

Notes from Mrs. Greco  
February 21, 2008

Thank you to those families who have returned their Family Surveys so promptly. Please know that your surveys are held in strict confidence. Your cooperation is appreciated and enables us to receive federal funding and to be eligible for specific grants. We send "numbers only" to the public school districts in which our students reside but we must keep the paperwork on file for every family attending our school to verify the numbers we submit. Our due date is Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you are applying for financial aid for next year, please remember that your BLOCS application must be postmarked by Friday, March 14 - only 3 weeks left. You must fill out this application to be considered for any aid from both BLOCS and the parish. The application is online.

Thank you for responding to our extended Student Government clothing drive for Afghan children. Volunteers are invited to help pack clothing on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately after school until 4:30 in the Church Hall. Your help is appreciated.

The Lions Club of Jenkintown will be offering an eye screening service to all Kindergarten and all NEW 1<sup>st</sup> grade students on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 9:00am. Please submit the sign-up form if you are interested. Your child will not be tested without the consent form.

In continuing to keep you abreast of the issue of Internet Safety, an article by Dr. Joyce Brothers is included with today's communication. It's a quick read with common sense suggestions to help keep your children safe.

Be a peacemaker during Lent 2008 - Visit [www.pledgepeace.org](http://www.pledgepeace.org) and have your children think each day about ways of creating peace!

Our Chess Club participants are signing up. Please email [ischool@comcast.net](mailto:ischool@comcast.net) or call the office if you would like to play. We would like to begin as soon as possible and will announce the start date next week.

Your help is still wanted in helping us collect pictures for our various sites and publications. If you have any photos of activities that occurred during the 2007-2008 school year: the Halloween Hootenanny, Carol Night, Color Day, etc., please send them to the office to the attention of the Yearbook staff. You can also email them to [icswebsite@comcast.net](mailto:icswebsite@comcast.net). Thank you!

The Archdiocesan NDS Team is participating in the Walk Against Hunger on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see then enclosed flyer for more information.

Save the date! The closing liturgy for the Catholic faithful of the archdiocese will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2008. School and PREP families are encouraged to attend.

Summer Reading Program: St. Joseph's University Reading Center provides children with individualized assessment profiles, small group instruction and collaborative literacy learning focused on higher-level thinking. The program is designed to serve all types of students, ranging from struggling readers to those who are in need of challenge and enrichment. Enrollment is limited and acceptance is on a first come, first serve basis. Please call the office if you would like more information or an application.

#### Reminders:

- The Respect Life Committee essay contest deadline is March 1, 2008. Please submit your essays to the Rectory, attention Irene Moeller. Winners will be announced on March 31, Feast of the Annunciation.
- Sales incentive for top seller in Gertrude Hawk Candy sale: 2 AMC theater tickets!
- 2 CYO Sports flyers are included today.
- Heart Prayer For Lent.
- Next choral group meeting is on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm in the cafeteria.