



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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✔ *Successful Open House!*

Many thanks to all of our teachers for the time and attention to detail given in preparation for our Open House this past Sunday. Our visitors were impressed!

School News:

New St. Monica School Logo Wear

Members of our Marketing Committee are busy working behind the scenes to announce the launch of our new St. Monica Logo Wear. Our logo, designed by Christine Toscanini, will soon be available in combination with select items from our new Land's End Business Outfitters estore. Many thanks to Peter Gaylord for coordinating this effort. Stay tuned for more info about how you can get your items online...

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Beginning next Monday, Nov. 16th we begin our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Student Council and the Jr. High Service Club will act as co-sponsors of the event for publicity and logistical coordination. Finally, if parents would like to help with the delivery of all items collected from both the parish and school on Thanksgiving morning, please call the school office.

Extra-Curricular Activities, 2009 - 2010

Distributed in today's envelope is a flier outlining the Extra-Curricular activity opportunities for our students this year. As the set of activities that we are able to offer may be revised from year to year, I am to announce this year's listing to all members of our community. It is my hope that all students, at every grade level, find an enriching activity in which to participate.

Junior Achievement @ St. Monica School

Included in today's envelope is a flier outlining the Junior Achievement program presented at St. Monica. The upcoming parent volunteer training to launch our 2nd year will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9th. Please contact Mr. David Walker, JA Coordinator, for more info @ 415-928-5375 or davwalker@mac.com.

School Tours for Prospective Parents

I ask all families to continue to assist me in promoting our School Tours. Tours are offered this year on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. If you wish, the color advertisement fliers that were distributed to families via the Wednesday Envelope last week are available by request from Mrs. Dillon in the School Office.

Congratulations...

We welcome Lily Anne Toscanini, born to parents Christine and Jeremy Toscanini last Friday, Nov. 6th at 3:23 a.m. Lily arrived at 7.1 lbs. and 20 inches. I'm happy to report that the new baby, parents, and big sister Paige of our 1st grade are all doing well.

Thank You...Thank You...

A sincere thank you to our Room Parent Group, led by Vangie McCarthy and Kathi Jayme, for providing our faculty and staff breakfast and lunch during the Parent/Teacher Conferences. Special thanks to Michelle Baran, Petra Andersson-Pardini, and Kathi Jayme for the super main courses at lunch time!

I would like to thank all parents and families who gave their presence at our Open House. A special thanks to the members of our Student Council for preparing a super picture collage slide show, which was shown over our in-house television network. My thanks to the Student Council members for being excellent greeters and friendly tour guides for visitors. Finally, a great big thanks to our Parent Club Hospitality Committee, led by Mercedes Yazdani, and other parent volunteers for organizing a wonderful Open House reception for our community and guests.

Flu and Illness Protocol and Prevention:

The following prevention strategies are working and they are important aides in our effort to promote the good health of our Student Body.

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...

- Nov. 12th: 1st Quarter Academic Award Ceremony, 2:00 p.m. in St. Monica Church.
- Nov. 12th: Parent Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.