



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Where Students Are Loved and Challenged

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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In Memoriam

Bonnét Meihoefer, the sister of St. Monica School Assistant Principal and 3rd Grade Teacher Suzanne Brown, passed away on Monday, Sept. 8th. All of us within the St. Monica School Community offer our prayers and thoughts during this difficult time for Ms. Brown and her family.

Bonnét was a 4th grade teacher at St. Monica School from 1970 - 1973. She also taught P.E. for all grades and was the after school sports coach and coordinator for girls, specializing in Track. She then went on to teach Kindergarten at Charles Drew school. Bonnet is remembered recently for her countless hours of service in Ms. Brown's 3rd Grade Art and Social Studies Classes and for her generous work in helping to create memorable items for our Annual Auction Dinner.

All are invited to attend the following services:

Vigil & Prayer Service

- McAvoy O'Hara & Evergreen Mortuary
- Geary Blvd. at 10th Ave.
- Thursday, Sept. 11th
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Vigil)
- 7:00 p.m. (Prayer Service)

Memorial Mass

- St. Monica Church
- Saturday, Sept. 13th, 11:00 a.m.

School Notes...

ITBS Standardized Testing

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered for all students of grades 2-8 beginning next Monday. The testing period is from Sept. 15th to Sept. 24th. Please join me in promoting the following:

1. Get your rest (go to bed early!)
2. Get good nutrition (eat a good breakfast and lunch!)
3. Relax (don't stress over the test!)
4. Be present (no absences or appointments!)

Parent/Student Handbook 2008 - 2009

Our new Parent Student Handbook for 2008 - 2009 was distributed at Back to School Night. For those who did not pick up your copy in person, a copy is being sent to you in the Wednesday Envelope. Enclosed today, is the Parent Signature Agreement Page. Please read the handbook and return the signed

page to the school office by next Wed., Sept. 17th.

Morning Drop-Off Procedures

Our new system for Morning Drop-Off has been very well received! My great thanks to Tiziano Straccia and Michele Duffy for planning and spearheading this important effort for the safety of our children. Our new procedure was presented last night and fliers were distributed. For your convenience, the same information is included in today's envelope.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Included in today's envelope is a back to back flier describing the comprehensive list of our offered Extra-Curricular activities this year. As I mentioned last night at Back to School Night, there are many choices, so I encourage you to pick the activities that are most interesting for your family. I realize that everyone is not going to be able to do everything, but I will continue to offer a good variety of activities within the time slots available. Also, I do thank those who offered information on the afterschool activities survey at the end of last year. I am still looking into additional enrichment programs, so the list may yet grow.

FYI: Science Adventures Club will again be offered on Tuesdays. The first session is scheduled to begin on October 14th (fliers coming soon).

Community Events...

The St. Monica School Annual Grill & Thrill Picnic will be held this Sunday, September 14th from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This event is a great way to meet and have fun with the other families of the school. Come one and all. See the enclosed flier for details.

Upcoming Events...

- Sept. 11th: Parent Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- **Sept. 12th: School Picture Day - Please wear the complete regular school uniform!**
- Sept. 14th: Our Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass (No Friendship Sunday event).
- Sept. 14th: Grill & Thrill Picnic, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Golden Gate Park.
- Sept. 15th: ITBS Testing begins for grades 2-8.
- Sept. 17th: 8th Grade Pot Luck, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 18th: Hot Lunch Program begins.