

**Our Lady of Good Counsel School**  
**Parent Update**  
**May 11, 2010**

*Our mission 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 Dates**

May 12	Class Mass Grade 4B	
	School Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
13	Ascension Thursday Mass	10:00 a.m.
14	Class Mass Grade 6A	9:00 a.m.
	Student Art Show in Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.
17	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade True Love Waits Week	
	Student Talent Show	7:00 p.m.
19	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to New York City	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Class Trip to Storybook Land	
20	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to State House/Alice Paul Institute	
21	Class Mass Grade 7A&7B	9:00 a.m.
24	School Band Concert	7:00 p.m.
25	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Class Trip to Franklin Institute	
	Market Day	
	PTA Prayer Service/Meeting	7:00 p.m.
26	Field Day Grades 7-8	9:00-11:30
	Grades 5-6	12:00-2:30
27	Field Day Grades K-2	9:00-11:30
	Grades 3-4	12:00-2:30
28	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Art/National Liberty Museums	
31	Memorial Day	No School

**A Word of Thanks**

To our PTA, especially our chairs, Mrs. Michelle Burghardt, Mrs. Christine Dash and Mrs. Linda D'Antonio and all our parents who organized and put on a very successful Fashion Show last week, especially those who solicited the many super tombola, silent auction and prize basket items. Thanks also to Mrs. Paula Lynch and Mrs. Deb Marsdale for the very successful 50/50. A tremendous amount of time, effort and generosity went into making our fundraising event so successful. To all who made it possible and to all who supported it by their attendance - *Thank you.*

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade has Gone Digital!**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been doing a lot of "cloud computing" lately. Not sure what that is? Well it is the future of educational technology. Cloud computing is the elimination of saving files or even software on your own computers anymore. Instead people use web based software and work on documents that are saved "in the cloud" which means they can access it anywhere, at any time. With the use of Google Docs, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade is

working on a Google spreadsheet that is helping them learn how to set up a monthly budget and balance a checkbook. Parents please ask them to show you their spreadsheets. They have even learned a couple of formulas to help calculate sums and differences. The students have also been having a lot of fun using a classroom wiki to collaborate on their Mars Colony projects and to post logs on their participation in the NJ Stock Market Game, in which one of our teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place again this year!

### **Facts Tuition Payment Plan Registration 2010-2011**

Parents are advised that as of today, May 4<sup>th</sup>, they will be able to go on the Facts website <http://www.facts.com> and register for Facts for next school year 2010-2011. If there are no changes, parents will not have to do anything but it is strongly recommend that they go on the site and make sure that everything is correct. New families on Facts will have to complete the registration form. Please note, however, that every family that uses Facts will be assessed a \$35 registration fee.

### **Short Story and Poetry Contest**

All students in grades K-8 are invited to participate in the Annual Short Story and Poetry Contest. Three winners will be chosen from each grade. Each student may enter one story and one poem. Names and homerooms should be written on an index card and attached with a paper clip to the back of the paper. Do not put your name on the paper, so judges can remain impartial. Homeroom representatives will collect all entries. Winners will be announced at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Awards Ceremony. 8<sup>th</sup> grade winners will be published in the yearbook. Entries from all students in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades must be typed and double-spaced. All entries must be received no later than Friday, May 21. Questions? Please contact Michelle Molz, [molz@comcast.net](mailto:molz@comcast.net) 856-630-7294.

### **Parent Requests** (OLGC Parent/Student Handbook pg. 18)

All parents (Grades K-8) are asked not to call or write and request a particular teacher or classroom that they want for their child. Assigning children to teachers or classrooms is the responsibility of the school. Many factors go into making the assignment of children and a process for doing so is followed by the teachers and school administration. A parent's preference is not one of the factors. Parents are asked to respect school policy and not call, write or request a meeting to ask for a particular teacher or classroom for their child.