

Notes from Dr. Greco  
Thursday, April 2, 2009

Congratulations to the McCarty family on the birth of Ryan John McCarty, a new brother for Cianna Donnelly, grade 4.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be holding a bake sale after masses on the weekend of April 18-19<sup>th</sup>.

As part of our effort to be "green," we have joined the Capri Sun Pouch Brigade. Check out the flyer for more information/directions. We collect them at school and we gladly accept pouches from home (and parties, too)!

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Heinz and I had the privilege of attending Beneficial Bank's Someone Special Art Contest Presentation of Awards in Center City. This contest began in 1978 to encourage the rich, imaginative talents of children. Krista Goebel, grade 7, won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the contest and was awarded a \$200 savings account. Our school received \$500, too! The winning drawings will be exhibited June 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Beneficial office in Baederwood. The bank displays these drawings as near as possible to the winning students' homes to give the community a chance to view the winners' works.

The Monsignor Louis A. D'Addezio Concert of Excellence this week was a tribute to all of our talented students. Thank you to Mr. Schmauk for providing us with a quality program year after year - one that offers our children the opportunity to qualify for this event. I would also like to thank Mrs. Cook for preparing our two vocalists, Elly Cook and Michael Hopkins, who were members of the Archdiocesan Choral Group.

Chestnut Hill College is presenting Fiddler on the Roof this weekend, April 3, 4, and 5. Pearce Haviland, Grade 7 will be performing. To reserve tickets, call 215-753-3796. Special rates are available for students and senior citizens.

Our students really enjoyed the visit from Animal Junction (thanks to Home & School) during Catholic Schools Week. Animal Junction has announced the opening of the Bucks County Zoo in Bucks County. It is the first and only exotic animal zoo in the area.

**CALENDAR CHANGE:**

Wednesday, May 20 will be a FULL DAY of school.

Thursday, May 21, there is NO SCHOOL - Ascension Thursday.

Friday, May 22 is COLOR DAY with a NOON DISMISSAL.

Monday, May 25, there is NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day.

**Pilgrim Queen of the Family:** Our parish is taking part in the Pilgrim Queen of the Family home to home visit program. This week a portable shrine with a rosary and a prayer guidebook was sent home to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade family. The guidebook gives you prayers for a 3 day period or you may simply say the rosary or a decade of the rosary together. Each family keeps the Pilgrim Queen at home and returns it to school on Thursday or Friday of their week. On the following Monday the Pilgrim Queen will go home to the next family. When you receive the portable shrine, if you still have questions, just call the office and we'll be happy to help you in this prayer project!

Family Prayer Night takes place this week on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. It is an opportunity for you to set aside  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour during this sacred time of the Church year.

Vespers for Sunday at 4pm welcomes our students and families this weekend, the beginning of Holy Week.

The Pauline Father, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, and Family Vocation Ministries is hosting a Family Enrichment Conference on Divine Mercy Saturday, April 18, 2009, from 9:30am to 4:00pm. This is a free event and all ages are welcome.

*Summer Uniforms begin on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.*

"Nickels for Neighbors" is an archdiocesan wide program solely supported by our Catholic schools. During the month of April, each child is encouraged to collect change for the men, women, and children in need in our community. Funds will be donated to the Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Funds raised by elementary parish schools will count toward the Appeal goal for that parish. We have set our goal at \$1 per child and thank you for all your help. Bishop McFadden will host the Collection Day on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Archbishop Carroll with an assembly of representatives from each school in the diocese.

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

Included Today:

- Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Lenten bulletin.
- 2 Lunch Envelopes.
- Capri Sun POUCH Brigade information.
- Lancer Hoops Camp for Boys & Girls (7-14 years of age).
- Healthy Weight Management flyer.

