

Notes from Dr. Greco
February 26, 2009

We extend our condolences and ask your prayers for the McCarthy and Mundy families on the sudden loss of Reagan and Maeve's paternal grandfather.

Last Call --- Did you remember to sign up your incoming kindergartener for the 2009-2010 school year?

Our parish school is accepting applications for new students in kindergarten through seventh grade for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications are available from the school office. Completed application packets may be returned to the school office between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM on school days.
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All Yearbook orders are due on March 6th. Don't be left out!!

Please note that our Handbook states:

Cell Phones: Cell phones are permitted to be carried in school bags only for safety purposes if the child is so instructed by the parent. At no time should the phone be removed or turned on while in school. If phones are in sight, they will be confiscated and the child loses the privilege of carrying the phone in his/her backpack.

To avoid any misunderstanding, this means that phones for safety purposes are placed in the school bag when the child leaves home and remain in the school bag. In the past 2 weeks we have confiscated 3 phones which means that 3 students have lost the privilege of carrying a phone in their backpack. Once this privilege is lost, if a phone is in sight, it is not returned to the parent until the last day of school.

Many of our students have been absent due to illness this past week. Please remember that before your child can return to school, he/she must be fever "free" for 24 hours. This helps to prevent a relapse and to contain the spread of viruses to classmates. Thank you!

Our entries for the Archdiocesan Art Contest are posted on our website. The theme for this year's contest is "Why Artists Create." A list of each grade winner and honorable mentions is included today.

Immaculate Conception Church's Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 8:30am to 2:30pm. Thank you for your role in donating the gift of life.

Our Home & School Association is sponsoring a Gertrude Hawk Chocolates sale. Family sale packets were distributed in homerooms and the sale begins Thursday, February 26, 2009. Orders are due Thursday, March 12, 2009. Estimated order pickup date is Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Any questions, please call Dina Coughlin 215-886-0375.

Congratulations to the winners for the 8th grade raffle for 2 Club Box Flyers tickets! The seller was Marina Zeccardi and the winner was Gavin Kelly.

The Jr. CYO snow tubing trip scheduled for Friday, February 27th is CANCELLED. A new date will be announced. If there are any questions, please call Barb Good, 215-884-2481.

BLOCS EITC applications are currently available on the homepage of www.blocs.org. **ALL financial aid for our parish school is determined through this application.** Hard copies of these applications are no longer sent to the schools. If you have trouble printing out an application, please call the office and we will download it for you and send it home. Once the application is complete, it must be printed and mailed (**postmarked no later than Monday, March 23, 2009**) to PSAS-BLOCS Application, P.O. Box 458025, Westlake, Ohio 44145. A fee of \$18 must accompany the application. If questions arise, please feel free to contact the office 215-887-1312. Thank you!

Philadelphia families: Children's Scholarship Fund applications must be received by CSF no later than March 1, 2009. The scholarships are 4 year scholarships awarded by random lottery. Only the first 7,000 applications received will be processed and eligible for the CSF Philadelphia scholarship lottery. You are encouraged to apply online at: www.csphiladelphia.org ASAP.

Included Today:

- First Sunday of Lent bulletin.
- March Calendar.
- Archdiocesan Art Contest Submissions.
- 3 Lunch Envelopes.
- CYO Track information and schedule.
- Spring Book Fair flyer.