

Notes from Mrs. Greco
September 8, 2006

Gratitude is a remarkably powerful force that turns everything into a joyful experience. I thank the following people for literally being our support system in helping us to "ready" the school for 2006-2007. When you walk in the building this year, you will be treated to a transformation made possible through the generosity of Alan Criswell (father of Alex, grade 6) who donated enough office furniture to allow each classroom and both 1st floor offices to replace our well used but worn furniture. Thank you to our muscle: Rory Arnold, Barbara & Joey Burnosky, Dan, Elena, David, Maria & Tom Cipolla, Georgina Hagarty, Joseph & Joe Ermigiotti, Len Longo, Alexis & Joe Lukach, Kevin & Sue Plunkett, Kevin & Maureen Rae, Alex Schmauk, Connor & Roberto Stanton, Joe & Michael Zeccardi. Special thanks to Mary Zeccardi for helping to shape and develop our ideas into reality. Her creative energy was instrumental in our finishing the job. To Pat Stanton & family (Sloane Moving & Storage) - thank you for your patience and understanding and your good natured persistence in helping us to recycle, move, and remove the "big stuff" more than once.

Our library is one step closer to completion, too, thanks to Zach Good, Joseph & Joe Ermigiotti, Dennis Mizzoni, Bobby, Ted & Teresa Zygal. Our new shelving is loaded with books and now only two table sets to go!

All through the last weeks of the summer, students dropped in to help us cart books, clean, shred, etc. Daily life being what it is, we can use a little help! Thank you to Emily Blake, Joey Burnosky, Maria Cipolla, Cattie Domineske, Carla Ferro, Ally & Molly Gardiner, Christen Hussie, Colleen Martin, Darcy O'Hara, Kate O'Hara, and Keira Wingert.

FORMS! FORMS! FORMS! MEDICAL EMERGENCY CARDS need to be returned ASAP. E-mail addresses for communication purposes are also requested on a separate form. From your summer mailing, please return your Emergency Phone Chain information, your pretzel order forms, and LaCrosse gym short orders. Get this fun and repetitious paperwork out of the way and we all can breathe a sigh of relief! On a serious note, we need this vital information to care for your child.

After our summer mailing went out to families, there were further changes in staffing. Ms. Chirillo will take over the morning 7th grade homeroom duties, and Mr. Cooney is returning to teach Social Studies and ILA to Grade 7. The structure of the middle grades is now akin to a separate middle school. Please keep this in mind when communicating with teachers and direct any inquiries to the teacher directly involved with your student. Sadly, Mrs. Schmauk will not be teaching piano for us (although I have a sense that she will be in attendance at our concerts!). She has accepted a teaching position at the Community Music School in Trappe (my neck of the woods).

The September calendar is included again today. PLEASE REMEMBER TO REFER TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR CORRECT DATES. The parish calendar does not have all the school calendar revisions included.

An addition to the parish parking lot is an Abitibi paper recycling bin. Newspapers, magazines, office paper, school paper, catalogs, mail are all accepted. Please do not include cardboard, plastic, glass, metals, or trash. Help us to make every page count. It's painless, extra income for the parish - just like our cartridge recycling. Thanks for your support.

Please remember that uniforms must be purchased from our uniform suppliers. The ONLY exception to this is the white turtleneck, white button down shirt, and the long gym sweat pants. This is a longstanding requirement and only medical reasons warrant exemptions. Shorts, skorts, and pants that are not uniform regulation are noticeable and not allowed. Note: The Used Uniform Sale will be held on our Back to School Night on September 20, 2006 at 6:30pm.

Included in today's communication:

1. Lunch Ordering instructions, menus, and 2 lunch envelopes.
2. Cherrydale Booklets - the sale begins!
3. Parents' email address form.
4. Music information & sign-up sheets.
5. Last Chance for Auction donation!