

Notes from Dr. Greco
Thursday, April 23, 2009

Congratulations to the Weidner family on the birth of their daughter, Lily Alexandra. Lily Alexandra was born on Thursday, April 16th and weighed 7lbs. 5oz. Both mother and baby are doing well!

Congratulations to Brandon Robinson, who is the recipient of a Music scholarship to Bishop McDevitt. Brandon plays the baritone and was also chosen for the Archdiocesan Honor Band and Jazz Band.

Our condolences to Patti Rice and her children, Candice, John, Danielle & Kristen on the death of their father, John Rice, Sr. The Rices were very active in the Immaculate school community assuming leadership roles in Home & School and other volunteer positions. Kristen, a student at Bishop McDevitt, continues to volunteer her time in our music department. Calling hours will be held Friday evening 6:30-9:00pm and the funeral mass is on Saturday at 12 noon.

Please remember our First Communion class in your prayers this weekend. The First Communion Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 25th and the Presentation Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, April 26th at the 9:30 Mass.

Who Cares, We Care. "Nickels for Neighbors" is an archdiocesan wide program solely supported by our Catholic schools. During the month of April, each child is encouraged to collect change for the men, women, and children in need in our community. Funds will be donated to the Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Funds raised by elementary parish schools will count toward the Appeal goal for that parish. We have set our goal at \$1 per child and thank you for all your help. Please send in your change/\$1 to your child's homeroom teacher. Bishop McFadden will host the Collection Day on Wednesday, April 29th at Archbishop Carroll with an assembly of representatives from each school in the diocese.

Student Council Spirit Shirts are back for Color Day! Check out the enclosed flyer. All orders are due by Thursday, April 30th.

Again this year we are offering Summer Skills Review Books at our school cost price of \$18. These books do stand out from the rest of the skills books on the market. Your children will have fun while actually learning and reviewing skills. They don't rely on glitz and games but offer mixed skills practice, 3 days per week for 10 weeks, reinforcing all previously learned materials in only 20 minutes per day. Samples are available in the office for your review. An order form was enclosed last week and are available in the office. Please return to school by Friday, May 1st.

We are very excited about the Summer offerings we have available at Immaculate this year. A brochure is included today. Don't delay to get your time slot!

Important Reminder: All items that are to be included in Thursday communications must be received by email or hardcopy by Tuesday at 3pm. Our webworkers put items up on the web on Wednesday afternoon and the Tuesday timeframe gives us time to approve, revise, and make sure they are ready.

Please review the important update from the PA Department of Health and Mrs. Weissman, our school nurse, included today.

Jenkintown Elementary School has extended an invitation to our families to attend a Dome Theatre presentation on Friday, April 24th. A ticket order form is available on our website. Advance purchase guarantees your place and time.

Progress Reports go home on Thursday, April 30th.

As part of our effort to be "green," we have joined the Capri Sun Pouch Brigade. We collect them at school and we gladly accept pouches from home (and parties, too)! The numbers add up quickly!

Check out the new IC car magnets. Teachers have them displayed on their cars. Order forms are on line and magnets will be for sale for \$5 each at the Flea Market/Craft Fair on Saturday, May 9th.

SAVE THE DATE: You are cordially invited to join your parish family.

What: ICC's 9th Annual Fall Benefit and Silent Auction

When: October 24, 2009

Where: Our newly renovated Church Hall

Theme: To be determined by you!

Please send in your theme suggestions to school (attention: Tricia Loughney, Silent Auction) or drop them in the box in church on Sunday. The committee will select a winning theme and award one FREE ticket to the entrant.

Pilgrim Queen of the Family: Our parish is taking part in the Pilgrim Queen of the Family home to home visit program. The guidebook gives you prayers for a 3 day period or you may simply say the rosary or a decade of the rosary together. Each family keeps the Pilgrim Queen at home and returns it to school on Thursday or Friday of their week. On the following Monday the Pilgrim Queen will go home to the next family. When you receive the portable shrine, if you still have questions, just call the office and we'll be happy to help you in this prayer project!

You can change the future - become a foster parent! Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages, races and religions whose families are in crisis. The love, service and example of Catholic Social Services foster parents have a lasting and positive effect on all children whose lives they touch. For more information about how you can become a foster parent call Melissa at 215-587-2458.

Included Today:

- H & S Executive Committee Ballot
- Student Council Spirit Shirts
- PA Department of Health flyer
- 6th Grade CYO Dance Invitation
- 4 Intermediate Unit flyers: timely & educational reading
- Breathing Room Mother's Day "flower" form

