

Notes from Dr. Greco
December 10, 2009

Thank you to Mrs. Risser and Mr. Schmauk for preparing our students for last night's Carol Night. It was a joy filled evening for all of the Immaculate family. It's inspiring to realize that *a//* the children participate in this school tradition and "give back" through their music. It's a great beginning to the season.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tuwalski on the birth of their first baby. Alina Marie Tuwalski was born on St. Nicholas Day, December 6th weighing 8lbs 7oz. Mr. Joel Greco will be substituting for Mr. Tuwalski on the days he is out on family leave. Mr. Greco holds his bachelor's degree from LaSalle University and is completing his master's degree at Gwynedd-Mercy College.

More faculty news: Beginning in January, Mrs. Risser will be cutting back to one day only and will continue to teach classroom music to grades K and 8. Eighth grade will be working on their traditional class "play" project which will be performed in the Spring. Classroom music in grades 1 through 7 will be taught by Mrs. Melia Schmauk. Mrs. Schmauk currently teaches piano lessons with us, and harp and music theory at the Community Music School in Trappe. Mrs. Schmauk holds her MA from the New England Conservatory of Music and her Bachelor's in Music from the Peabody Conservatory of Music of Johns Hopkins University.

Report Cards go home today. Please remember that even though our formal conference time is over, we encourage you to continue to communicate with your child's teacher so that together we can provide the challenges our children deserve.

Our Student Government is collecting funds for our Breathing Room families until tomorrow. Each year we provide "Christmas" including the gifts around the tree to 2 families in need. Our first family is a single parent family with 4 children ages 12, 9, 3, and 2. The 3 year old has a form of retinoblastoma. Our 2nd family has 3 children ages 11, 10, and 8 and the mom has bronchoaveolar lung cancer. Any contribution is welcome and appreciated. Thank you for your help!

The annual parish Winter Warmth Clothing drive takes place on December 12th and 13th. Clothing collected for Winter Warmth goes to families in Mission Santa Maria Madre de Dios in Chester County.

The parish fifth and final Immaculate Conception ornament has arrived. This rendering of the St. Mary Chapel altar drawn by Elena Cipolla is beautiful. An order form is available on our website and included today. Elena's Winter I Art Workshop

classes are forming and ready to begin on January 9th. The deadline is December 21st. Detailed information is on the website and student work is featured on Elena's Art Gallery/Student Work page.

Last call for Immaculate Conception spirit wear. Any Christmas orders must be placed by December 10th. Samples are available for viewing at school.

Check the website for information on our Students in Motion drama program held after school beginning this winter.

Please ask for a CARES calendar if you plan on staying for CARES at any time during the year. Our next $\frac{1}{2}$ day CARES program is on Wednesday, December 23rd.

With the gifting season upon us, don't forget about the possibility of using scrip for those on your list.

FYI: The Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society presents Chemistry Demonstrations for Children of All Ages at LaSalle University in the newly renovated Holroyd Science Center on Saturday, December 12th at 10:00am followed by hands-on activities at 11am. The Science Center is located on the northeast corner of the campus at 20th and Olney.

Included today:

- January CARES calendar
- Pretzel Order Form
- Parish Ornament Order Form

