



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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Thanks to Our Parent Volunteers!

I want to take the time to offer a general thank you to all in our parent and family community for the time and effort given as volunteer hours. Although the Parent volunteer hours are required as part of the family obligation, your presence and spirit within our school is greatly appreciated! With the help of our parents, we are able to provide many of the enriching activities for our students. In today's envelope, you will find a letter which gives account for the hours served thus far. If you find that your account is in error - I'm sure that many of the hours performed have not yet been properly accounted for - please contact as advised.

School News:

New Student Applications for 2010 - 2011

If your family has a sibling that you would like to enroll in any grade in St. Monica School next year, please make sure that you request an application from the school office. We are in the process of accepting applications and testing students for next year.

Annual Auction Dinner

Enclosed in today's envelope is a packet for each family outlining all of the details for this year's auction dinner - our biggest event of the year. The theme this year is: St. Monica School 90th Anniversary, A Ripple in Time. Also, please note that this year the Auction Dinner will be an adult only event. Thanks to Janice Kam and Betty Gon for coordinating this effort.

Annual Parish & School Superbowl Pool

The chart is now residing in the School Office. First come, first served for reservation of spaces. You are welcome to come by and make your own picks or send your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices on the enclosed flier. Thanks to Mr. Todd Kessler for organizing this effort. Squares will be available until all 100 spaces are filled. Winners will be declared post game on Feb. 7th.

Annual Auction Dinner Raffle Tickets

Note the flier included in today's envelope that outlines the "early launch" for the raffle tickets for this year's annual auction dinner. Many prizes are available! This year, we are holding an "early bird" raffle for tickets returned by Jan. 28th. The drawing will be held on the morning of January 29th. Please participate and help us to get a good, strong, and early start in preparation for our Annual Auction Dinner on Saturday, March 13th!

New St. Monica School Logo Wear!

The new St. Monica Logo Wear items are available for online purchase from Lands' End Business Outfitters. The eStore Internet link is available from our school website: www.stmonicasf.org. A reminder: the logowear eStore exists not only to make items available so that our existing community can show school pride, but so that we can promote a better awareness of our school within the larger community. When logo clothing is worn, the name and image of the school is broadcast - we need this notice for prospective student admissions. Also, the quality of the clothing is excellent. Give it a try and see what you would like.

The Season of Charitable Giving Continues

Our flier advertising Charitable Gifts for St. Monica School is available for download from the front page of our website: www.stmonicasf.org. In addition to our regular operating costs, we are continually striving to find ways in which to better fund improvements to our education program and to offer tuition assistance to worthy students during this difficult economy. Any gifts are appreciated - all are tax deductible. Thank you!

Flu and Illness Protocol and Prevention:

Our strategies for keeping people and surfaces clean and germ free have been working. Let's keep up the good work. Please mind the following tasks:

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 without medication.
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.

Upcoming Events...

- Jan. 14th: 8th grade graduation pictures.
- Jan. 15th: End of the 2nd quarter.
- Jan. 18th: School Holiday - Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.
- Jan. 22nd Report Cards distributed.
- Jan. 24th - Jan. 29th: Catholic Schools Week.