



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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Completion of the ITBS Tests

Congratulations to all of our 2nd - 8th grade students who are completing their ITBS tests this week. I want to especially thank parents for hearing my call and promoting good rest and nutrition. In fact, you have done such a good job that I encourage you to continue!

Schoolwide Learning Expectations, pt. 3/5

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 "Effective Communicators." The ways in which we train our students to become effective communicators are to promote activities and exercises which encourage the students to:

- A. Articulate ideas clearly, creatively and effectively.
- B. Listen respectfully and interact cooperatively.
- C. Evaluate diverse viewpoints.
- D. Utilize technology for gathering, processing, and sharing information.

Of course, examples of practicing effective communication are the public speaking opportunities that I strive to provide for our students at many levels.

Flu and Illness Protocol and Prevention:

Please continue to follow prevention strategies:

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 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.

School Community Events:

- **Pizza/Bingo Night, Fri. Oct. 9th - 6:00 p.m.**
If you thought that the Annual "Grill & Thrill" picnic was a blast, I think you will truly enjoy the next event coming up on our calendar. On behalf of the Parent Club, I cordially invite everyone to our next community event. Always a fun evening, this "fun" raiser is for all families, extended families, and guests of St. Monica School Community. Please note the enclosed fliers as to how to participate and order tickets.

School News:

1. Many thanks to all families on your prompt response to our collection of the various official forms and documents that we assemble at the start of each year.
2. Our Fall Candy & Gift Fundraiser is now concluded. If Mrs. Dillon contacts you with any last minute, outstanding business, please fulfill your obligation quickly. My thanks to all families for your complete participation in this mandatory school fundraiser.

Thank You...Thank You...

I want to give a super thank you and appreciation to Lindi Barry-Smith, our Parent Club Treasurer, for her excellent leadership coordinating our Fall Candy & Gift Fundraiser this year. I really appreciate the attention to detail that she and her assistant, Carolyn Peglar, offered to our school.

Upcoming Events...

- Oct. 2nd: Progress Reports distributed.
- Oct. 5th: 12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal-Faculty Meeting (adjustment for holiday on 10/12).
- Oct. 6th: Superintendent site visit @ St. Monica.
- Oct. 6th: School Tour for prospective parents, 1:30 p.m. (On-going on Tuesday afternoons - appointments can be made by calling the office).
- Oct. 8th: Parent Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 9th: Pizza/Bingo Night, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11th: Our Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Friendship Sunday.
- Oct. 12th: School Holiday - Columbus Day.