

NOTES FROM MRS. GRECO

May 6, 2004

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The award was announced by Or. Patricia Kelly-Stiles, Chair of the Commission and Associate Superintendent for Personnel of the Diocese of Brooklyn (NY), following the Commission's April 2004 meeting. MSCES accreditation signifies that we have engaged in a rigorous process of developing self-knowledge: have hosted an evaluation team of independently-appointed educators; and have created an on-going Strategic Plan to move school improvement forward. Accreditation also signifies that we have met the MSCES Standards for a quality school. These Standards reflect current research and best practices from throughout the education profession. During the term of accreditation the school community engages in a Commission-directed series of reports and site visits to maintain the vigor of the accreditation process. Thank you to all the members of our community, including faculty, parents, and students for helping to make our project on Assessment Literacy successful.

We also received more good news on the "grant front." We have been selected to be part of the PACT program of Faculty Enrichment. We now have the opportunity to improve our proficiency in integrating technology into the curriculum free of charge. Our faculty commits itself to active participation in a five-week course. This is very exciting for us because we know how much it will help us to achieve our long-term technology goals.

Congratulations to our Region 10 CYO Track & Field champs. Our Novice, Minor, and Cadet Girls and Minor Boys all won 1st place. This is the 11th year in a row our girls have placed 1st overall! Our boys placed 1st overall this year for the 7th time in 13 years! Congratulations to all!

Don't forget to send back your Home & School ballots. They are due tomorrow, May 7th! As in all elections, your vote does matter!

Thank you to Martha Downer-Assaf for an enjoyable and informative 6th & 7th Grade High School parent night on Tuesday. We plan on continuing this every year in the Spring for 6th Grade parents.

Our cookbooks are ready for your order. Thank you for filling out an "intended" order earlier. It helped us to estimate how many cookbooks to publish. NOW, if you wish to purchase a cookbook, please fill out an order form, send it with your payment and your cookbook(s) will be sent home via your child.

SummerSkills books are available for your purchase again this year. Samples are in the main office. These are not your typical over the counter workbook. They present a systematic review of basic skills. (We use the keyboarding book in our computer lab classes.) Deadline for orders is Friday, May 14th. See flyer enclosed.

The Fall Auction is gearing up again - we are looking for people to coordinate class gifts before the end of the school year. Please call the office or send in a note with your child if you are able to help. You will be contacted by someone on the Auction Committee.

As we approach the end of the year, there are many important flyers to inform you of events, etc. Please be sure to check all your enclosures

Reminders: ***indicates items that need a response:

- May procession information slips. ***
- Terra Nova results for grades 2 & 3.***
- Art Fair Flyer.
- Art Fair volunteer flyer. ***
- Art Workshop Letters for current members.
- Lottery (Capital Fund) flyer. Tickets are available NOW
- Cookbook Order Forms. \$15.000 each. ***
- CYO Track Flyer
- H&S Volunteer Flyer.***