

Mrs. Greco's Notes
October 13, 2005

We're proud to announce that Immaculate Conception School was chosen as one of 9 schools in Montgomery County to receive the latest SMARTboard and a new Epson projector. This will be a welcome addition to our upper grades and should arrive before the end of this month. Additionally, two staff members will each attend two days of training in the use of this technology in the classroom.

Our 8th Grade students have begun work in earnest to plan this year's Immaculate yearbook. This full color production is student driven and moderated by Mrs. Heinz and Ms. Gola. Each graduating class has been able to put special touches and has incorporated their own unique outlook to make the yearbook meaningful as well as creative.

Don't forget the Confirmation Parent Meeting scheduled for next Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

Progress Reports will be mailed next Thursday. This is a good opportunity to contact teachers for any questions or clarifications. Formal conferences take place the week of November 6th.

The 8th grade Pumpkin Sale and KidStuff coupon book sale take place next weekend after all the Masses. Your support of our 8th Grade students' projects through their fundraising efforts is appreciated. Their artistic bent is evident in their "custom" pumpkin designs!

Now that Fall has really arrived and we are in between summer and winter uniform codes, please be sure that your child understands that if they feel cold in the classroom, they are to wear a uniform sweater only.

All volunteers, staff members, and teachers must have the necessary Child Abuse education and prevention paperwork in order to work with children. This includes a Police Check, Child Abuse Clearance and the Virtus Child Abuse Prevention Training. Future training sessions include:

10/13/05 at 7 PM St. Anthony of Padua in Ambler

10/15/05 at 7 PM St. Isidore in Quakertown
10/17/05 at 6:30 PM Archdiocesan Office Center (Philadelphia)
10/18/05 at 7 PM St. Joseph in Downingtown
10/18/05 at 7 PM Holy Innocents in Philadelphia
10/19/05 at 7 PM St. Thomas the Apostle, Chester Heights
10/20/05 at 7 PM Our Lady of Consolation in Parkesburg
10/24/05 at 7 PM Mary, Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales
10/25/05 at 7 PM Saint Andrew in Newtown
10/27/05 at 7 PM Christ the King in Philadelphia
10/27/05 at 7 PM Queen of the Universe in Levittown

Please check www.archdiocese-phl.org to follow the dates, times and locations of future trainings. To register for a training, you can register online at virtusonline.org or call 215-587-2466.

The Catholic Standard & Times begins its School Drive this week and it runs through Friday, October 28th. Each year, archdiocesan students prove how valuable they are to the mission of the newspaper by their participation. Last year alone, students provided THE CS&T with over 3,000 subscriptions. Each student can make a difference.

Only 9 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.

LAST CALL: THERE ARE STILL 10 FAMILIES THAT DID NOT RETURN EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS. We are putting together the emergency phone chain and you will not be included if your form is not in.

Please return it ASAP. Our Emergency Phone Chain trial run takes place in November. Thank you!

If you would like to be considered for our reduced rate or free lunch program, it is not too late to submit your application. We submit applications to Nutritional Development Services and then you are notified of eligibility. Remember that this is highly confidential and lunch envelopes/tickets are exactly the same for every student.

There are flyers included with today's communication as well as lunch envelopes for the first two weeks of November. Please check for the 8th grade fundraiser flyer, Halloween Show information flyer, Virtus flyer, e-scrip Genuardi registration flyer, and the Standard & Times school subscription drive information.