



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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The Season of Advent Continues...

Our Annual Christmas Program was a smashing success last night. I hope that all families enjoyed the performance. One of my favorite moments was near the end when "Santa" reminded us of the true message of Christmas, despite all of the surrounding excitement and distraction. May all families have a joyful Christmas!

Student Life Highlights...

Our top sellers from the Fall Candy & Gift Sale Fundraiser attended their reward Bowling and Pizza Field Trip today - 27 students! The three top selling students/families have also received their cash rewards: #1-Mia Pardini, #2-Christopher Chan, and #3-David and Lizabella Nadelson. My thanks to Lindi Barry-Smith for completing all of the details of this fundraiser.

Our Student Council has declared a free dress day for our Student Body in appreciation for all of the hard work that was done to practice and coordinate our Christmas Program. In celebration of this, the students are allowed to wear the "Christmas colors" of red, green, and white for free dress this Friday, Dec. 18th.

School News:

The Season of Charitable Giving

Please note the flier included in your envelope today and kindly consider making a charitable gift to St. Monica School during this school year. 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 a difficult economy. Thank you!

New St. Monica School Logo Wear!

The new St. Monica Logo Wear items are now 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 we can show school pride, but so that we can hopefully promote a better awareness of our school within the larger community.

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!

Flu and Illness Protocol and Prevention:

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.

Thank You...Thank You...

A great thanks to co-chairs of the Santa Secret Shop, Rosa Chan and Karen Gee, for running the shop. A special thanks to their helper elves: Lia Espejo, Stephanie Yee, Adrienne Keane, and Judy Moa.

My special thanks to all of the St. Monica faculty for the excellent effort given to guide our students in the performance of the Christmas program. Our faculty worked well as a team, but a extra special thanks goes to our Music Teacher, Mrs. Lloyd, for the many hours she gave for the success of the show. Finally, a Christmas thank you to Mercedes Yazdani and the Parent Club Hospitality Committee for throwing a wonderful reception for the community following last night's Christmas Program. Merry Christmas to all!

Upcoming Events...

- Dec. 16th: Field Trip top sellers of the Fall Candy & Gift Sale.
- Dec. 18th: Advent Prayer Service, 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 18th: 12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal for Christmas Vacation. Have a joyful holiday!
- Dec. 18th: Extended Care closes at 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in St. Monica Church, 5:00 p.m. Our Student Choir will sing at the Mass and our corps of students narrators and actors/actresses will perform the Nativity Play for the Gospel of the Mass.
- Jan. 4th 2010: Classes resume. Welcome back!
- Feb. 6th 2010: Annual Chinese New Year Celebration. This date was changed from the originally scheduled date of Feb. 20th due to the availability of the Jing Mo Martial Arts School.