

Notes from Mrs. Greco  
November 9, 2006

We are again appealing to you to help us to establish and maintain our diocesan educational programs. In recent years, funding to nonpublic schools for Technology in Education has been cut significantly in our State budget. In addition, our nonpublic schools have been excluded from new initiatives underway that bring technology equipment and training to Pennsylvania schools. Currently, our tax dollars are paying for a 20 million dollar Technology in Education program which excludes our nonpublic school students. This initiative, entitled **Classrooms for the Future** is now bringing laptops and innovative technology tools to 103 high schools, and to career and technical center classrooms across Pennsylvania. Additional funds will go towards professional development. The planned distribution of state funds for this program is 200 million dollars over the next 3 years. Laptops are to be delivered to every student desk in all English, Social Studies, Science, and Math classrooms at the high school level. We are asking that you write to your legislators and to our governor and ask them to include nonpublic schools and provide state funding for technology in our classrooms, not just in public school classrooms: You may use the included letter or create your own.

Legislator names and addresses can be found the following website:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/find.cfm>

The Governor's address can be found at the following website:

<http://www.governor.state.pa.us/governor/site/default.asp>

Thank you for your support and participation.

Check out the information on our Home & School Dessert Sale with a delivery date just in time for the Christmas holidays.

There is a change in schedule for Choral Group practices. Please be sure to check out Miss "D"s SchoolNotes. All students are expected to attend the rehearsals. There will be no splits for Alto and Soprano. The final touches on songs will be practiced together as one group.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are holding a Work of Human Hands sale this weekend. The sale benefits Grade 8 and the Fair Trade program.

There will be a Used Uniform Sale before the H&S meeting on 11/15 at 6:30pm. This will be the last sale until Spring. The uniform sale raised over \$600 this year. Thank you for your uniform donations and purchases. Questions: Sue Plunkett 215-887-1366. A reminder again that winter uniforms are in effect. This means that a sweater vest or sweater is REQUIRED for all students with the only exception being girls who wear the jumper (1-4). Sweatpants and sweatshirts are required on gym days. If your son wears a button down dress shirt, a tie is required. Thank you for your support!

We will be holding a practice "calling" of our emergency phone chain in November. Please be sure to check future notes for the exact time and date.

*The Social Committee hosts Breakfast with Santa this year. Please check the flyer for more information.*

Today's communication:

1. Pancake Breakfast with Santa flyer.
2. Work for Human Hands flyer.
3. Dessert flyer & brochure.
4. Sample letter to legislators.

