



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Where Students Are Loved and Challenged

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Welcome Back to School

I heartily welcome all of you back to school for 2008 - 2009. My greetings, also, to all of our incoming families. I was very pleased on the first day of school to see the level of excitement amongst the students and teachers. In addition to providing the excellent educational opportunities which you expect, the faculty and I have many enriching activities planned for the coming year. I look forward to sharing all of these plans with you at Back to School Night.

Please mark your calendars: Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. I remind all of you that this is one of our mandatory parent meetings of the year. See you soon!

School Notes...

Yard & Gate Supervision Help

Mr. Tiziano Straccia has volunteered to chair the Yard & Gate Supervision committee for this school year. If you would like to help this effort, especially during the morning Drop-Off procedures, please contact him: 415-425-0995 or tiziano@italyhome.com

P.E. Schedule

You can expect your child to have P.E. on the following days during this school year:

- Tuesday/Thursday: Grades 1, 4, 6, 7 & 8
- Wednesday/Friday: Grades Kinder, 2nd & 3rd

All students are expected to wear the complete P.E. sweat suit uniform on their assigned day. Students are allowed to wear P.E. uniform shorts under their sweatpants for the day, but will only wear the shorts during the P.E. period. Students are also allowed to wear the Bulldog Spirit shirt under their sweatshirts.

School Library

The School Library will open for business on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. My thanks to our Librarian, Mr. Williams and Library/Technology Aide, Mrs. Gunn for working during the summer to rearrange and re-inventory the entire library. I am pleased that it will be an even better place for all of our young readers to visit and discover good reading opportunities.

Room Parent Group

If you are interested in serving as a Room Parent as one of the ways in which to fulfill your Parent Service hours for the year, please contact your child's classroom teacher. The Room Parents act as a direct liaison between the classroom teacher and all of the other parents of the class through the year.

Community Events...

You are invited to join the CYO Family Fun Day

- Sunday, September 7th 2008
- 11:30 am Mass
- 12:30 pm Picnic and Activities
- Saint Ignatius High School, San Francisco

For more information and online registration, please go to: <http://cccyo.org/>

Thank You...Thank You...

Many thanks are in order for great things taking place at the beginning of the year:

Manny Moreno, one of our School Advisory Board members, voluntarily painted all of our school stairways and the entire Extended Care area during the summer. My tremendous thanks to him for his commitment to maintaining the fine image of our school.

Iris Buchanan, along with the Yee family and Gee family, hosted a wonderful Kindergarten/1st Grade "Welcome to School" picnic on August 23rd. It was a nice way to initiate our Kindergarten families into the community. My thanks for a very nice job!

Mercedes Yazdani and the rest of the Parent Club Hospitality Committee hosted all of the families for the Back to School Parent Social on Monday, August 25th. As always, thank you for a classy effort!

Upcoming Events...

- Sept. 1st: School Holiday - Labor Day
- Sept. 3rd: Student Mass presented by the 8th grade, 11:00 a.m. in St. Monica Church
- Sept. 4th; The Fall Candy & Gift Fundraiser kicks off
- Sept. 9th: Back to School Night, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 11th: The first Parent Club meeting of the year, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12th: School Picture Day!