



# ST. MONICA SCHOOL

*Where Students Are Loved and Challenged  
Our 90th Year of Quality Education!*

## *The Principal's Weekly Newsletter*



*Go Bulldogs!*

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### *Community Open House, Nov. 8th*

Enclosed in your Wednesday Envelope today is a flier advertising our Open House for this coming Sunday, Nov. 8th. It is our tradition to declare this Fall Open House as "Bring a Friend Sunday." It is a nice opportunity to also join our 10:30 a.m. St. Monica Parish Mass and see and hear our Student Choir in action. In the event that you and your family cannot attend the Open House this Sunday, I hope that I can at least count on you to spread the word and invite prospective families to see our School Community in action. In order to promote long term viability for our school, the recommended number of students for each grade level is 25. In an effort to meet this goal, our School Marketing Committee and I need the help of every family. Please promote our Open Houses, held on two Sundays this year, and our School tours, which are held every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Successful "Word of Mouth" has indeed made a positive impact during the past two years and I need all of your help to continue. It is this time of year that families seek a new placement for next year's kindergarten or 6th grade. However, transfer students are welcome at any time. If you wish, additional fliers are always available from Mrs. Dillon.

### *Important Notices:*

#### **School-wide Family Contact Info Directory**

Enclosed in your Wednesday envelope today is the long-awaited School-wide Family directory. I wish to give a great thanks to Vangie McCarthy and Kim Otoshi for putting in the great effort so that this dream could become a reality. As I mentioned to our Parent Community at back to school night, this directory is the fulfillment of a long term goal. In order to continue this process into the future, I want to reiterate proper use of this directory - please use wisely and in the spirit of dignity and respect for all members of our community.

The use of this directory is governed by our Parent/Student Handbook, outlined on p. 27:

"The information contained in any official school community directories, including, but not limited to class lists, family contact information rosters, parent/family contact directories is for the sole use of parents, faculty, staff and administration of St. Monica School and is not to be used for solicitation or any business activity outside of the St. Monica School."

### *Flu and Illness Protocol and Prevention:*

These prevention strategies work and they are crucial to continue promoting good health for students.

1. Stay home when sick, especially if you are experiencing fever conditions. If a student has had flu symptoms, do not return to school until being "symptom free" for 24 hours.
2. Wash your hands frequently - be sure to use soap and water and/or sanitary hand cleaner.
3. Cover your nose and mouth with tissue when coughing and/or sneezing. Dispose of tissue properly.
4. Keep vigilant in regard to regular cleaning routines, especially in places that have frequent hand contact, such as desk and table tops and doorknobs.

### *Thank You...Thank You...*

I would like to give a great thanks to Joan Audibert and Rosa Chan for the tremendous effort they both gave in planning, setting up, and implementing our annual Halloween Carnival last Friday. They, in turn, would like to thank all of the volunteers who rallied to help with the set up, operations, and clean up: "To all the wonderful volunteers in every aspect of the Halloween Carnival from start to finish, we cannot thank you enough for all your help. We also thank all of you who donated candy, soda and cookies, which we truly appreciated, as did the children. It was a very fun and exciting day for all ages. Thank you again so much," Joan Merten Audibert & Rosa Chan.

I also wish to thank all of the parents who are working to support Mr. Williams in our Library. Kim Otoshi has volunteered to become the Parent Library Coordinator this year, and assisting her are Claudia Breen, Claire Guerrero, Sharyl Ponce, and Cindy Schlichte. I truly appreciate the work of this group.

### *Upcoming Events...*

- Nov. 4th - Nov. 8th: Scholastic Book Fair.
- Nov. 4th - Nov. 6th: 12:30 p.m. Dismissals due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Nov. 8th: community Open House, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. Come one and all!
- Nov. 9th: 12:30 p.m. dismissal-Faculty Meeting
- Nov. 12th: 1st Quarter Academic Award Ceremony, 2:00 p.m. in St. Monica Church.
- Nov. 12th: Parent Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.