



# ST. MONICA SCHOOL

*Where Students Are Loved and Challenged*

## *The Principal's Weekly Newsletter*



*Go Bulldogs!*

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### *Back to School Night*

All parents are welcome and expected to attend our Back to School Night tonight at 7:00 p.m. We will begin in the large hall for our community welcome and annual student presentation of our Schoolwide Learning Expectations. Next will be the principal's message, which will outline school business and policies. A few guest speakers will also briefly give important messages. Our Parent Club representatives and various independent contractors will have tables set up in the hall to promote student and family activities. After our Large Hall session, 7:00 p.m. - 7:45: p.m., parents will go to the classrooms for the individual teacher presentations. There will be two classroom presentation times so that families with multiple siblings may attend two sessions. The event will then conclude at 8:30 p.m.

### *Schoolwide Learning Expectations*

Our Schoolwide Learning Expectations are an integral part of the student and family educational experience at St. Monica School. As these expectations form a foundation for our entire curriculum, it is our intent that students at all levels will be introduced to these concepts, have opportunities to practice, and achieve mastery by the time they graduate.

The students of St. Monica School are:

- I. Spiritually Centered People
- II. Academically Empowered Learners
- III. Effective Communicators
- IV. Globally Conscious Citizens
- V. Well-Rounded Individuals

This week, I highlight the domain of "Spiritually Centered People." The ways in which we train our students to become Spiritually Centered people are to promote activities and exercises which encourage the students to:

- A. Demonstrate a foundation of the teachings of the Catholic Church and an appreciation of Scripture as the living Word of God.
- B. Develop a relationship with God through personal and communal prayer.
- C. Respect life and all of God's creation.
- D. Make moral decisions which foster values of compassion, tolerance, and justice.

### *Flu and Illness Prevention (a reminder...):*

1. Stay home when sick, especially if you are experiencing fever conditions.
2. Wash your hands frequently - be sure to use soap and water and/or 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 touch contact, such as desk and table tops and doorknobs.

### *Parent Club News*

#### **Parent Participation Booklet (reminder...)**

Last week, our newly revised parent Participation Booklet 2009 - 2010 was distributed. The booklet is your family's guide for understanding the Parent Club and how it operates to assist the school community by planning, preparing, and implementing various activities - and your guide for participation.

### *School News...*

#### **Fall Candy and Gift Sale Fundraiser Update**

My thanks to all families for fulfilling the requirement. Reminder: each family's requirement is either selling \$300.00 worth of Candy and Gift Sale merchandise or a \$200.00 "buy out" donation to the school. Until Sept. 23rd, we will continue to hold our incentive drawing at Morning Assembly. For every \$50.00 worth of items sold (honor system), a form can be turned in to the school office. Every morning, students names will be picked to win prizes.

### *Upcoming Events...*

- Sept. 10th: Parent Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. All Parents are welcome.
- Sept. 11th: School Picture Day. All students should wear their full uniform on this day.
- Sept. 13th: Fr. Greene celebrates the annual Police/Fire Memorial Mass, 10:30 a.m. in St. Monica Church. This Mass honors those who were killed on Sept. 11th 2001. All are welcome.
- Sept. 14th: 12:30 Dismissal - Faculty Meeting.
- Sept. 16th: 8th Grade High School Information Night and Dinner, 6:30 p.m. in the Small Hall.
- Sept. 20th: Annual "Grill & Thrill" School Community Picnic, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.