

Notes from Mrs. Greco
February 16, 2007

We extend our condolences to Msgr. Conahan on the death of his aunt, Edna Kelly. Monsignor's aunt raised him after his mother died. We don't know all the details yet but we will communicate them to you as soon as they are announced. The funeral Mass will be at Holy Saviour (East Ridge Road & Summit Avenue) in Linwood, Delaware County at 10:30am on Monday. A viewing will be held the day before, on Sunday evening.

The following students were chosen to represent Immaculate in the Archdiocesan Art Contest 2006-2007 entitled *Through the Ages with Art*.
Kindergarten: Caves to Pyramids...Prehistoric through Egyptian - Julia Mayro
Grade One: Parthenon to Pompeii...Greek and Roman Art - Elizabeth Wescott
Grade Two: Darkness to Light...Medieval to Early Renaissance - Colleen Lang
Grade Three: Spanish, Mexican and Native American Art - Rebecca Tarlo
Grade Four: American Folk Artists - Annelise Depman
Grade Five: 17th-19th Century European Art - Krista Goebel
Grade Six: 19th and 20th Century American Painters - Maria Depman
Grade Seven: The isms: Impressionism, Fauvism, Symbolism, Surrealism -
Devin McNulty
Grade Eight: Modern Art - Regan O'Connell

Grades K, 2, & 5 were not able to attend the KIXX game because of the bus delay on Wednesday, February 7th. On Thursday, February 15th voucher order forms were distributed to K, 2, & 5 students in their classrooms. The KIXX organization will send free tickets for attendance at a selected game plus the opportunity for you to buy additional tickets at a reduced rate.

Scrip statements go home today. Please note that Panera's and Dick's Sporting Goods will now be available on a regular basis. You will no longer need to make a special order for these items.

Information on Camp Ophelia for girls entering grades 6, 7, or 8th grade is included today. This is a unique camp for girls which I heartily endorse. It encourages positive peer interactions and helps girls in these age groups to sort through the various negative and positive societal pressures they are

experiencing. It is a free one week camp and is held at locations convenient to our school community.

Registration and re-Registration dates are on our website and in the bulletin. Please adhere to the deadlines to help us plan for the 2007-2008 school.

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 may be eligible for financial aid through the parish. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH. We do not award financial aid unless you have filled out a BLOCS application so you are encouraged to do so.

Important Notice to our PHILADELPHIA families: the Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia is entering its 6th year of local operation. To qualify for the scholarship, all applicants must be Philadelphia residents, with at least one child entering grades K-5th in fall 2007. Families must meet the income guidelines as outlined on the application form. The best way for families to get the application and fill it out, is to visit the website at: www.csfphiladelphia.org and submit the application online. Please let us know if you need us to download an application for you. This is a lottery scholarship which lasts for 4 years! Due to staffing limitations, CSFP will only process and enter into the lottery, the first 4,000 applications received. 1000 new four-year awards are available starting in September 2007. The application deadline is March 1, 2007. Please fill it out TODAY! Only families that have "won" the lottery will be notified in mid-March.

8th Grade Parent Reminder: Our \$75 fee for 8th grade students is due on Wednesday, February 28th.

Our Wacky Tacky Tag Day is rescheduled for Friday, February 23rd.

Last call for yearbook. Our yearbook gets better and better each year thanks to the creativity and cooperation of our students under the tutelage of Mrs. Heinz and Miss Gola.

Lunch menus and 2 lunch envelopes go home today. Please check the menu calendar for due dates!

Please check your envelope or the website for:

Registration dates for 2007-2008 school year are online.

Tag Day flyer.

BLOCS Application is online.