/Graduation group pictures		
	2	Class Mass	Grade 3B	9:00 a.m.
	3	<b>Teacher In-Service Day (no school)</b>		
	4	Class Mass	Grade 3A	9:00 a.m.
	5	Team Pictures		
			Stations of the Cross (gr.1-4)	1:45 p.m.
		<b>Report Cards</b>		
	8	Terra Nova Test Week		
	10	School Board Meeting		6:30 p.m.

**Go For The Gold**

From all reports, Saturday evening's PTA *Go For The Gold* was an outstanding success. It was a success not only in terms of the funds raised but just as importantly in terms of the friendships shared. It seems like everyone had a great time.

On behalf of Good Counsel School, we want to thank our many parents and friends of the school who attended, the many individuals and companies who donated table sponsorship and other gifts, the many who sold and/or bought 50/50 tickets and especially our PT A moms and dads whose untiring efforts in planning, coordinating and executing the entire program made the evening a huge success. Thank you all very much.

Special thanks to Greg Gallo, Dean Molz, Dennis Riley, Bob Kay , George Morris and all the many other members of the Go For The Gold Committee who contributed tirelessly to make the evening an enjoyable event.

**Tuition Agreement Forms 2010-2011**

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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OLGC Night at the 76ers**

Just a reminder that the deadline for ordering 76ers tickets is Wed. Feb. 24. The game is March 1, at 7 pm and we have a discounted price of \$35 for lower level tickets. Join your classmates for a fun night of basketball, cheer on the Sixers while wearing your OLGC sports uniforms or spiritwear. Six students will win a "meet and greet" with Sixers players. For more information, visit [www.olgcnj.org](http://www.olgcnj.org) or call Karen Noworyta at 609-320-4590.

### **Terra Nova Testing**

All students in Grades 2-7 will be taking standardized tests called Terra Novas during the week of March 8-12. 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.

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.

The administration discourages the taking of vacation during school time especially during Terra Nova testing week.

### **School Yard Monitor Needed**

The school would like to hire another paid monitor full (5 days) or part time (1 or more days) for the schoolyard. The hours are from 11:00-1:00 every day. 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 are interested in working every day, maybe just some days or just interested in being a paid substitute please call Mrs. Turowski at school 856-235-7885.

### **Mad Science Enrichment Program**

Did you know that Good Counsel School offers a special Mad Science Enrichment Program for students in grades 1-4? Registration information was sent home recently with the children in grades 1-4. Registration is made online. Online registration began February 12 and ends on February 26. The 6 week session starts on Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup> or on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> –April 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration can be made online at <http://www.madscienceofnj.com>.

### **What's Happening In Our Classrooms**

#### **Kindergarten – Sr. Rosemarie and Mrs. Adams**

In Kindergarten classes celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Day in Kindergarten on February 19. The children began the day with a Prayer Service in their classroom and had fun counting 100 food items for a snack. They made a 100 link snake and wrote sentences about what they would do with \$100. It was a fun day for the children.

#### **Grade 1B – Mrs. Biancaniello**

Mrs. Biancaniello's first grade class is writing book reports on a favorite Dr. Seuss book. They will read their book reports to the class. The reports will hang on our hall bulletin board.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Robinson and Ms. Mulholland

It is that time of year again and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade is getting ready to prepare for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Everyone is very excited. We have begun practicing in church and practicing our songs and prayers. We are all looking forward to April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Grade 8B – Mrs. Conners

The boys and girls in the eighth grade made special 100<sup>th</sup> day bookmarks to help their first grade Prayer Partner/Reading Buddies celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. Graduation Pictures are scheduled to be taken on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> so all eighth graders have received their graduation caps and gowns in readiness for that picture. The annual PTA fashion show is approaching and many of our eighth grade students are eagerly anticipating walking down the runway with mom or dad and modeling the latest fashions. In ILA the students are memorizing and reciting poems by authors such as Poe, Longfellow and Frost. They are also learning the proper format for note cards and bibliography cards. They are also learning conjugation and synopsis of verbs. Dr. Seuss stories are also on the agenda for the next week. Eighth graders will design a booklet and bookmark based on their favorite Dr. Seuss story. The booklet and bookmark will be given to their first grade Prayer Partner/Reading Buddies. As you can see, our eighth graders are very active and involved students.