

Notes from Mrs. Greco
October 6, 2005

Our classes are putting the finishing touches on their class donations for 'Tis the Season, our 5th Annual Auction-Social. It's never too early to get into the holiday spirit. Join us for a festive evening! Tickets are on sale NOW.

On Monday, our DARE officer, Officer Charlie Wagg, conducted his first class with our fifth grade students. The program consists of ten classes and culminates on January 3rd with a pizza lunch sponsored by the Jenkintown Police Department followed by a graduation ceremony at 1:30 in the school cafeteria. Along with reviewing how to make safe choices and handle future social situations, the students establish a positive relationship with law enforcement and authority figures as they progress through the program.

Mr. M was welcomed into Kindergarten last week and was kind enough to share a recipe for making Milkshakes. The finished product was a hit for the students. Kindergarten students will be working throughout the year with the Alpha One Letter People in addition to their literature based reading series.

Yesterday, teachers attended a workshop entitled "Religion, Rigor, & Relevance" at Ambler Catholic with other Montgomery County schools. It gave them the opportunity to brush up on theory and the mission of Catholic schools as well as experience some hands on collaboration with County teachers to formulate creative teaching plans.

Our Kindergarten, First, & Second grade students meet with our counselor, Mrs. Eileen Ford to take part in a "De-Bugging" lesson. The children learn through discussion what bugs them and learn how not to bug each other. They learn and practice four strategies to deal with annoyances in the classroom.

PLEASE NOTE:

BLOCS Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Student Aid
Applications for the upcoming 2006-2007 school year are available NOW 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. Applications will no longer take place in the spring. 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 make 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. They are strictly confidential.

Don't forget that as noted in last week's flyer, Student Council's first project is to collect items for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The collection began on 9/26 and will end tomorrow, 10/7.

National Junior Honor Society students are donating their time to tutor any students. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

Check your envelope for CYO information today. Included with communications is a CYO Group Cook flyer; Jr CYO Calendar; CYO Basketball registration.

THERE ARE STILL 18 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. Thank you!

If you would like to be considered for *our reduced rate or free lunch program, please do not forget to submit your application* (available in the school office.) We submit the 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.