



## ***Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School***

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### **Principal's Newsletter**

***November 9, 2017***

#### **Dear Parents,**

As we settle into the colder weather, the shorter days, and the changing trees, it is a great time to be thankful for all that God has provided us. We have so many things to be thankful for as a school family, most importantly is that we have so much potential and so many opportunities to offer our students. The success we are seeing so far this year is in large part to three groups of people. The first are you..the parents who have entrusted Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School to provide your children with an education grounded in our common faith. The second group is the faculty and staff who on a daily basis show tireless efforts to challenge themselves and your children to be the best they can be. And the third group is the students, who every day come to school ready to learn and are open to the Lord and allow Him to be a part of their lives. I am thankful for all of these groups for being members of our family.

News to share this week from school:

- OLGC's new **Optional Lunch Program** will begin on November 27th. You can find an Introductory Letter, along with an updated menu on the school website under the Student/Lunch Program tab.
- It is with great pleasure that I announce the hiring of **Ms. Nicole Hofner** as a Teacher's Aide in Grade 1. Ms. Hofner comes to us with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Penn State University. She is currently working on her Master's Degree and Certification in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Hofner to our OLGC family!
- We are excited to announce the creation of the **Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School Choir** under the direction of Mrs. Joan Kozlowski. The School Choir meets once a week during their lunch period for practice and will be performing at many of our school functions. Look for the announcement of a sneak preview at one of our upcoming Community Homerooms.
- Invitations will go out tomorrow to 7th and 8th students for inclusion in the **National Junior Honor Society**. Please refer to the school website for eligibility requirements. There will be an Installation Ceremony on Friday, December 8th at 1:30pm in the school gym.
- There is an update to the school website. There are now **monthly printable calendars**, along with the yearly one. They can be located under the Parent Tab. Click on Calendar and you will be able to access them.

Thank you for constant support and prayers for our school. I encourage you to continue to support our work as we advance our mission to provide a transformative education steeped in academics and faith to our deserving students. There is no greater investment for forming our future saints than a Catholic education!

Please carefully review this week's newsletter for many reminders and updates. We thank you for entrusting your children to us and for the sacrifices you make each day to send your child(ren) to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic school!

God's peace,

Mrs. Barbara Riley  
Principal

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- 11/10:** 5th and 6th Grade Field Trip; Ladies Night Out
- 11/13:** Book Fair
- 11/14:** Book Fair; PIE Meeting 7pm
- 11/15:** Kindergarten - Grade 2 - Thanksgiving Feast; 6th Grade Mass
- 11/17:** Dress Down Day - \$1.00
- 11/18:** Fall PAC Show 7pm
- 11/20:** PreK Feasts
- 11/22:** **NO SCHOOL**
- 11/23:** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- 11/24:** **NO SCHOOL**
- 11/27:** Classes Resume; Santa Shoppe
- 11/28:** Community Homeroom - 8:45; Santa Shoppe
- 11/29:** 5th Grade Mass
- 12/1:** End of the First Trimester; First Friday Mass; Snowball Dance
- 12/4:** Second Trimester Begins; 8th Grade Trip to New York
- 12/6:** 4th Grade Mass
- 12/7:** Archbishop Wood Play Grades 4-8
- 12/8:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass 10:30; NJHS Installation 1:30
- 12/11:** Report Card Distribution; Kindergarten Christmas Pageant 7pm Lower Church

#### **Re-Registration**

Re-Registration for the 2018-2019 school is well underway! Each youngest child has received the re-registration packet which includes a copy of the new Tuition Policy and re-registration form. **Re-register before November 30th and receive 50% off your registration fee!** Registration will open to new families on December 1st.

## Healthy Hands/Healthy Heart

Fall is here and with that comes the cold and flu! **If your child is sick, please keep him or her home.** Please remind your child to always wash his or her hands. Hand washing and the flu shot are the best ways to avoid the cold and flu. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and has a healthy diet to keep their immune systems strong and help avoid these illnesses.

## Yearbook

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you have great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 409683610
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 04/04/2018.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

Sincerely,  
Yearbook Adviser and the 2018 Yearbook Staff.

*The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.*

## After-School Clubs

We are in the process of scheduling after-school clubs. We have various clubs to be offered including art class, book club, legos, etc. If you are interested in organizing a club, please contact Mrs. Riley. Specific information for each club will be sent home soon!

## School Safety and Security

The safety of our students is our top priority. No visitor or volunteer may go to any area of the school without first signing in at the office and receiving a visitor's badge. Visitors or volunteers are not permitted to go to a classroom to visit, confer with a teacher without an appointment, or visit any child in class, at lunch, or in the schoolyard. If

parents wish to arrange a conference with a teacher or the principal, they should call the school office..

### **Late Arrivals**

After 8:15 am, your child is considered late. Parent and child must report to the school office and sign a late arrival form. The child will then receive a late slip to give to his/her homeroom teacher. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time. This teaches our students respect and courtesy along with an understanding of the importance of being on time. When a child is late, it disrupts the morning routines of the classroom and often the child becomes overwhelmed

### **Early Dismissal**

If your child must leave school before the end of the school day, an early dismissal form must be completed and sent to the homeroom teacher in the morning. Parents are to come to the school office to pick up their child for dismissal.

### **Monthly Prayer List**

Monthly prayer lists will be posted on our website and remembered each day by our students during community prayer. Please let Mrs. Riley know of any special intentions that you may have.

### **Box Tops**

Please remember that OLGC School participates in the Box Tops for Education Program. Look for the Box Tops logo on various products. Clip off the Box Top and save them for our school. Each Box Top is worth .10 that begins to add up rather quickly. The school has the potential to raise \$5000.00.

### **Facebook**

Check out OLGC School's **Facebook** page!! It is updated daily with photos and stories of the great things happening at Our Lady of Good Counsel School!

***"Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School, under the guidance of Mary, seeks to empower students to***

*commit to Christian service, dedicate their lives to Gospel values, and lead with academic excellence.”*