



*Notes from Mrs. Greco
October 20, 2005*

'Tis the Season was a joyful success! Thank you to all our parents. Your involvement in this parish event from beginning to end is appreciated and our gratitude is heartfelt! You make it look so easy. It's a testament to your willingness to share your time and talents.



The Auction Committee made a special point of thanking our young graduates whose help really made the night run smoothly. I know that the teachers who were "closers" were impressed by the fact that they didn't have to cart and carry any merchandise over to the school cafeteria. It was all taken care of cheerfully and efficiently. Thank you to Richard Hamilton, Austin Meehan, Andrew Bowman, Tom Kerr, Gianni Ferro, Jacqui Hungerford, Danielle Rice, Felix Manzi, and Gabrielle Stanton.

Our Confirmation and First Communion students will be formally presented to the congregation and blessed during the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, October 23rd. The children (and you) may sit anywhere in the church, but preferably in the front. This is a very special year for our children and they welcome the prayers we offer in their behalf.



Cherrydale Farms order delivery is today. Orders will be sent home with your children. If you have a large order, please pick up your order in the cafeteria from 3:15-5:00pm.

Any questions, call Joanne Malone at 215-248-4294.

The 8th grade Pumpkin Sale and KidStuff coupon book sale take place before and after all the Masses this weekend. Take a look and you'll find the perfect pumpkin. Our students' artistic bent is evident in their "custom" pumpkin designs! The KidStuff coupon book is user friendly and will return your investment many times over. Your support of our 8th Grade students' projects through their fundraising efforts is appreciated. Thank you!



Students in Grades 4 to 8 will be taking the TerraNova standardized tests next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 25th-27th. This is the time to make sure that it's "early to bed" and to be sure that your student has a good breakfast. We use the results in so many ways, it's important that they are an accurate reflection of your child's achievement.



On Friday, October 28th, our 7th Grade students will be holding an "Alex's Lemonade Stand" Tag Day. All the proceeds collected will be sent to aid Childhood Cancer Research. Last spring, the current 8th grade students raised \$850. for Alex's Lemonade Stand. Donations have already made it possible for more children to benefit from new cancer research.

Only 8 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.




Progress Reports are in today's communication envelopes. This is a good opportunity to contact teachers for any questions or clarifications. Don't forget that conferences take place the week of November 6th. Conferences are required during the first trimester. Information is being sent home today. Your prompt return increases your odds of getting your first choice of appointments.

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:

10/20/05 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 training, you can register online at virtusonline.org or call 215-587-2466.

The Catholic Standard & Times begins its Subscription 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. We have subscription envelopes in the office for students to use. Send in a note with your name on it or call the office and we'll send an envelope home.

 **MUSIC NOTES:** Ms. D. wishes to thank the 15 NEW boys and girls who came to the Choral practice Tuesday morning, October 18th. The Alto group only will meet on Tuesdays, promptly at 8:00 AM, on a weekly basis. Don't forget to review the costume notes from last week's communication. Halloween will be here soon!



Please check for the 8th grade pumpkin raffle flyer, and Alex's Lemonade Stand Tag Day flyer.