

*Notes from Mrs. Greco
September 15, 2005*

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Back to School Night on Wednesday. You received your Parent-Student Handbook along with a new Parent to Parent Guidebook. The Guidebook helps to answer some of those FAQs. If you were not able to attend, your family Binder will be sent home with your youngest or only child in school. We are so grateful for the involvement of our parents at school. Research indicates that the performance of all the children at a school tends to improve when parents are involved. The home environment you create which encourages learning means more than family income or social status as a predictor of student achievement. As always, our goal is to provide our students with many and varied opportunities to achieve. Happy Reading!

Thank you to Karen Avallon and all her cooks, servers, etc. for organizing another successful Home & School Pancake Breakfast. Our students make superb hosts and hostesses for the event. It's a welcoming way to begin the year.

Our Cherrydale Farms sale is in full swing. There are many new products to choose from as well as quality gift-wrap. If you have any questions, just call the office.

Forms! Forms! Forms! **MEDICAL EMERGENCY CARDS** need to be returned ASAP. E-mail addresses for communication purposes are also requested on a separate form. Yearly Photo/Interview permission forms are also due. **FROM YOUR SUMMER MAILING**, please return your Emergency Phone Chain information and your pretzel order forms. Get this fun and repetitious paperwork out of the way and both of us can breathe a sigh of relief and a star for being prepared. On a serious note, in these days of heightened security, we never know when our preparation turns into an emergency mobilization. We need the vital information we ask for to protect your child.

Prayer on the Parkway takes place this Sunday. Immaculate Conception parish has a bus reserved as the Catholic community of Philadelphia ends this Year of the Eucharist with a procession and benediction. Sign-up for the bus is in the back of church. This is an especially important occasion for our First Communion and Confirmation candidates.

The September calendar is enclosed today. Please check the calendar you receive each month as any revisions from the parish calendar will be included.

Nutritional Development Services menus and envelopes go home today along with a reduced rate/free lunch application. NEW directions for filling out your envelope are reprinted from the Parent-Student Handbook and also included.

To facilitate your planning and help your children be informed when making commitments to the Music program, we've included Music notes for the year. We will try our best to stick to the dates listed and will make changes only if absolutely necessary.

Art Workshop: Please note that the AW fee is due on Friday, September 16th and payment of the fee is the last requirement for program acceptance. It is important that the fee be received as soon as possible so that our supplies can be ordered for the first class.

REMINDER: Please USE a sign with your last name written large and visible to our teachers on duty (all the students will be making a sign in computer class) when you pick up your children by car. It makes our dismissal run smoothly and safely!

A flyer is enclosed with this communication with information on how to donate to the cause of helping to fight Lou Gehrig's Disease. Samantha Eberle's grandmother died from the disease and her family remains committed to finding a cure.

HELP! We need a moderator for our Chess Club in order for it to continue. Work demands have necessitated Sean Domineske's retirement from the post of Chess Moderator but he is willing to help out and get someone else started in the position. Call the office 215-887-1312 if you are able to assume this responsibility. Meetings are on Thursday evening at 6:30pm.

CUB SCOUTS - both present cubs and those who wish to join - an information flyer is enclosed.

If any family would like a free pet hamster (with equipment), a hamster is looking for a home. Please contact Jim Cardellini at 215-886-9946 or 215-840-2539.