



# ST. MONICA SCHOOL

*Where Students Are Loved and Challenged*

## *The Principal's Weekly Newsletter*



*Go Bulldogs!*

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### *Our Morning Assembly*

I am happy to see many of our parents stay and join us for Morning Assembly, and of course, be present for our opening prayer and announcements. I want to reiterate that all parents are welcome for this event which begins every school day. I do ask, however, that parents do not follow their children into the hallway and/or classroom. When the students and teachers are dismissed from Morning Assembly, it is the teacher's time with the students and the beginning of the academic day. If any parents have appointments or business in the office, please make your way directly. Many of our teachers are available for appointments prior to the start of Morning Assembly, please make a mutually convenient appointment, if you wish.

*A note to Kindergarten parents:* Please know that during the first month of school, the Kinder parents have been invited to walk their children into the Kindergarten classroom in order to help acclimate the student. As the completion of this goal is at hand, the Kindergarten class will begin joining the full Student Body at Morning Assembly this Monday on Sept. 29th.

### *School Notes...*

#### **Progress Reports**

It is part of our school philosophy to give all students progress reports at mid quarter. The 1st Quarter Progress Reports will go home this Friday. This year, you will notice that the progress reports will be in a different format than in years past. All of the classroom teachers are implementing a computerized grade book system this year, and consequently, we were able to re-evaluate our method of creating Progress Reports school-wide. I commend all of our teachers for their diligent efforts in accomplishing this transition.

#### **eScrip - Painless Fund Raising (a reminder)**

Enclosed in last Wednesday's Envelope was 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 take the initial time to register their regular purchasing transactions to our school account. This is a very common practice in today's world. I ask that you please register where you feel appropriate. As a school community, we are a powerful force. 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**

### **Uniform Regulations**

Kudos to all students and families who have diligently followed our uniform regulations. If a student receives an "Out of Uniform Notice" from the classroom teacher, please take care of the matter immediately and return the signed form to the office.

### **School Wish List**

A few years back, St. Monica School had tradition of an on-going wish list for items that we would be happy to acquire, but do not have room in our budget to purchase. This year, I would like to restart that tradition by pushing forward some requests that have been given to me by our teachers.

If any parents have access to reasonable merchandise that can be donated, it may help by just fitting into the right place. Please contact the school office if you are interested. Requests are:

- 6 Music Stands for our Music Classroom
- Area Rugs for our Extended Care Area - the kindergarten uses this area during the school day for "Story time"
- Board games and other games that are in good condition for the Extended Care to use.

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

My thanks to our Parent Club School Support Chairperson, Michele Duffy, for spearheading the "Box Tops and Soup Label" campaign for St. Monica School. You will notice some fliers included in your envelope today aimed to gain your participation in the collection of Box Tops for Education.

### **Upcoming Events...**

- Sept. 25th: School Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.
- Sept. 26th: Progress Reports distributed.
- Sept. 28th: Our Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Friendship Sunday, refreshments and social, in the School Library.
- Sept. 30th: School Tours begin for prospective families, every Tuesday, 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.