

Notes from Dr. Greco
March 31, 2011

- Congratulations to our Octathlon Team. The final phase, the Super Quiz (a Jeopardy-like quiz on current events), of this academic competition sponsored by Bishop McDevitt High School was held yesterday evening. For the first time in Immaculate Conception's history, we placed **1st in the Super Quiz**. It was an exciting competition with 3 tie-breakers determining our victory. We earned **2nd place overall** when our individual test scores were combined with our Super Quiz scores. Our 8th grade team included: Rosalie Baseman and Kenneth Avallon (Pax Wescott, alternate); 7th grade team: Gabrielle Good and Edward Goebel (Collin Quigley, alternate); 6th grade team: Elizabeth Carroll and Catherine Cummings (Frank Depman, alternate). Individual awards in their respective grade levels and subject areas are: **Religion:** Catie Cummings 2nd place, Betsy Carroll 1st place, and Eddie Goebel 3rd place; **Math:** Eddie Goebel 1st place; **Art:** Betsy Carroll 1st place, Rosalie Baseman 2nd place; **Science:** Eddie Goebel 1st place; **Music:** Betsy Carroll 3rd place, Eddie Goebel 3rd place; Rosalie Baseman 2nd place; **English:** Eddie Goebel 1st place, Rosalie Baseman 1st place; **Geography:** Catie Cummings 3rd place, Ken Avallon 3rd place. Thank you to Mrs. Tomaszewski, Ms. Harte, and all the teachers for all their coaching (and teaching) to prepare our students for this academic challenge.
- Thank you to the Loughney family for representing Immaculate Conception at the Shrine of St. John Neumann on Monday, March 28th. A Celebration of Prayer for Catholic Education commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of St. John Neumann was offered simultaneously at the shrine and at our archdiocesan schools. As we celebrated the prayer service together, our students learned how St. John Neumann's accomplishments afforded Catholic education to generations of children in the Archdiocese.
- Thank you again to Janet McGrath who brought Star Lab back for students in grades 4, 6, 7, and 8 to view the constellations and the night sky. The program was also an opportunity for our students to learn about the mythological connections associated with the stars.
- Immaculate Conception Classy Seniors were very grateful and pleased to be entertained by our ICS Irish step dancers as part of their St. Patrick's Day celebration. Thank you to Annelise Depman, MaryClare Rae, Nora Hopkins, Kate Ryan, Susanna Cantwell, Kyleigh Purcaro, Kerrin McSherry, and Sarah Depman.
- First Friday Mass will be celebrated tomorrow with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament taking place after Mass in the main church. Adoration continues through the afternoon ending with Benediction at 2:15pm. Students participate in Adoration throughout the afternoon. You are most welcome to join them as we begin this new "tradition."
- On Saturday, April 9th, a showing of *Tangled* will be hosted by our 8th grade students. Please check the flyer included for details.
- To all participants of *The Sound of Music II Review* and the *8th Grade Play*: The shows will be recorded by a professional company. Each DVD will cost only \$10. To order yours now, please send cash or check (written to ICS) in a labeled sealed envelope (student's name, grade, and the name of the play). Please note: Parents may take pictures and videos during the school shows on their own.

- Thank you for continuing to send in your Box Tops and Labels for Education. **Please check the Boxtops4education.com website to learn about bonus offers to maximize our points.**
- **Reminders: Consider becoming a member of or nominating another parent to the Home and School Executive Committee. A detailed explanation with nomination forms is on the website. Please call the office if you would prefer a hard copy of the nomination form sent home.**
 - Our 2nd and final lesson for "Protecting God's Children" will take place next week.
 - Last call for Pretzel orders.
 - Professional Ed day - No School for students - will be added on Friday, May 13th.

Included or on the website www.icsjenkintown.org today:

- April Calendar
- Parents' Night Out flyer
- Gym Shorts order forms