



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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Parking & Traffic Updates, pt 2

As the street construction continues next to the side of the school building on 24th Ave., please note:

1. During Morning Arrival, both the 24th Ave. gate and 24th Ave. School door will remain closed if it is perceived that the construction material and activity is too obtrusive to permit safe passage. If the door and gate are both closed, please have the students enter via the Passenger Zone/Gate on 23rd Ave. This situation will be assessed daily.

2. Afternoon Pick Up for students of K-2 will remain normal as the construction activity subsides by 3:00 p.m. Use the 24th Ave. door, but proceed with caution and courtesy.

Student Life Highlights...

Many thanks to all of the members of our Student Body for participating in the recent fundraisers to help support the Haiti earthquake relief effort. The students raised a total of \$728.00 (\$462.00 from the "Dress Down Day" on Jan 22nd and \$266.00 from the Bake Sale on Jan 27th). The office of Garrett Chan offered to match the donation of the Bake Sale, so that brings the total St. Monica School donation effort to \$994.00! All proceeds have been sent to Catholic Relief Services to aid in the effort to assist the victims in Haiti.

School News:

Annual Auction Dinner, March 13th

The Auction Dinner is only 5 weeks away! There is much work to be done and your help is needed. The parent Club Fundraising Committee is seeking donations for gift basket items and fine wines for the Wine Wheel. Volunteers are also needed to assist in the event planning, set up, and implementation of the event. All forms and information regarding the event can be found on the school's website: www.stmonicasf.org.

New Student Applications for 2010 - 2011

We are currently accepting applications for all grades for next school year, but are specifically encouraging families to apply for Kindergarten, 4th grade, and 6th grade. If your family has a sibling that you would like to enroll in St. Monica School next year, or know of an extended family member, friend, or colleague who would like to do so, please request an application from the school office. Spread the word!

Mid-Year School Policy Update

Please note the enclosed two-sided flier regarding our annual mid-year school policy updates. This is meant to be a quick reference reminder for important policies. All information is available in our Parent/Student Handbook. The handbook was distributed at the beginning of the school year to each family and is also available online on our school website. Please mind the attention to details so in order to help us run a safe and orderly school environment.

Thank You...Thank You...

Special Thanks to the Fitzgerald family for conducting the recent Soup Label contest. All of the entries have been collected and counted. Although the K-4th grades delivered 818 labels, the 5th-8th grades delivered 1,485 labels! It is reported that some of the 50 and 100 point bonus labels helped in the victory. Winners will have a class ice cream party at a later date.

A great thanks to Mrs. JoMay Chan for assisting our Student Council in the planning and implementation of the Bake Sale for Haiti on Jan. 27th. Thanks also to her also for securing the donation of all of the super baked goods to our school for the sale.

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.

Upcoming Events...

- Feb. 5th: Student Holiday for SF Archdiocese Faculty Professional Development Day. The School Office will be closed on this day.
- Feb. 6th: Annual Chinese New Year Celebration, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Large Hall.
- Feb. 8th: 12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal due to 2nd Monday Monthly Faculty Meeting.
- Feb. 10th: School Finance Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room.