



Notes from Dr. Greco
March 17, 2011



- **Please note that report cards will be given out on Tuesday, March 22nd. This is a change from what is on the calendar!**
 - On Wednesday evenings during Lent, from 7-8pm, Msgr. Diamond is presenting a Bible study on the Passion of Christ. Each session stands on its own so don't be deterred from attending if you can't make every Wednesday. Bring your Bible and take some time out for reflection.
- **Career Day** will be held on Friday, April 8th from 1:00-2:45 pm. If you are interested in sharing your vocation with the upper grades, please contact Ms. Wilson at american.wilson@gmail.com with your name, occupation, and any presentation ideas that you may have. Thank you in advance for making Career Day an exciting and educational experience for the ICS students!
- **We are now re-registering current students and accepting new student registrations. Please return your forms to the office. While there is already a waiting list for 2nd and 8th grade, space remains available in grades K, 1, 3 to 7. Thank you for your prompt response!**
 - **Our H&S Yankee Candle Fundraiser ends on Monday, March 21st.** Delivery will be before Easter. We appreciate your support in this popular fundraiser. Our added incentive for our students is a special luncheon for the 3 top selling families. Good luck!
 - On First Fridays, after the 11 Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place 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."
 - Our entries for the Archdiocesan Art Contest are posted for your viewing on our website under Mrs. Heinz' Teacher Web. One look and you will see why we take such pride in our students' work!
 - Speech & Language Services newsletter is included today with valuable information for you to read. **Please note that Ms. Chud, our Speech-Language Pathologist will soon be conducting screenings for our second grade students. This screening does not require written parental permission. This is a noninvasive screening and takes only a few moments of conversational exchange. If you prefer your child not be screened, please contact Mrs. Cooney in writing.**
 - Students in Grades 6, 7, 8 may join a Wednesday lunchtime running club with moderators, Mrs. Overmier, Mr. Roken (and usually two other teachers). Permission slips are on the website. Sign up is in the morning on the day of the run and the students run for 20 minutes. It's a great activity for all involved.
 - To all participants of *The Sound of Music II Review* **and** the *8th Grade Play*: The evening 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.

- **Calendar Changes:**

- Our last Snow Make Up Day will be Easter Tuesday, April 26th.
- Professional Ed day - No School for students - will be added on Friday, May 13th. We are the recipients of a Title II Grant for teachers to attend 2 workshops with Heidi Hayes Jacobs, noted for her work with curriculum mapping & 21st century skills. (Our first session was on March 2nd.)

Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education Contest

This year we are going to try something new to help our school earn more from the Box Tops for Education and the Labels for Education Programs. We are going to have a contest between the grades that will run from February until May, with the winning classroom getting a water ice and pretzel treat. All you need to do is clip Box Tops and Labels for Education UPCS and send them to your child's classroom. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education. Labels for Education can be redeemed for academic and art supplies and athletic equipment for our school. Each month we will give you an update to let you know how each class is doing. **Please check the Boxtops4education.com website to learn about bonus offers to maximize our points.**

Important information to ALL families with children in our school regarding the BLOCS Scholarship and financial aid from Immaculate Conception Parish: The deadline for this application is coming soon.

BLOCS applications are online at www.blocs.org. **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. BLOCS applications are **due April 15th** & submitted directly to PSAS.

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

- Running Club permission slip for Grade 6, 7, 8 students
- Speech Language Services Newsletter