



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Junior Achievement

I want to invite all St. Monica School parents to tomorrow's Parent Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. A special item on the regular meeting agenda is a presentation that will be given by a local representative of the Junior Achievement Program. Junior Achievement is "the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs." The aim of the program is to introduce students to the principles of economics. In many schools, interested and dedicated parents volunteer to present the materials to students, creating an enriching experience for learning economics. Please join us tomorrow for the presentation - it will be a first for St. Monica School.

If you would like to get a look ahead into the details of the program, you will find some good info on the Junior Achievement web site: www.ja.org

School Notes...

School Year Calendar Notes

This past Monday, October 6th was a 12:30 p.m. student dismissal due to a faculty meeting. As a reminder to all parents, this year we changed our faculty meeting/faculty professional development meeting structure from that of years past. The faculty meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of each month and the professional development sessions will be held on the 4th Monday of each month.

Due to scheduled school holidays which fall on the 2nd Mondays of two of the school year months (Columbus Day in October and Easter Vacation in April), the faculty meetings will be moved to the 1st Monday of that month. The calendar named, "School Year 2008-2009: Days In Session Calendar" lays out the schedule for the year. This calendar is in addition to the monthly Student and Family Activity Calendar. The Days in Session Calendar was distributed at the end of last school year and is available from Mrs. Dillon in the school office. It is also posted to our web site: www.stmonicasf.org/calendars/index.php

Extended Care Drop In

In the event that parents are not able to pick up their children at dismissal time, students will be escorted

to our Extended Care Program. I want all parents to be assured that if a student is not able to be picked up, all children will be supervised in our Extended Care Program. Drop In service is available for any family who chose a later pick up time than a scheduled dismissal. The most effective way to inform the school if your family will be using Extended Care is to either call or send an note to Mrs. Dillon in the school office.

Science Adventures After School Club

For those of you who are interested in your children attending the Science Adventures After school Club, I want to remind all of you that this after school enrichment activity will begin next Tuesday, October 14th. The activity will run from 3:10 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. You must sign up directly with the program to join. Fliers are available in the school office. You can also go directly to the Science Adventures web site: www.scienceadventures.com or call 1-888-458-1812.

Thank You...Thank You...

My continued thanks to all of our parents who have joined our Traffic Safety Group, which supervises the arrival of all students in the Morning. I am so proud of and thankful for this group of parents, guided by Tiziano Straccia and Michele Duffy, who have shown excellent teamwork and dedication in offering their service to promote student safety. This Friday, October 10th, a representative from the Department of Parking and Traffic will visit St. Monica to observe our traffic patterns and give advice on further improvements.

Upcoming Events...

- 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.
- Oct. 15th: Student Mass presented by the 4th grade, 11:00 a.m. in St. Monica Church.
- Oct. 17th: Pizza/Bingo Night - food and fun for all families, 6:00 p.m. in the Large Hall.
- Oct. 22nd: Kindergarten Class Pot Luck (dinner and social), 6:30 p.m. in the Small Hall.
- Oct. 23rd: School Advisory Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.