

**Parent Update
December 9, 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	9	Penance Prayer Service (Gr. 3-5-7)	1:00 p.m.
	10	Class Mass Grade 2A	9:00 a.m.
	11	Class Mass Grade 2B	9:00 a.m.
		Jesse Tree Pageant	1:15 p.m
	14	Class Mass Grade 8B	9:00 a.m.
	15	Class Mass Grade 8A	9:00 a.m.
		Market Day	
		Parish Penance Service (Gr. 4 & 6)	7:00 p.m.
	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	

Thank You

A sincere word of thanks goes to Mrs. Gloria DelGrosso, our school nurse, for the outstanding job she did in preparing for and organizing our very well run and successful H1N1 Vaccination Clinic on December 1. Also, a special word of thanks to Mrs. Diane Belecanech who helped arrange for our many parents who assisted Gloria with the clinic, especially Alycia Bishop, Eileen Brown, Gail Dignam, Mary Pat Doto, Mary Gallagher, Linda Lesser, Terri Schaub and Nancy Sheppard. Over 113 students received either the injectable or nasal dosage within 1 hour.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Angelo Bertagnolli in Grade 8B who wrote the winning essay for the V.F.W. Post 3020 in Delran. The topic of the essay was: "When Should We Honor Our Nation's Veterans" Angelo's essay placed first in the Post and District levels. He now moves on to the State level.

Penance Prayer Service for School Families

School families especially for children in grades 4&6 are encouraged to attend the Parish Penance Prayer Service for school families on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Church.

Visitors, including parents, to the school

For the safety of the children and to avoid class interruptions, **all visitors, including parents**, must report to the office before visiting other parts of the building, except at times of public function. If it is necessary to bring articles of clothing, lunches, etc. to school during the day, they should be brought directly to the main office.

Final Reminder about Father Damian's Policy on Requesting Tuition Aid

Good Counsel School families who seek diocesan Tuition Grants or parish tuition assistance for next school year (2010-2011) must first complete a Tuition Aid Form with the Private School Aid Service (PSAS) in order to be considered for any tuition assistance. Please visit www.psas.org and click on "Begin Application" in order to complete the application/form for tuition aid. The Tuition Aid Form can also be found on our school website www.olgcnj.org. No request for tuition assistance/tuition aid from the Diocese or the parish will be considered unless an application has first been made with PSAS. Please use the authorization code **TRNI** and school code **5854** when completing the online PSAS application. **The deadline for filing the PSAS Tuition Aid Form is December 31, 2009.**

What's Happening in Our Classrooms

Mrs. Biancaniello and Mrs. Maguire 1B&1A

The first grade students are busy making Christmas gifts and cards. The children are also practicing songs for their Prayer Service. St. Nicholas visited the classrooms on Friday, Dec. 4th. The children are enjoying their new letter tiles that were made available by a Grant.

Mrs. Adams Grade: K-B

During the week of Thanksgiving, Kindergarten B visited The Tender, a daycare facility for seniors located in the Moorestown Community House. The children delighted the seniors with conversation and songs. They also presented the seniors with handmade Thanksgiving cards and blessed bread from the PTA.

Thank You Mrs. D'Avanzo

We received wonderful news about our recent very successful Book Fair in November. Our sales were \$10657.34 and so we made the 25% and our check for \$2131.47 will be mailed to the school next week. Thank you Mrs. D'Avanzo and thanks also so much to all our families in promoting and supporting our Book fair.

Mixed Bag Sales Update

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, order forms are due Monday, December 14th!

Don't forget to ask all your friends, family, and neighbors!

Please return to Erin Foursha c/o Emma KB. Any questions, please contact me @ 856.988.1247. All checks payable to OLG. Bags will deliver after **Christmas**.

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.