



# 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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### *School News*

#### **Street Construction on 24th Ave.**

The street construction is now complete on 24th Ave. so all Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up procedures can resume normal operations.

#### **Annual Auction Dinner, March 13th**

Dear parents and community members:

If you are considering a donation of items for the gift baskets for the auction dinner, please do so by Feb. 13th. It takes much time to put the baskets together. Please don't delay. The Fundraising Committee is also seeking donations of fine wine and quality silent auction items. If you know of friends or businesses that are interested in contributing to our event, please submit donations along with an "Auction Donor Form" to the school office. All donors will be recognized in the auction program and catalogue. All forms and information pertaining to the Auction Dinner can be found on the school's website: [www.stmonicasf.org](http://www.stmonicasf.org). Finally, a great thanks to co-chairs Betty Gon and Janice Kam and the entire Fundraising Committee.

#### **New Student Applications for 2010 - 2011**

We are currently accepting applications for all grades for next school year, but I am specifically encouraging families to apply for next year's Kindergarten, 4th grade, and 6th grade. If your family knows of an extended family member, friend, or colleague who would like to enroll their child with us, please request an application from the school office.

### *Thank You...Thank You...*

#### **Chinese New Year Celebration**

My thanks to Mr. Stephen Chan, chair of the event for all of the planning and great hosting for the event. He, in turn, would like to thank all who helped: "Any event organized by the St. Monica School parents' Club cannot be accomplished without the dedication and hard work performed by the parent volunteers of our school. This year's Chinese New Year Celebration would not have been a success without all of the volunteers who jumped in to assist. My sincere thanks to all those who helped set up tables, placed decorations, picked up & served food, emptied garbage, and cleaned up. A special acknowledgment is given to Mrs. Joan Audibert and her mom, Mrs. Merton, for baking our brownies, and cakes, and 28 dozen cookies.

Their generous donation is greatly appreciated."

I would also like to give thanks to Mrs. Helen Ting, director of our Afterschool Chinese Language Program, as well as her teachers, Judy Keo, Annie Zhang, and Winnie Xiong, for preparing and guiding all of the students for their respective performances.

#### **Annual Superbowl Pool**

A great thanks to Mr. Todd Kessler for organizing this year's Superbowl Pool. The winners:  
Quarter #1: Kessler Family (Scoutt in the 8th grade)  
Quarter #2: St. Monica Rectory (Fr. Greene)  
Quarter #3: Tony Rando (St. Monica Parishioner)  
Final: Otoshi Family (Christopher - 5th & Sara - 8th)

I would especially like to thank two "Saintly" individuals: Mr. Kessler, for donating his winnings back to the school, and to Fr. Greene, who not only purchased 20 squares on behalf of the Rectory, but also donated the winnings back to St. Monica School!

### *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. 10th: School Finance Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room.
- Feb. 15th: School Holiday - Observance of President's Day. Enjoy the Winter Olympics!
- Feb. 16th: Parent Meeting for families whose students are receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.
- Feb. 17th: Student Mass celebrating Ash Wednesday is presented by the 3rd and 4th grade, 11:00 a.m. in St. Monica Church.
- **Feb. 18th: Parent Club meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. Note change of date.**