

**Parent Update
December 15, 2009**

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 Dates

December	16	Class Mass	Grade 5A	9:00 a.m.
	17	Class Mass	Grade 3A	9:00 a.m.
		Dismissal 12:00 Noon		
		No Afternoon Nursery		
		No After School Program		
	18	Class Mass	Grade 5B	9:00 a.m.
		1 st Grade Prayer Service in MPR		9:15 a.m.
		Kindergarten Christmas Play in MPR		1:45 p.m.
	21	Class Mass	Grade 4B	9:00 a.m.
	22	Class Mass	Grade 4A	9:00 a.m.
	23	Dismissal 11:15 a.m.		
		No Pre-School		
		No After School Program		

Parish and School Staff Christmas Luncheon

This Thursday, December 17, will be a half day with dismissal at 12:00 noon. The Parish and School Staff will celebrate its Christmas Luncheon with Fr. Damian that afternoon. There will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

Congratulations

Congratulations to 8th Grade Student Jason Ronkin for earning Second Place overall in the 4th Annual Holy Cross High School Math Competition. Last year, as a 7th grade student, Jason earned First Place in this competition. Jason's scholarship earnings are now \$1500.00 total to Holy Cross High School. He also has the option to receive cash if he does not choose to attend Holy Cross. Good Counsel is especially proud of our 6th grade students who had the courage and the knowledge to participate in this competition which is open to 7th and 8th grade students. This experience will help them greatly to prepare for next year's competition, standardized tests, and Math class in general. Special thanks goes to Dr. Sondra D'Antonio who is the Math Club moderator, for her generous time and effort in preparing our Math students for competitions.

Congratulations

Congratulations to 8th Grade Student Angelo Bertagnolli who was informed by Father Paul, the President of St. Augustine Prep High School, that his entrance exam score was one of the top six of 250 students' scores. This earns him a four year scholarship and admittance to St. Augustine Prep.

Thank You

The 8th grade class would like to thank all who participated in our pie sale during the month of November. We sold 358 pies of which 230 pies were donated and delivered to Catholic Charities on November 17th. Thank you for your generosity!

2009 Poinsettia Sale

THANK YOU to the many families who generously supported this year's sale and made it such a success.

Attention Last Minute Christmas Shoppers!!! You Can still get Scrip/ Gift Cards for Christmas!!!!

We still have gift cards in inventory. Some stores and restaurants are: Cheesecake Factory, Applebees, Omaha Steaks, Olive Garden, Outback, Chillis, Starbucks, Panera Bread, Dunkin Donuts, AMC, Regal, Ritz, Dicks, Kohls, Best Buy, LL Bean, Boscovs, Am Eagle, Bath and Body, Itunes, Gamestop, Borders, Barnes and Noble, Macys, Pet Smart, Aeropostale, and more.

If you still need to get your gift cards please contact Jamie Manall at 856-787-8498 or daddydog9@comcast.net or Lisa Beretzki at 856-778-1957 or saberetzki@comcast.net. Let us do your shopping for you!!!

Christmas Holidays

Dismissal on our last day of school before Christmas will be at **11:15 a.m.** on **Wednesday, December 23rd**. Please mark your calendar for 11:15 a.m. Students return to school after the New Year on Monday, January 4, 2010. Please note that students riding home on GST buses **P38, P56, and P66 only** will be dismissed at **10:45 a.m.** due to a conflict with Lenape's dismissal time.

Good Counsel's Student Global Awareness Group continues to "Just Do It!"

This year is the 5th year of the "Just Do It!" group at Our Lady of Good Counsel School. "Just Do It!" is when boys and girls sell things during their lunch period to raise awareness and money for local and global charities. The students sell things such as bookmarks, pencil, crafts, and more! The money that they make then goes to the charity of their choice. The boys and girls also educate their classmates about their charity to build awareness. This year the group has raised over \$300 so far. We hope to keep it up. Over the past 4 years of the organization's existence it has raised over \$6000 dollars for charities. The "Just Do It!" committee who helps students put on their presentations also recently received the *Young Heroes Award* from the National Liberty Museum in Philadelphia. The award was in recognition of their philanthropy accomplishments. Submitted by Jordan Horsley, Publicity of the Just Do It Committee