

## Notes from Dr. Greco

January 14, 2010

We ask for your continued prayers for the Plunkett family. Jack Plunkett died suddenly early Tuesday morning of a heart attack. Jack, the father of Sheila in grade 7, was Chestnut Hill Academy's physical education director and coached at CHA for more than 30 years. Calling hours will take place from 3:00 to 8:00pm on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and again from 9:00 to 10:30am on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Plunkett Family Fund, c/o Abington Bank, 180 Old York Road, PO Box 9009, Jenkintown, PA 19046. On behalf of Sue, daughters Jackie and Sheila, and sons, Sean, Brendan and Kevin, we thank you for your support with food and meals. Your compassion has sincerely touched the Plunkett family but we ask that you refrain from sending any more food at this time because your generosity has been overwhelming. Thank you!

Don't forget your Gianni's order! Home & School's annual Lenten and Super Bowl sale is on with orders and payment due back by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Delivery is set for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Note from Ms. D: *God's Voice and Choral* begin Friday, January 22, 2010. We have an exciting program planned for this year! There is a common theme - the incredible music of Stephen Schwartz from *GODSPELL*. *God's Voice* will perform the beautiful ballads (practices Fri 12:40-1:00) and *Choral* will perform the upbeat fun pieces (practices Fri 3:00-4:30) Students in grades 3-8 are still eligible to join *Choral Group*. Students already involved should begin listening to music on utube. Simply google *Godspell the movie utube*. You will be able to listen to many songs. Happy singing!

Re: The Holy Childhood Association Annual Christmas Artwork Contest 2010: Congratulations to the following students whose artwork was sent to represent Immaculate Conception School. Holy Childhood will announce the winners in July 2010. The artwork can be viewed on Mrs. Heinz's Teacherweb page - click on the link for "Enter a Contest and Contest Artwork."

- Grade 8 - Krista Goebel
- Grade 7 - Sheila Plunkett
- Grade 5 - Haleigh Williams
- Grade 3 - Sophia Mahoney
- Grade 2 - Chalen Pettit
- Grade 2 - Tessa Sandre

**Our Octathlon Academic Competition Team uses Time and Newsweek Magazines with all the issue dates for January, February, and March. We are especially in need of Newsweek. Your donation is appreciated.**

Catholic Schools Week is almost here. A full schedule will be in next week's notes. Please check the flyer today to help out our Development and Home & School Committees organize the reception following the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. During Catholic Schools Week the Father Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. (This is a change from Friday in prior years). A reservation form is included today.

**The Breathing Room Foundation thanks you for helping them to bring joy, hope and spirit to the homes of 2 Breathing Room families whose lives have been touched by cancer. Thank you to our Student Government representatives moderated by Mrs. Hagarty and Mrs. Regan for organizing our efforts. Please check the Breathing Room website for thank you notes and pictures from Breathing Room families.**

Home and School Time & Talent...We need your help! Volunteer Opportunities:

- More volunteers are needed for our School Building Maintenance Committee. If you can hammer a nail or change a ceiling tile or patch a floor tile, we really need your help. We will have a punch list ready soon, so please call today!

If you need more information, or are ready to help, please call Susan Cummings, Home & School Children's Programs (Volunteer Coordinator) at 215-517-7775 or email [suma.c@verizon.net](mailto:suma.c@verizon.net). Thank you!

**The Center School will present an informative evening titled "Survival Strategies for Parenting Your Child with ADHD" on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 from 7:30-9:00pm. Dr. Michael Cassano from CHOP will speak and then answer your questions about ADHD. The Center School located at 2450 Hamilton Ave in Abington is an independent, nonsectarian, coeducational day school with a special education focus serving elementary and middle school students who have been identified with language-based learning difficulties in the areas of reading and language development. In partnership with LaSalle University they also offer a four week summer program that provides small group supportive instruction to students in grades one through six. For more information, contact Carol Wolf at [cwolf@centerschoolpa.org](mailto:cwolf@centerschoolpa.org) and you may use the same email address to RSVP to Dr. Cassano's presentation.**

Our AHERA notification letter is included with today's communication. A summary of our current status is that we have no friable asbestos in our building.

**We are still in need of phone callers for our emergency phone chain. If you are able to make approximately 5 phone calls to other families in an emergency, we need you! Although school delays and closings are announced on KYW Radio, Channel 3, and Channel 6, a phone call can often be more timely in notifying families.**

To our Philadelphia families: Please remember that the application deadline for the Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia is quickly approaching (March 1, 2010). Apply online at: [www.csphiladelphia.org](http://www.csphiladelphia.org). or ask us to send you a hard copy.

**Please ask for a CARES calendar if you plan on staying for CARES at any time during the year. Our next full day CARES program is on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Included today:

- AHERA Notification Letter
- Help Needed! Open House flyer
- Father-Daughter Dance flyer/response form