

Notes from Dr. Greco

March 4, 2010

Please note the following calendar changes: The 8<sup>th</sup> grade play performance will be on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and the Home & School meeting will move to Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The April 14<sup>th</sup> Home & School meeting will consist of a business meeting to announce next year's tuition rates and will conclude with a Godspell recital performed by God's Voice and Choral Group. Hopefully, your family schedules will be able to adjust to these changes. We plan our practices for performances conscious of minimizing interruptions in our academic schedules and the snow days we've missed wreaked havoc with our original plans. Our make up day for our latest snow day will be Easter Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. School will be in session on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

InView and Terra Nova testing (our standardized testing) will continue each day first thing in the morning until Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Though these tests cannot be prepared for, please make sure that your students get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast before coming to school each day. This year there is a writing component in each section and being rested helps the students to organize their thought process. Thank you for your support.

**Kindergarten and new student registrations are taking place now and continue through the month of March. Please spread the word to any families of children who will be entering kindergarten in 2010-2011. Our spots are filling up quickly so please do not wait!**

REMINDERS: For Family Surveys. We are calling families who have not responded and will ask for the needed information via the phone. (Save us a call and return your form if you have not done so!) Thank you!

For 6, 7, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls: Softball practice begins on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

CARES families: Please return your CARES calendars to help us plan for staffing.

Thank you **AGAIN** for sending in your Time and Newsweek magazines for our Octathlon team. Before you recycle your old magazines, our Octathlon Academic Competition Team uses Time and Newsweek Magazines with issue dates for January and February. It really helps the students if each team member has his/her own copy so your donation is appreciated.

**LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOK ORDERS!** Our price for our full color yearbook is \$25 each. Due to the weather we are extending the deadline to purchase a 2009-2010 Immaculate Conception School full color yearbook. We will accept orders until March 12<sup>th</sup>. There will not be any extra books to purchase after that date. Reserve your copy - you won't be disappointed. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have done a great job!

**Chess Club & Crochet Club Update:** Yesterday, Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> was the last chess club meeting for this session. Crochet Club will continue after school on Wednesdays until March 24<sup>th</sup>. Crochet Club is open to 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and adults. The participants are learning basic stitches and are making scarves to donate.

Looking ahead: Student Council will sponsor a Career Day on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:45pm. If you would like to share your vocation, please check out the flyer included today. We'd love to have you visit our students.

Thank you from Junior CYO! Thanks to all who helped to set up and help in the kitchen for the Father-Daughter Dance last Saturday night. Almost 60 families attended this year. Thankfully, the weather finally cooperated.

If you need service hours, don't forget that there will be a Group Cook in the school cafeteria this Sunday at 3:30pm. A form and more information can be found on the website. Pizza will be served afterwards.

BLOCS applications are online. If you are applying for BLOCS financial aid or financial aid from Immaculate Conception parish, you MUST fill out a BLOCS application. We use the criteria established by BLOCS to be fair in awarding our financial aid. You are not eligible for financial aid from the parish if you do not fill out an application. BLOCS applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup> & submitted directly to PSAS. You can also fill out the application at [www.blocs.org](http://www.blocs.org)

**FYI:** On Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm the Jenkintown Library will present *Determined Spirit: The Story of Amelia Earhart*. Registration is requested and may be completed by calling 215-884-0593.

On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-1:00pm, a parents as educators conference will be sponsored by Abington Friends School. The keynote speaker is Tamar Chansky who will be speaking on *Parenting in an Anxious World: Building a Base of Strength and Resilience - in Ourselves and our Children*. The cost is \$12 per person with online registration at [www.abingtonfriends.net](http://www.abingtonfriends.net). Registration deadline is April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Included today:

- Congratulations to Deacon Clay!
- 4 Lunch Envelopes & April menus + added day for March 19<sup>th</sup> lunch
- Student Council Career Day flyer
- Immaculate Conception Summer 2010 Activities "preview" flyer
- NJHS Haiti Coin Collection information flyer

