

Notes from Mrs. Greco
February 22, 2007

IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGES TO NOTE:

We are changing our registration dates for current families for the school year 2007-2008. ALL registrations (new and current families) will take place during the last week in March (March 26-30). Our new families will be placed on a waiting list in order to give priority to current families. This change is being made in order to present new tuition rates at our March 21st Home & School meeting at 7:00pm.

The *Magical Land of Oz* will be performed by our talented thespians at a dress rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon February 27th from 4:15 to 5:30pm. Students will see the play on Wednesday, February 28th at 1:15pm and a performance will be held on Wednesday evening and Sunday evening, March 4th at 7:00pm. We welcome you to join us!

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.csphiladelphia.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 who 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.

Please check your envelope or the website for:

BLOCS Application is online.

Our Applebee's Fundraiser is TODAY! Applebee's will donate 10% of your food and beverage purchase to Immaculate - eat in or take out. Don't forget your blue coupon and BUY Applebee SCRIP - in stock at the rectory!!