



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Where Students Are Loved and Challenged

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Parent Volunteer Program

Today in your Wednesday Family Envelope, a Parent Participation Booklet for 2008 - 2009 is included. The Parent Club Officers and I have recently reviewed this booklet, and together, we have updated much of the information. The purpose of the booklet is to help educate the parent community as to how and what can be done for the fulfillment of the 25 volunteer service hours that each family is required to perform. I encourage you to take an interest in the Parent Club this year and to find volunteer activities throughout the year that both suit your interest and your availability.

At Back to School Night, next Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 7:00 p.m., all of the Parent Club Officers and Committee Chairpersons will be present to help facilitate and enroll parents to aide with volunteer duties.

Community Events...

You are invited to join the CYO Family Fun Day

- Sunday, September 7th 2008
- Saint Ignatius High School, San Francisco

Highlights include: signing up for a picnic lunch, meeting local professional and collegiate athletes, including representatives from the San Jose Earthquakes and the USF Men's Basketball Team, participating in activities, such as obstacle courses, bounce houses, swimming, and field games.

For more information and online registration, go to: <http://cccyo.org/home> - then click on San Francisco Athletics to find info about the Family Fun Day.

School Notes...

A Note Regarding Volunteering

The Archdiocese of San Francisco requires that each school have reference and/or background check paperwork on file for all volunteers working with children. Depending upon the type of volunteer work that a person is doing, there are two methods of application:

1. For persons volunteering to work with children and youth intermittently (e.g. Field trip chaperones, Hot lunch aides) - an Application Form: Reference Check is required. Each *parent* should have one of these forms on file in the school office, as each parent will then be able to volunteer for any school

activity. These forms are sent home by Mrs. Dillon and are available at any time from the school office.

2. For persons who have regular contact with children (e.g. head coaches or assistant coaches), there are two protocols required: a. Livescan Fingerprinting Clearance, and b. "Shield the Vulnerable" online child abuse awareness training. This package can be requested from the principal if you would like to be a coach and/or volunteer at a regularly with children.

All of these safeguards are designed to our children safe and are mandated for all Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

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

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.

Thank You...Thank You...

My thanks to the members of our newly founded Marketing Committee who had our 1st meeting last week. This committee is a subcommittee of the School Advisory Board and has taken upon itself the mission of how to best promote St. Monica School within the larger community. So far, Garrett Chan, Katherine Dodier, Frances Louie, Manny Moreno, Gail Palazzolo, and Grace Welch have volunteered to help in this effort. If any parents have interest in this mission or expertise in the field of Marketing and you would like to be involved, please contact Mr. Sweeters directly.

Upcoming Events...

- Sept. 4th: The Fall Candy & Gift Fundraiser kicks off with a student rally, 2:15 p.m.
- Sept. 8th: Marketing Committee Mtg., 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 9th: Back to School Night, 7:00 p.m.