



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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Catholic Schools Week January 24th - 29th

Next week, we join with all of the other Catholic Schools across the United States in the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This week of celebration and recognition is annually celebrated during the last week of January and each year highlights a different theme which points to the unique and special value of our Catholic Schools. This year's theme is: "Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life: Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, Morals." For us at St. Monica School, I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Mullen, Mr. Devine, and the Student Council to plan and deliver a host of specially themed activities to mark our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Our Schedule of events will be published this Friday for all students and will kick off our week of celebration with our Student Choir singing at our 10:30 a.m. Mass for "Friendship Sunday" this Sunday, January 24th. All families are welcome to join us for this Mass and treats following.

Student Life Highlights...

Our Student Council has also planned a couple of student/school fundraisers to assist those in need in Haiti. Proceeds will be offered to Catholic Relief Services with the purpose of assisting the victims of the current earthquake disaster in Haiti. The 1st fundraiser will be a "Dollar Dress Down Day," occurring this Friday, January 22nd. Students are welcome to wear the dress of their choice to school (appropriately selected, of course) if they donate \$1.00 to this important cause.

School News:

New Student Applications for 2010 - 2011

If your family has a sibling that you would like to enroll in any grade in St. Monica School next year, please make sure that you request an application from the school office. We are in the process of accepting applications and testing students for next year.

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. 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.

Raffle for the Annual Auction Dinner

Reminder: If you would like to participate in the "early bird" raffle for the Auction Dinner, please have your entries into the school office by Jan. 28th. This "Early bird" drawing will take place on Fri. Jan. 29th.

Annual Parish & School Superbowl Pool

First come, first served for reservation of spaces. You are welcome to come by and make your own picks or send your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices on the enclosed flier. As the availability changes daily, please note the flier in today's envelope documenting the up-to-date estimate of the available squares. Thanks to Mr. Todd Kessler for organizing this effort. Squares will be available until all 100 spaces are filled. Winners will be declared after the Superbowl on Sunday, Feb. 7th.

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.

Upcoming Events...

- Jan. 22nd Report Cards distributed.
- Jan. 24th - Jan. 29th: Catholic Schools Week.
- Jan. 24th: Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Friendship Sunday.
- Jan 25th: 12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal for Faculty Professional Development Meeting.