

Notes from Mrs. Greco
February 8, 2007

We had our first weather delay on Wednesday, February 7th and I wanted to remind you that if there is a delay, teachers are not able to get to school at our normal arrival time. That means that you are not able to drop your students off early. We know that this is not always convenient but in the interest of your children's safety, please do not drop them off and assume that an adult is there to supervise them. Some families did not receive an emergency phone chain call because your paperwork to be included in the phone chain was not turned in. Remember that our emergency number is 356 on KYW and we are also announced on Fox, and Channel 6.

Please remember that shoes for school must be a sensible safe shoe. Sneakers with wheels and backless shoes (mules or clogs) are not allowed. These shoes get caught on the step guards and students are navigating tile floors, stairs, and participating in recess each day.

Grades K, 2, & 5 were not able to attend the KIXX game because of the bus delay. The KIXX organization will be sending free tickets for attendance at any game plus a voucher for parents to buy tickets at a reduced rate. We will not be rescheduling the trip because the KIXX's student day is scheduled for one day a year only.

Our Paper Recycling Drive needs your help. We have collected approximately 2 tons but we need 6 tons by the end of March. Don't throw that paper away! The recycling bin in the rectory parking lot accepts newspapers, junk mail, magazines, old homework papers, envelopes, etc. NO phonebooks, cardboard, boxes, kitchen or bathroom paper and NO trash. It could mean \$200 for us!

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.

CD order forms of our Christmas Concert are online. CDs are priced at \$20 each. Please reserve your copy as soon as possible. We want to get the CDs produced in a timely manner. You won't be disappointed!

Last call for the joint PREP and School drive for Baby Formula.

Gianni pizza pick-up date is February 15th.

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

Please check your envelope or the website for:

Registration dates for 2007-2008 school year are online.
Bake Sale flyer.

Tag Day flyer.
BLOCS Application is online.