



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Where Students Are Loved and Challenged

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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"Out of Harm's Way"

Appendix #2 in the St. Monica School Parent-Student Handbook 2008-2009 explains all of the components which comprise the S.F. Archdiocese Safe Environment Programs - all designed to ensure the safety of our children. A former component to this effort, entitled "Out of Harm's Way," has been discontinued. Whereas "Out Of Harm's Way" was used as a Parish method to train parents, the newer methods out aim to educate children and families directly, utilizing the participation of all appropriate organizations - schools, parishes, etc.

Enclosed in today's Wednesday Envelope, I offer each family one of the leftover booklets that were donated to St. Monica by the Department of Catholic Schools. I encourage you to use this booklet for your family's reference. As the presentation was designed to train parents how to create family safety plans and how to educate their children about practicing healthy self-esteem, I believe that the concepts and practice opportunities are relevant. I invite you, as parents, to look over the material included within that booklet and decide what information you choose to utilize.

School Notes...

ITBS Standardized Testing

The ITBS testing period continues for grades 2-8 this week and will conclude on Sept. 24th. Please join me in promoting the following for all of our students:

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!)

"Slow Down for the Cone Zone!"

My thanks to all parents for your consideration and participation in our new system for Morning Drop-Off. I especially appreciate the proper use of our white passenger zone. The proper procedure, and the use of the orange cones, has been very well received. Tiziano Straccia is doing a tremendous job as the chairperson of our Yard & Gate Supervision Committee. He is looking for five more volunteers to complete the force that guides the Morning Drop Off. If you are available to help in this important effort, please contact him directly: 415-425-0995 or tiziano@italyhome.com

eScrip - Painless Fund Raising

Enclosed in today's Wednesday Envelope is a package describing how you can participate in the eScrip Program. This is a safe and painless way for our school to get some fundraising credit from merchants when parents register your regular purchasing transactions to our school account. This is a very common practice in today's world. I would appreciate it if you took the time to look over the information and register where you fell appropriate. My thanks to Michele Duffy, our Chairperson of the Parent Club School Support committee, for organizing the info.
The St. Monica School eScrip ID # is: 137715535

Community News...

Congratulations to the Killian Family who have welcomed a new baby girl into their family. Piper Leigh, the sister of Kaitlin in the 1st grade, was born on Sunday, Sept. 14th, weighing in at 7 lbs. even.

Thank You...Thank You...

What a great time we all had at the Grill & Thrill Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 14th! My great thanks to Michele Duffy for master minding the entire event. She, in turn, would like to thank her team for the support they offered. Kathy Jayme, Janice Kam and Paige Scott, each helped to facilitate key areas of the organization. Furthermore, Ben Jayme did a super job of coordinating the grill cooks. A special thanks to those who were able to transport tables and other infrastructure to and from the park: Armando Cuellar, Norm Choy, Todd Kessler, and Martin Tam. Finally, thanks and kudos to dad grad Greg Patterson for cooking the delicious pot of chili!

My thanks to Carolyn Peglar for helping to track the progress of our Fall Candy & Gift fundraiser. She has generously been able to help organize and distribute the family orders from the school office.

Upcoming Events...

- Sept. 17th: 8th Grade Pot Luck, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 18th: Hot Lunch Program begins.
- Sept. 22nd: 12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal - Faculty Professional Development meeting.
- Sept. 25th: School Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.
- Sept. 26th: Progress Reports distributed.