

**Dr. Auteri, MD, FACS is the inaugural speaker in Plumstead Christian School's new Science Talk series and establishes a new program of surgical observations for motivated Plumstead Christian School science students.**

Plumstead Christian School has established a science talk series designed to enrich our high school students' academic experience and broaden their understanding of the variety of science-related careers available to them.

"We were thrilled to kick off our new Science Talk series on February 10, 2011 with a presentation by Dr. Joseph S. Auteri, MD, FACS," says Headmaster Patrick Fitzpatrick. "Dr. Auteri was inspirational and informative, and PCS students who are thinking about careers in the field of medicine were especially grateful that he took time out of his schedule to be with us."

Dr. Auteri provided a visual and very engaging overview of thoracic surgery - focusing predominantly on cardiac procedures related to the repair of defective valves, aortic aneurysm, septal defects and coronary artery blockage.

In addition to providing a wealth of information about the symptoms, diagnosis, and corrective surgical procedures, Dr. Auteri invited interested students to observe him during a surgical procedure at a later date. Students who take advantage of this incredible offer will stand next to the anesthesiologist and quietly observe an entire surgery. Many of the students who listened to Dr. Auteri's presentation are making plans to observe, and Plumstead Christian School is grateful to Dr. Auteri, Doylestown Hospital, and the patients who are giving our students the consent needed to observe them. This is a rare and wonderful opportunity, and PCS is hopeful that through this new program students will develop a passion for science and a clearer picture of what working in an operating room is like.

***About Dr. Auteri***

Joseph S. Auteri, MD, a native of Bucks County and 1978 graduate of CB East, graduated cum laude from Harvard University in Cambridge with a B. A. in biochemical sciences. He received his medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He completed his postgraduate training at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. He did his internship and residency in general surgery, and was the chief resident in surgery during this training. Dr. Auteri continued his training at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center as a resident in cardiothoracic surgery. While there he also completed a research fellowship in cardiopulmonary transplantation. He has published extensively in the field of heart and lung transplantation, as well as the use of lasers in cardiovascular surgery.

Following a brief tenure on staff in the division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, Dr. Auteri practiced at the Arizona Heart Institute from 1994-1999

and then, from 1999-2005 as the Medical Director of the Scottsdale Heart Center. From 2005-2007 Dr. Auteri served as the Medical Director of the Bon Secours Heart Institute, an affiliate of Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons.

In May 2007, Dr. Auteri was appointed Medical Director of the Heart Institute of Doylestown Hospital, in Doylestown, PA. He, his wife, and three sons live in Bucks County.

### ***About Plumstead Christian School***

Plumstead Christian School is in its 63<sup>rd</sup> year as a Christ-centered, interdenominational, college preparatory school that serves Pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade students on two spacious campuses in Bucks County, PA. The school's mission is to provide a caring community where students are educated to think Biblically, serve effectively, and lead Christ-centered lives.

Through the years Plumstead Christian School has developed a solid reputation in academics, athletics, and the arts within the context of a safe and nurturing environment. Ninety six percent of graduates attend colleges and universities, and recent graduates have been accepted to a variety of top ranking schools including Grove City College, Lehigh University, Liberty University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, Wake Forest University, Wheaton College, University of Pennsylvania, and Villanova. Plumstead Christian School is online at [www.plumsteadchristian.org](http://www.plumsteadchristian.org).