

January 20, 2011
Notes from Dr. Greco

Congratulations and best wishes to the Ridinger family on the birth of Addison Grace Ridinger born on Friday, January 14, 2011. The newest Ridinger was 7 lbs.13.4oz. and 19 inches long. Both mother and baby are doing well. Addison was most cooperative being born on Mrs. Ridinger's due date.

It's Family Survey time again. Please take a few moments to fill out your family survey included today. It is very important to insure that we receive our share of Federal and State money for student direct services. Thank you!

Thank you to all our volunteers for our clean up day on Sunday. Our H&S Executive Committee did a great job organizing the event. We were able to fix up and clean up with the help of parents, students, and alumni including all the Cummings family, Bob and McKenna Loughney, Maddy Avallon, Kenny Avallon and Colleen Martin, JoAnn and Joe Treacy, Dina Coughlin, Maggie and Emily Mancini, Trish Mayro, and Larnetta Reed.

We have had some changes in lunch parents' schedule so if you are available to be a lunch parent from 11:55 to 1:05 any day of the week, please call the office at 215-887-1312. Your commitment can be tailored to your schedule. If you make this commitment, it is important that you are able to stay for the entire lunch period until the students are picked up by their teachers. Even if you are available once a month, it is helpful for our making sure that we have adequate supervision for the students. Thank you for all your help.

As inclement weather seems to keep popping up, just a quick reminder that if you are a caller in our phone chain, do not just leave a message for the family you are calling. Try the cell phone number until you are able to speak to a "live" voice. If your student's transportation is provided by Philadelphia and Philadelphia calls for a 2 hour delay, Philadelphia **does** provide busing for the delay.

The Parish Social Committee invites you to Family Bingo Night is tomorrow, January 21st in the Church Hall at 6pm. \$5 for 5 games of bingo with pizza, drinks, and candy available for purchase.

The following items will be posted on the website:

- **Super Bowl Gianni's Fundraiser** reminder: the sale ends tomorrow, Friday, January 21st.
- **Family Survey**

Important information to PHILADELPHIA families with children in our school:

Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia is accepting applications for 750 new, K-8th grade scholarships for Philadelphia children. The application process is free and easy to complete. Now is the time to act. **The application deadline is March 1st.** These need-based scholarships are available to students entering grades K-8th in September 2011 and are awarded by random lottery. To be eligible, families must: meet income requirements, be residents of Philadelphia, have a child entering grades K-8th in fall 2011 and **complete the required essay question.** **The easiest and quickest way for families to submit an application is online at www.csphiladelphia.org.** Only families who are awarded scholarship opportunities will be notified by mail, in mid-March. Please call the office if you have any questions. This is an increase in the number of scholarships available and I encourage you to apply if you qualify.

Important information to ALL families with children in our school regarding the BLOCS Scholarship and financial aid from Immaculate Conception Parish:

The BLOCS Scholarship Application is available for downloading, at www.BLOCS.org. If you would like a hard copy, please call the office and we will copy and send an application home to you. Parents must get their scholarship applications to PSAS no later than **April 15, 2011**. There will be no grace period this year. After we receive our award report (June 30th or earlier), our parish uses the PSAS needs analysis to award our separate scholarship funds. **All families must submit a BLOCS application in order to be considered for financial aid from Immaculate Conception parish.**

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