

Notes from Mrs. Greco  
December 15, 2005

Thank you to Ms. "D" and our select band students (Thank you, Mr. Schmauk --- the interlude music was a bonus) for another moving and prayerful Carol Night. We hope that the evening provided a respite from the hectic holiday season and sprinkled enough of the true holiday spirit to last you throughout the coming year. Remember - "He is Wonderful!"

TOMORROW is the last day for The Mission: Santa Maria, Madre de Dios Toy Collection. Your donation of new, unwrapped toys for children ages 6 through 13 is appreciated.

On Friday, our Kindergarten students will assume the role of hosts and hostesses for parents, grandparents, and special guests at the annual Kindergarten Tea on Friday. The treats that go along with the hot chocolate and tea are pretty special too! Should we have a snow day tomorrow, we will hold the Tea in the Church Hall next Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am. Thank you to Mrs. Overmier and Mrs. Parkes and to our thoughtful students.

On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation candidates and their sponsors will meet for an hour in church to review the procedures for Confirmation. Practice begins at 1:00pm and ends at 2:00pm.

On Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, our Beginner Band, Band, Jazz Band and Choral Group perform their annual Christmas Concert. The concert begins at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. This is an evening for all to enjoy and not limited to parents of Band and Choral students. It truly is a professional concert that can be enjoyed by all ages! Thank you, Mr. Schmauk and Ms. "D!"

Band Students: The Band Christmas party takes place on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

The Christ Child Procession for school students takes place on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am. It is an opportunity for the school children to participate in a reverent prayer service and it is the culmination of our Advent activities. It is our final preparation for Christmas and the Christmas story as the oldest and youngest student process to the manger scene.

Thanks to Angela Cantwell for organizing all her helpers for the Home & School Santa Luncheon. It's always a time of anticipation and great fun for the children and the elves. Thank you too to all who trekked through our first "snowstorm" to attend!

Don't forget to let us know your preference regarding the slack uniform option for girls. Please email us at [ischool@comcast.net](mailto: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 want to make sure that we consider everyone's opinion and our decision will be based on the majority. If we don't hear from you, we won't be making a decision based on "real" data. Any CHANGE or NO CHANGE will go into effect on January 3<sup>rd</sup> (or shortly thereafter if uniform suppliers are not able to accommodate a change for us by that date.)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade students all received a TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) financial aid application. This award may be used at any Archdiocesan High School next year and is renewable each year. Please adhere to the deadlines to insure your application is considered.

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. Please check [www.archdiocese-phl.org](http://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](http://virtusonline.org) or call 215-587-2466.

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

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