

# CHIT CHAT

## Good Counsel Welcomes A New Principal

Katherine Tobin

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A former student from GCA returns yet again, this time to be our principal. This is the fourth time she has returned—first graduating as a student, then as a teacher, later on as a Dean and finally as our Principal. Although she misses Preston, she feels as if she is returning home.

Sister Laura has said the school has changed in some ways since she has gone to school here. The school has become more diverse, and more of a variety of courses and sports has been added which provides more opportunity for all. No matter what things have changed, one thing that has remained - GCA is still the same compassionate and sharing community it

has always been. To add to the strong community we already have, Sister Laura offers her love of learning to our GCA



Sister Laura shows her Cougar pride

community.

One of Sister Laura's greatest wishes is that GCA continues to produce women with character and intelligence in order to change the world.

Sister Laura would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome she has received from our community.

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT SISTER LAURA:

Favorites:

Book: *The Double Helix* by James Watson

Subject: Science

Free Time: Read and spending time with family.

If you were an animal what would you be?

Ant or bee

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## Fall Sports Highlights

Clare DeGennaro

Fall is ending, and with it brings the closing of another successful season for GCA's sports teams.

Varsity Soccer qualified for the CHSAA championship after defeating Preston in the semi-finals, with a 2-0

victory. After a hard-fought game against Maria Regina in the finals, they finished in second place with a 2-0 loss. Even so, they went on to play in CHSAA Finals in Staten Island. Congratulations on a great season!

Both JV and Varsity Volleyball teams played in the CHSAA championship. Though Varsity lost in the first round, they made great progress this year, and we're proud of our Cougars for excelling so far!

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## Open House 2011

Bianca Passero

It was October 15, 2011- beautiful weather, the sun was shining, people were smiling- it was a great day to have an Open House. This year's Open House was a spectacular representation of Good Counsel's spirit and showcased our Cougar pride! Over 100 students of the student body came together to help decorate, give tours, assist teachers and faculty and to make sure all of the 900 people that came through our doors felt welcomed and a part of the Good Counsel family.

This was Sr. Laura's first Open House as Principal at Good Counsel and it was great for her to witness our camaraderie, school spirit and pride. One of the many aspects that made our Open House a huge success was the community coming together as one. It was beautiful and moving to see our choir singing in our magnificent Chapel, while the piano played uplifting songs. Mrs. Fusco, who was in Room 104, was very helpful being maternal and answering any questions from parents and

prospective students; while in the Biology lab, there was a virtual dissection of an animal going on.

Open House was huge success this year, just like every other year. We have received positive feedback about how our students are poised, helpful and knowledgeable the students are. As Mrs. Polistina said, "It showed everyone that we are the best school in Westchester!"



Students accompanied by a teacher greeted people

## Fall Sports Highlights

Clare DeGennaro

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*"Great job to all our fall sports teams! Go Cougars!"*

JV Volleyball won the first round in their championship, led by the new coach, Jennifer Tracey. "We had a lot of fun this season, and I'm thrilled at how far they've come as a team," she said. So are we!

Cross Country rounded out the year with an excellent performance in the CHSAA sectionals. Special awards were given to Yan-nique Mullings, Akaiya Gray, and Adia Haye for their outstanding efforts. The Tennis Team has already played a

few matches against Maria Regina and continues to meet for practice.

Great job to our fall sports teams! **GO COUGARS!**



Dana Crispi goes for the ball

### Try this Sudoku puzzle!

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## SHOW YOUR SPIRIT

Amanda Lopez

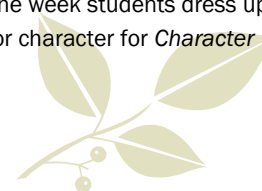


Cheerleaders show off their routines

To kick off the school year, GCA celebrated its annual Spirit Week! Our freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors pitched in to fund money for our annual walkathon. The money this year will be for a new workout room. In return for participation in the fundraiser, the students were given a week to happily dress down and show some cougar spirit.

Each day in spirit week was a specific theme. The first day started off with *Pajama Day*, where students comfortably walk to class in their pajamas and robes. This was followed by *Twin Day*, where students paired up

and dressed alike. The next day in Spirit Week was *Wacky Day* where students dressed in colorful, bright and crazy mismatching outfits. During *Color Day* each student dressed in their class colors. During this day, the annual walkathon was also held in which the entire school walked as one down to the Westchester Mall. The seniors also put on a spectacular show and acted out numerous skits for the rest of the school to enjoy. To conclude the week students dress up as a hero or character for *Character Day*.



## CLUB ASSEMBLY: SIGN UPS

Iris Dumauval and Jessica McCabe

On a sunny afternoon in late September the freshmen Class of 2015 and sophomore Class of 2014 gathered in Good Counsel's Kearney Sports Building for the Annual Club Assembly. They were greeted by the older students and teachers representing their respective clubs, who were more than willing to answer questions about what their club has to offer, the events they host and participate in, and their overall purpose. Colorfully detailed poster boards, posed on long tables, edged the gymnasium's perimeter as students drifted from table to table, making inquiries and scribbling their names on the sign-up sheets of clubs that piqued their interest. A number of clubs, such as the Asian Cultural Society, have not been renewed for the year and were

absent at the assembly.

Several new clubs – particularly the Quidditch Club, which attracted over a hundred Harry Potter fans, passive readers and moviegoers – flourished. The event was concluded by a word from our school Principal, Sister Laura Donovan, who warned students about keeping a healthy balance of extra-curricular activities and school-work. The 2011 Good Counsel Club Assembly proved to be an exciting and successful event, as well as an excellent introduction to the life of the school.

### ADAPP CORNER

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Facts from the ADAPP office.

- 50% of high school drink some amount of alcohol
- 25% of high school teenagers binge drink
- 25% of high school teenagers had their first sip of alcohol before age 13
- Every day, approximately three teens die from drinking and driving accidents.
- Every day, at least six teens die of non-driving alcohol-related causes such as homicide, suicide and drowning.

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Chit Chat is the school newspaper, that reports events and activities that happen around our school community.

Moderated by Mr. Terilli, we meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

If you are interested in joining please come to one of the meetings.

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**Sudoku answers.**