

Notes from Mrs. Greco
December 1, 2005

Congratulations to the following band students who were chosen to perform in the Archdiocesan Jazz Band: Anna Goebel (saxophone), Jennifer Ryan (trumpet), Dean Ripley and Tim Gardiner (trombone), and Laura Clay (trombone). Once again, our students hold the distinction of being the greatest number of students from any one school in this select band. The Jazz Band represents the Archdiocese in various Band competitions throughout the Philadelphia metropolitan area. We're proud of our students and the "first chairs" they've earned.

Kudos to the following students who were awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the VFW's Patriot's Pen Essay Contest: 3rd place, Quinlan Mulholland; 2nd place, Allison Lang; 1st place, Catherine Domineske. The students were awarded a cash prize of \$50, \$75, & \$100 respectively. Catherine's essay was also chosen as the District entry and will move on to the state level. For this honor, Catherine will receive an additional \$200.

The Daughters of St. Paul will be in our school on Tuesday, December 6th for a holiday book sale. They offer an excellent line of literature and religious themed selections that are often difficult to find at local book stores. The sale will take place in the library during the day and you are most welcome to come in and browse.

Report Cards for the first trimester go home next Wednesday, December 7th. Even though our formal conferences were held in November, teachers are available for conferences at your request if you have any questions, concerns, or helpful information to share about your child's progress.

The Home & School Santa Luncheon takes place on Saturday, December 10th from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Come join us for games, music, arts and crafts, balloons, and chances to win great gifts and door prizes. This year you can choose hot dogs or pizza. Of course, there will be the delicious brownies, chips, and juice included. Come and visit with Santa!

Carol Night information is included with today's communication. This is an all school activity and the students have been preparing diligently to present this evening of caroling as a gift to you. Details are enclosed and your timely response is appreciated.

SchoolNotes has been experiencing technical difficulties and nearly all their zipcodes were "wiped clean." We may have to reenter our school information depending on how serious this crash was for EdGate, the sponsoring company.

Last chance before the holidays! Our 8th grade students are selling KidStuff coupon books for \$25 each. The KidStuff coupon book is user friendly and will return your investment many times over. Call the school office 215-887-1312 or contact an 8th grade student if you are interested in purchasing a book. Your support of our 8th

Grade students' projects through their fundraising efforts is appreciated. A Tag Day flyer for Pajama Day on Wednesday, December 7th goes home today!

The topic of adding a slacks option to the girls' winter uniform was discussed at a Home & School Executive Committee meeting. The Committee would like your input. Slacks would be a winter uniform OPTION (navy for grades 1 to 5 and khaki for grades 5 to 8). Pants would be required to be purchased from our uniform suppliers. They are identical to the boys' slacks except for a button tab pocket in the front. A difference for the primary girls is that they would be allowed to wear golf shirts (with sweater or sweater vest) along with turtlenecks and button down shirts. Please email us at ischool@comcast.net filling in "uniform" in the subject space or you may fill in the tear off sheet at the end of the notes and send your response in to school.

We will conduct another Emergency Phone Chain test on Tuesday, December 6th at 9:00pm. For our first run, some of our callers did not receive their information on time. Thank you for your patience and again, please let the office know if you do not receive a call.

Enclosed today: Pretzel Order forms, Kid Stuff flyer, Junior CYO Caroling flyer, December calendar, Scrip information and Scrip flyer.

Only 2 weeks before the application deadline! BLOCS Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Student Aid Applications for the upcoming 2006-2007 school year are available by stopping by or calling the school office 215-887-1312. The grants are based on financial need and are limited to the funds available. The timeline has been changed this year, and runs from October 1, 2005 to December 16, 2005. Families who wish to attend Catholic school but would not otherwise be able to do so without receiving financial support are encouraged to apply to BLOCS. You do not have to be a current Catholic school family. Once BLOCS sends out initial awards letters in early February, our parish also announces their financial aid awards. The parish uses the BLOCS Student Aid Application results to determine its awards so it is very important, especially if you foresee or are experiencing financial difficulty, that you obtain, fill out, and submit an application.

Uniform Survey

Family name (optional) _____

YES NO Girls' Pant option for Winter Uniforms. Circle your response.

Comments _____
