

Dear Parents,

Since my last letter to you life has been a roller coaster ride. Our community started the month with the heartbreaking news of the loss of our friend and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Representative, Teresa Godfrey, Mom to Nathan (class of 2016) and Gabi (Class of 2021). She joyfully served our community for 14 years and brought a smile to everyone she met, she is greatly missed. You can see our tribute to Teresa in the recording of our last PO meeting.

Out of this low moment for our community we climbed – as we do at OLG - and took every opportunity to have fun with goody bags galore. These were left on door steps of the PO Leadership's homes, brought to the school for Teachers and Staff and left for pick up for each kid in the school. We then ended the month with class Halloween celebrations! A big thanks to Jori McChesney our Hospitality Chair and our Room Parents!!

We also celebrated our fall fundraisers with the news that our Jog-A-Thon raised \$21,000. Many thanks to Lissa Baier and Linda O'Keefe who have led this event for years. As their 8<sup>th</sup> graders graduate this year, we are looking for volunteers to lead this event next year. Thank you also to all the families for your fun support of this event.

More fun was brought to us from Charleston Wrap for some retail therapy and holiday shopping. Their glossy catalogues and great products include the best wrapping paper I've ever seen. This quick and fun promotion is very easy to do and it benefits our school. If you haven't yet had a chance to shop, you still can until Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, although kid prizes were only available until October 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Heather Owens for leading this great fundraiser.

Talking about fun makes me think of our Auction team, led by Hilary Reeves. This month they shot a video on a yacht and have lots of fun and surprises planned for us at our upcoming Auction March 6<sup>th</sup>. More volunteers are needed; get involved and you will ask yourself if volunteering is supposed to be this fun?

In addition to help with the Auction we are looking for volunteers for the following (please contact me for detail on any of them):

- Communications Coordinator to work with our Development Director Rebecca Arcarese. An automatic 30 volunteer hours are granted
- Pre-K PO Class Rep. to be part of our leadership team. An automatic 50 volunteer hours are granted.
- Spirit Wear Store Rep. An automatic 30 volunteer hours are granted
- Scrip/Gift Card Sales Co-chair. An automatic 30 volunteer hours are granted.

Please join us Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30 pm for our next PO Meeting. PO and Auction Meeting links are on the OLG School Calendar, for your convenience I have included it below:

Description Join Parent Org Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/96957234205?pwd=dWhyWFJmeTlsSG5jaU9TVFp2YzdXZz09>

Meeting ID: 969 5723 4205  
Passcode: OLG2020PO

As we continue to navigate through this year, I pray for continued strength for our community, families and school.

Many thanks,

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