

Notes from Mrs. Greco  
January 11, 2007

BLOCS applications for financial aid are online at our website or at your request we will send an application home to you. Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) is the official state-approved Scholarship Organization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. As such, BLOCS is able to accept Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) contributions for our schools. There is a substantial tax break (up to 90%) for businesses who donate through BLOCS. Additionally, the application is how Immaculate as a parish determines financial aid awards. Even if you do not receive an award through BLOCS, you are eligible for financial aid through the parish. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>. We do not award financial aid unless you have filled out a BLOCS so you are encouraged to do so.

*Save the Date:* On Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, we will open Catholic Schools Week with a family Mass at 9:30am. Our Open House immediately follows with refreshments, open classrooms and special programs/projects on display. We will have specific information for incoming Kindergarten students and parents so help us to spread the word if you know of families interested in a parish Catholic education. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your help in our celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Thank you for supporting our paper recycling. The dumpster is located in the Church parking lot and we encourage you to recycle. During the months of January to March, we are part of a contest to see how many tons we can collect and recycle. There are cash rewards for the school if we are a winner. Don't throw that paper away. Think about the amount of landfill space we are saving, too! We still recycle cell phones, inkjet and laser cartridges, too. Our last reimbursement was over \$100 so recycling pays!

*Reminder:* (especially) as the colder weather sets in. Our drop-off time is 7:50am or later. We are not available to supervise the children before that time. Please wait until you reach the door before you drop off your children. Do not have them run to the door. With moving traffic, it is too dangerous. Our bell rings at 8:15am so we ask that you plan accordingly.

With viruses surrounding us, remember that children should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. This procedure really helps to curtail the spread of infection. Thank you!

Our Music Theatre Club's cast party is scheduled for Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 to 9:30pm in the school cafeteria. We are in need of 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers to plan, set up and break down. Contact Kathy Judge 215-886-2684 or email: [fivejudges@netzero.com](mailto:fivejudges@netzero.com).

There are many important items of information today. Please check your envelope and the website:

2 Yearbook order forms (include envelope).

BLOCS Application

Home & School Father-Daughter Dance flyer

Home & School Pizza Fundraiser flyer

1 Lunch envelope for the last week of January due Wednesday, January 17th

Scrip sellers' letter and new schedule

Tag Day flyer for Tag Day scheduled January 19th