



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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Parking & Traffic Updates

I would like to review our school parking and traffic procedures. Please take a moment to reflect upon your routine - all of this info is available in our school handbook, both online and in booklet format.

1. Cars are not allowed to drive into the upper yard during morning drop off or afternoon pick up - unless the parents are arriving to perform volunteer duty or attend a scheduled business appointment.
2. Students are not allowed to enter the school at our Geary St. entrance prior to 8:00 a.m. unless special permission has been granted by the principal for medical reasons. Entrance points are with 23rd Ave. passenger zone, 24th Ave gate, or 24th Ave. door (on rainy/very cold days)
3. Students may be dropped off at the 24th Ave. gate or dropped off at the 23rd Ave. Passenger Zone. Students are to exit immediately - cars must not be left unattended. On Rainy/very cold weather days, students may be dropped off at the 24th Ave. door instead of the gate.
4. K-2 students are to be picked up at the 24th Ave. door at dismissal time.
5. 3rd - 8th grade students are to walk down to the 23rd Ave. Passenger Zone to be picked up.
6. Students not picked up by 3:30 p.m. will be escorted to our Extended Care program.
7. Please find suitable parking for drop off and pick up - double parking is illegal, dangerous, and not acceptable.

Special note: There will be some street repair/construction occurring on 24th Ave. for the next couple of weeks, January 27th - February 12th.

- For morning arrival, students are still allowed to be dropped off at the 24th Ave. gate, but I would recommend using 23rd instead until the construction is completed.
- For rainy day arrival, students may be dropped off at the 24th Ave. door, but cars must proceed with extreme caution.
- For the families of Kinder - 2nd grade who pick up their children at our 24th Ave. door at 3:00 p.m., please proceed with caution and pay close attention to the construction flag directors.

School News:

New Student Applications for 2010 - 2011

We are currently accepting applications for all grades for next school year, but are specifically encouraging families to apply for Kindergarten, 4th grade, and 6th grade. If your family has a sibling that you would like to enroll in St. Monica School next year, or know of an extended family member, friend, or colleague who would like to do so, please request an application from the school office.

Raffle for the Annual Auction Dinner

Reminder: If you would like to participate in the "early bird" raffle for the Auction Dinner, please have your entries into the school office by tomorrow, Jan. 28th. This drawing will take place on Fri. Jan. 29th.

Annual Parish & School Superbowl Pool

There are only a handful of squares still available - the numbers will be drawn when all of the squares are filled. Winners will be declared on Feb. 7th.

Flu and Illness Protocol and Prevention:

...2nd Wave of Flu Expected...

A 2nd wave of flu and illness is expected to appear this season during the end of January and February. Please note the enclosed flier advertising flu vaccination opportunities. We are also recommending that families continue to follow these guidelines:

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 27th: School Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room.
- Jan. 28th: 2nd Quarter Academic Award Ceremony, 2:00 p.m. in St. Monica Church.
- Feb. 5th: Student Holiday for SF Archdiocese Faculty Professional Development Day.