

Notes from Dr. Greco
March 24, 2011

- Our congratulations to Mrs. Cooney on the birth of her new granddaughter, Lily Clare, born on March 23rd.
- We ask your prayers for and extend our condolences to Miss Mamrol's family on the death of her brother, Gerald. May he rest in peace.
- **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. We have about 9 volunteers but we are still taking additional participants. We like to give students as many choices as possible. Thank you in advance for making Career Day an exciting and educational experience for the ICS students!
- Congratulations to our Jazz Band! The Jazz Band received an "outstanding" rating in the Jazz Band competition held at St. Aloysius Academy last Saturday. We also had 10 students who were Archdiocesan Honor Band members who participated in the Archdiocesan Band Concert on Tuesday evening at the Kimmel Center. It was an exciting evening for the students and their families as the students performed before an appreciative audience at the Kimmel Center. Thank you to Mr. Schmauk for motivating our 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!**
- **Invoices and Scrip updates are included today!**
- **Consider becoming a member of or nominating another parent to the Home and School Executive Committee. A detailed explanation with nomination forms is included today.**
- **Thank you for your support of our H&S Yankee Candle Fundraiser.** As we tally our returns, it's evident that this was a very popular and successful endeavor. As soon as our statistics are "firm," we will make a final report and announce our 3 top selling families. The students in the top 3 families will receive a special luncheon. Product delivery will be before Easter.
- 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."
- 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.
- A Note from Miss "D": AMAZING, EXCITING, BEAUTIFUL, FUN...just a few words to describe our first full length rehearsal on 3/23/11. Thank you all for your hard work! There is only 1 rehearsal left - please remember to listen to *Do Re Mi*, *The Lonely Goatherd* and *So Long, Farewell* every day until the show is over and I will add UNBELIEVABLE to the list of compliments. Congrats to all! Xo, Miss "D"

- 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.
- *A parenting in the 21st century conference* will be hosted by Abington Friends School on Saturday, April 16th from 8:30am to 1:30pm. The cost is \$20 per person, lunch included, with childcare available with advance registration. Online registration is at www.abingtonfriends.net.
- Abington Bank will present *EarthFest: A block party celebration of Earth Day* on Saturday, April 16th from 10am to 1pm. For more information go to www.briarbush.org.
- **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.

Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education Contest

One point collection sheet will be going home today to each family!

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.**

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 on the website www.icsjenkintown.org today:

- Invoices and Scrip credit statements
- H&S Executive Nomination forms
- New Pretzel order forms
- *Math Matters* newsletter from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit
- Boxtops/Labels for Education point collection sheet (1 per family)