



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Where Students Are Loved and Challenged

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Friendship Sunday

Our Friendship Sunday event, which followed the 10:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday, September 28th, was a resounding success. For those of you who are new to St. Monica School this year, I want to formally invite you to attend Friendship Sunday events throughout the year. Whenever our Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in St. Monica church, the Friendship Sunday committee hosts a coffee, juice, and doughnuts social reception in the School Library. This event generally happens two times per month and is posted to our monthly Student and Family Activities calendar. (The October calendar is included in today's envelope - and all calendars are available on our school website.)

Friendship Sunday is one of the most consistent ways in which our school community and the St. Monica Parish community interacts. I want to thank the McCarthy family for acting as the hosts, warmly welcoming the parishioners and those attending the 10:30 a.m. Mass to visit our school and share some camaraderie. If any parents would like to join this committee as a way to outreach with the parish and fulfill some parent volunteer hours, please contact Vangie McCarthy via email at: evangieb@aol.com

School Notes...

School Tours

My thanks to Manny Moreno and JoMay Chan, who volunteered to be Parent Ambassadors for our 1st School Tour for prospective parents yesterday. Our School Tour season for small groups of visiting parents and families officially opened yesterday, Sept. 30th. Tours will be offered on Tuesday mornings from 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Appointments can be made by calling the school office. I encourage all parents to invite a family member, friend, or co-worker who is interested in finding a school to come and see the good things happening at St. Monica School. Finally, my great thanks to all of the parents who have volunteered to be references for our Information Packet and/or to be part of our Parent Ambassador Group who help with tours.

Morning Assembly Protocol

This past Monday, our Kindergarten joined the rest of the Student Body for Morning Assembly. To all of the Kindergartners and their families, I say,

"Welcome!" As always, parents are welcome to attend our Morning Assembly. Additionally, I do thank all parents for not disturbing the classes and teachers when the students are dismissed from Morning Assembly to go into the school building and begin instruction.

Student Medical Appointments

Our teachers have requested, that families attempt to schedule medical/dental appointments for students in the afternoon of a school day. I appreciate if families could follow this guideline whenever possible.

Uniform Regulations (a reminder)

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.

Thank You...Thank You...

The Penguin Parade fundraiser incentive drawing at Morning Assembly finished last Friday! I want to thank all families for your complete participation in our Fall Candy & Gift Fund Raiser. Each day, for three weeks, students names were drawn from our tub. Tickets were entered if a student had turned in a slip pledging to have sold \$50.00 worth of goods. Many, many names were drawn and penguins picked over these past three weeks. The four winners of the \$25 hidden prize were Kenny Gee, Jonathan Koo, Sophia Liao, and Zayd Salahuddin - congratulations!

Special commendation to Madison Sturges in the 2nd grade, who now has her own cult following of penguins - she was picked a record 6 times from the drawing box to pick out penguins for prizes. (One more pick and she would have been given a complimentary security guard for her and her fleet of penguins!)

Upcoming Events...

- Oct. 6th: 12:30 p.m. Student dismissal for all students due to Faculty Meeting.
- Oct. 9th: Parent Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 12th: Our Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Friendship Sunday.
- Oct. 13th School Holiday - Observance of Columbus & Indigenous Peoples Day.