

Notes from Dr. Greco
October 2, 2008

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is the recipient of an initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities - Picturing America. This grant brings to Immaculate large scale high quality reproductions of notable American art. The goal is for schools to use this resource in conjunction with the program Web site to help students experience the humanity of history and enhance the teaching and understanding of America's past.

Important notes to Confirmation Families: There will be *no practice* on Friday, October 17th. Instead, we will practice the music for the Mass with the students and sponsors immediately following our Student/Sponsor practice on Sunday, October 19th. Please plan on practice lasting from 1-3pm. After the Confirmation Spirit Day Retreat on Friday October 24th, Confirmation candidates will practice until 4:30pm after returning from the Katharine Drexel shrine. Please check for the revised pink permission slip that was sent home with your child.

We are fortunate to be blessed with an active student body. Each year, students take on a leadership role when they become member of student government. In the spring, eighth grade candidates speak to the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade. They share their ideas, experiences, and thoughts for the upcoming school year. Elections are held and our officers are recognized during our last First Friday Mass, when the outgoing officers are installed. This year's officers are Denis Harp, President; Jacque O'Connell, Vice-President; and Maddy Good, Secretary. In the fall, our 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students campaign to represent their individual classes. After speeches are given, elections are held and a boy and girl representatives are selected for each of these grade levels. At our 1st Friday mass tomorrow, the following representatives will be recognized for Grade 5, Mary Kate McGoldrick & Robert Zigmund; for Grade 6, Kenny Avallon & Kelly Duddy; for Grade 7, Josie Gelfin & David Kotasenski. We are grateful for those students who have committed themselves to our student government.

Music Notes: Calling all teacher and parent singers!! We will be including Mozart's *Alleluia* as a processional song with God's Voice for Carol Night.

Join us at 12:40pm on Fridays in Ms. D's music room for rehearsals beginning October 3rd. As a bonus - you'll have a front row seat!

Ticket order forms are available from the office and are online for the 8th Annual Immaculate Conception Parish FALL SOCIAL & BENEFIT AUCTION! Plan to join your parish friends and neighbors at "**The Greatest Show On Earth**"

Saturday October 18, 2008 for an evening of **FOOD, FUN & BIDDING!!**

Thank you for your donations. We still welcome more!! The more items, the more lively the bidding! 😊 To make a donation of items or service or Shop for Me call Tricia Loughney by **9/12/08** 215-260-7072. The program is now being published but items can still be accepted to be placed on tables. **THANK YOU! Your support is sincerely appreciated.**

Back by popular demand, the Home & School Association will be conducting a Thanksgiving pie sale. Pies will be provided by Solly Brothers Farms. Look for a flyer going home soon.

KYW Newsradio and Comcast High-Speed Internet is once again giving away brand new DELL laptops to KYW listeners. **Insiders** (a free registration) will have two chances every week day to win a Dell Latitude D531 laptop and to nominate their favorite school for a 10-piece computer lab. If you haven't already registered for the Laptop Daily Double - just [sign](#) up on the KYW home website and tune to KYW 1060 every weekday at **7:35am and 4:35pm** to listen for your name!

Help Needed!! (A good service opportunity) - Jr CYO is looking for a parent volunteer to lead a group cook for the fall. Our parish supply of meals has gotten low and we would like to help restock. If you can help to coordinate this, please call Barb Good 215-884-2481. Thank you!

As stated last week, we are experiencing some difficulties with our Teacher Web sites. If you email a teacher and do not get a response, please use ischool@comcast.net with the teacher's name in the subject line and we will forward it to the teacher (without its being read by the office). We are working at tracking down the problems we are having with accessing the individual sites and appreciate your patience.

Please note that there is no parking in the rectory parking lot during Chapel/Church Hall construction. If you are attending 8am daily Mass, you must park in McGoldrick's Funeral Home parking lot.

Included today:

- Tag Day flyer for Thursday, October 9th