

Notes from Dr. Greco  
March 18, 2010

**Special Announcement:**

***Immaculate Conception School's Reunion Weekend 2010 has been canceled:*** *The clustered reunions festivities planned for the weekend of May 1<sup>st</sup> have been canceled. If you are a graduate of ICS and would like information to plan a reunion or gathering for your class, please call Cathy Cawley, ICS Development volunteer, at 215-886-3845. She will be happy to offer support.*

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Please note the following calendar changes: The 8<sup>th</sup> grade play performance will be on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (with the school performance on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:45pm) and the Home & School meeting is moved to Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The April 14<sup>th</sup> Home & School meeting will consist of a business meeting to announce next year's tuition rates and will conclude with a Godspell recital performed by God's Voice and Choral Group. The Godspell performance for students will be in the afternoon on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Hopefully, your family schedules have adjusted to these changes. Our make up day for our last snow day will be Easter Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. School will be in session on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Kindergarten and new student registrations are taking place now and continue through the month of March. Please spread the word to any families of children who will be entering kindergarten in 2010-2011. Our spots are filling up quickly so please do not wait!

**Report Cards go home today. Formal conferences are not scheduled after this second trimester but you are welcome to contact your student's teacher for a conference (in person or via phone) if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to share information that would help your child to progress in the final marking period.**

Summer uniforms begin on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the uniform code or call the office if you have any questions. Reminders: sweaters, sweater vests, gym sweatpants and sweatshirts do not need to be worn; uniform shorts/skorts may be worn with sneakers; all other uniforms are worn with uniform shoes; uniform gym shorts and uniform t-shirts may be worn.

**Camp Ophelia sign up time is here again. The Camp is held at Manor College, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, or Merion Mercy Academy on June 21-25 from 9am to 12:30pm. The Camp is for middle school girls and offers a safe place for girls to gather and connect in positive ways. High school mentors help to educate girls about relational aggression and participants are empowered to build healthy, positive relationships. The camp is free and fills up very quickly. A flyer is included today. Please don't delay! Our girls who attend recommend it highly to their classmates.**

TeamChildren in Audubon, PA has set a goal to ensure that every child has the technology tools and opportunities they need to contribute and compete effectively in today's global economy by helping families directly receive a computer. Call 610-666-1795 or log on to [www.TeamChildren.com](http://www.TeamChildren.com) for more

information on applying for a low cost refurbished computer. To apply for a low cost computer there are 3 simple steps to follow to ensure your receiving a computer. If you would like a hard copy of the information, please call the office and we will send the information home to you.

**Ultra Sports will be available for students in grades K to 2 and grades 3-4 when we return from Easter break. The focus is on physical activity and participation along with skill development. Grades 3-4 classes are after school on Wednesdays, grades K-2 classes are held on Thursdays after school. Six sessions cost \$60. Applications were sent home with students last week and are available on our website.**

**Crochet Club Update:** Crochet Club will continue after school on Wednesdays until March 24<sup>th</sup>. Crochet Club is open to 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and adults. The participants are learning basic stitches and are making scarves to donate.

**Looking ahead:** Student Council will sponsor a Career Day on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:45pm. If you would like to share your vocation, please join us. A form is available on our website. We'd love to have you visit our students.

The Social Committee invites you to join members of the parish for a Lenten Supper on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm in the School Cafeteria. This is a simple meal followed by Living Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

**New Art Workshop classes for the Spring I session begin on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Information and dates can be found on Mrs. Cipolla's teacher website. While you're on the site, check out the Student Gallery pages. Registration starts now and can be done on-line.**

Team Trivia Night is coming on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. Doors open at 6:45pm. It's time to get your teams organized and ready!

**The Breathing Room Foundation invites you to attend its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall. The Breathing Room Foundation is an outreach program for families living with cancer.**

BLOCS applications are online. If you are applying for BLOCS financial aid or financial aid from Immaculate Conception parish, you MUST fill out a BLOCS application. We use the criteria established by BLOCS to be fair in awarding our financial aid. You are not eligible for financial aid from the parish if you do not fill out an application. BLOCS applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup> & submitted directly to PSAS. You can also fill out the application at [www.blocs.org](http://www.blocs.org)

**On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-1:00pm, a parents as educators conference will be sponsored by Abington Friends School. The keynote speaker is Tamar Chansky who will be speaking on *Parenting in an Anxious World: Building a Base of Strength and Resilience - in Ourselves and our Children*. The cost is \$12 per person with online registration at [www.abingtonfriends.net](http://www.abingtonfriends.net). Registration deadline is April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Included today:

- Camp Ophelia brochure

