

Notes from Mrs. Greco
April 3, 2008

The Office of Catholic Education's website, <http://www.catholicschools-phl.org> has been redesigned. Content has been re-organized and new features have been added. Some of the site's new capabilities:

- The images featured in the site headers (with the "I am worth a Catholic education" tagline) will be of real Archdiocesan students. Visitors will be able to upload photos directly to the site.
- Visitors can nominate a favorite teacher, "tech star," and volunteer to be featured on the site.
- Visitors can vote on a "hot topic" poll which will change every month.
- Visitors can now donate to Catholic education directly on the site.

With the interactive nature of the revised site, the Archdiocese hopes to encourage more repeat traffic. You can check to see student pictures, winners of the monthly nominations, and results of the polls. We invite you to see these improvements for yourself and welcome your feedback about the new site.

A packet explaining the EITC tax credit and our sponsoring scholarship organization (BLOCS) is included today. Please remember that ALL donations designated specifically to Immaculate are then used as tuition aid for eligible families.

The 8th grade play performance for students will take place on Tuesday, April 8th at 1:00pm and on Wednesday evening, April 9th at 7:00pm in the Church Hall.

Note to our 8th grade students: The last after school practice for the play will be held on April 7th from 4 to 5:30pm.

It's Home & School nomination time again! Please give careful consideration to self-nominating or nominating another parent to this key organization for our school. Send your form back in to school. Forms went home last week and they are available for downloading from our website.

We have booked our unused snow day as a day off on Friday, May 2nd, the day after Ascension Thursday (which is a planned calendar day off).

Second request reminders go out today for re-registration. Your prompt return is appreciated. Thank you!

As summer program information comes in, I will put it on my Teacher Web website accessible from our home page. When we receive enough flyers from organizations, we send home hardcopies. We will keep you posted as we are notified of interest in Camp Overbrook. Remember that we need 20 students in order for us to be provided with bus transportation.

Thank you and keep those pictures coming! Your contributions are 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.

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. The Archdiocese' hope is to make this a family event rather than a "school" event.

Reminders and/or Enclosures:

- 2 Lunch Envelopes - Remember that May 2nd is a day off. Do not order lunch for that day.
- EITC/BLOCS packet of information.
- Emergency Baby Formula drive sponsored by ICSchool & PREP.
- Don't forget to enter the Extreme Dream Sweepstakes on the Boxtops for Education website!