

Notes from Mrs. Greco
December 13, 2007

Special thanks to our students and Miss "D" for helping us to get into the Christmas spirit with our beautiful Carol Night last night! We'll harness all that Christmas energy as we sail through this next week before our Christmas break.

Update on FIRST IN MATH - Immaculate is #20th in the nation!
Congratulations to all our mathematicians!

Please remember in your prayers the Sullivan family on the death of James' grandfather on December 8th. Also remember the Lynch family (Megan and Emily) whose great-aunt died last week as well. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families.

Our National Junior Honor Society members led by officers, John Paul Kelley, Denis Harp, Martin Zefilippo, and Jackie O'Connell conducted a most successful school wide drive to send snack items, clothing, canned goods, toiletries, games, etc -"treats" for our troops to Iraq. Our total poundage was 444.1 lbs. shipped out to U.S. Army Josh Parkes' unit.

Virtus Safety information is included today and a Parent Handbook published by Virtus is being emailed to you. Virtus is the organization that trains priests, deacons, religious, pastoral ministers, administrators, staff, and volunteers who work with children on the standards of ministerial behavior and boundaries. Our first (of two) Teaching Touching Safety lessons takes place in classrooms this week and next week. The required lessons taught are available on the Philadelphia Archdiocesan website.

Student Government and our students will be wrapping our Breathing Room family gifts on Thursday, December 20th. Donations of wrapping paper, ribbons, etc. will be gratefully accepted.

Our Gardening & Stewardship Club celebrated this season of giving by holding an after school meeting where they made ornaments from nature and spiritual bouquet cards with a prayer offering for someone special.

Meetings of the club are held on Wednesday during lunch recess. If you would like more information on the Club, please contact the office.

If you have not had a chance to order one of our beautiful parish Christmas Star ornaments, you can still order now for immediate delivery. The ornament makes a great gift. An order form is still available online.

The Junior CYO is planning to go Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 23rd from 3:30 to 5:30. If you have an elderly friend or neighbor in the parish who might enjoy a few holiday songs, please contact Barb Good 215-884-2481.

French Class begins again in January. Forms must be returned by January 4th. Information is online.

Information for our 2nd Annual Catholic Book Sale on Friday, January 11th in the school cafeteria and Sunday, January 13th in the Church Hall after all the Masses, is included today.

Reminders:

- Band & God's Voice: remember to send in your \$ for the pizza party.
- 2 Lunch envelopes and 2 menus are included today.
- Don't forget to send in your Box Tops for Education and Acme receipts!
- Think "Scrip" gift certificates for Christmas! Scrip order forms are included today and posted online.
- Tag Day is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18th.
- 3rd Sunday of Advent reading.
- LAST chance for pretzel orders DUE NOW. New orders begin on January 2nd.