



# 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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### *Feast of the Epiphany*

This morning, our 7th graders and Mr. Devine presented a beautiful Mass to the Student Body to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. As Epiphany is the 12th day of Christmas, it celebrates the moment when the three Wise Men found the infant Jesus and presented their gifts to him. Fr. Greene engaged all with an excellent sermon and educated the students on the symbolism of the three gifts - gold symbolizing that Jesus was a king, frankincense to symbolize that Jesus was divine, and myrrh (burial perfume) to symbolize that Jesus was destined to die for the sins of mankind. As our Christmas season now comes to a close, I wish all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

### *School News:*

#### **Annual Superbowl Pool**

The St. Monica Parish and School Annual Superbowl Pool is now officially launched! First come, first served for reservation of spaces. Please note the enclosed flier for details. My thanks to Mr. Todd Kessler for organizing this effort. Squares will be available until all 100 spaces are filled and the winners will be declared as the big game unfolds on Feb. 7th.

#### **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! This year, we are holding an "early bird" raffle for tickets returned by Jan. 28th. The drawing will be held on the morning of January 29th. Please participate and help us to get a good, strong, and early start in preparation for our Annual Auction Dinner on Saturday, March 13th!

#### **New St. Monica School Logo Wear!**

The new St. Monica Logo Wear items are available for online purchase from Lands' End Business Outfitters. The eStore Internet link is available from our school website: [www.stmonicasf.org](http://www.stmonicasf.org). A reminder: the logowear eStore exists not only to make items available so that our existing community can show school pride, but so that we can promote a better awareness of our school within the larger community. When logo clothing is worn, the name and image of the school is broadcast - we need this notice for prospective student admissions. Also, the quality of the clothing is excellent. Give it a try and see what you would like.

### **The Season of Charitable Giving Continues**

Our flier advertising Charitable Gifts for St. Monica School is available for download from the front page of our website: [www.stmonicasf.org](http://www.stmonicasf.org). 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 this difficult economy. Any gifts are appreciated - all are tax deductible. Thank you!

### *Flu and Illness Protocol and Prevention:*

Our strategies for keeping people and surfaces clean and germ free have been working. Let's keep up the good work. Please mind the following tasks:

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...*

My thanks to Room Parents Iris Buchanan and Stephanie Yee, as well as our Parent Club Events Chairperson, Angela Chan for preparing the treat bags for our Student Body. The treats were lovingly prepared in advance, but the students received them just prior to vacation on Dec. 18th. Very nicely done.

### *Upcoming Events...*

- Jan 9th: Kindergarten 2010-2011 Readiness Assessments, scheduled by appointment.
- Jan. 11th: 12:30 p.m. Dismissal-Faculty Mtg.
- Jan. 14th: 8th grade graduation pictures.
- Jan. 15th: End of the 2nd quarter.
- Jan. 18th: School Holiday - Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.
- 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.