



# ST. MONICA SCHOOL

*Where Students Are Loved and Challenged*

## *The Principal's Weekly Newsletter*



*Go Bulldogs!*

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### *Open House - Sunday, Nov. 9th*

Upcoming in a couple of weekends, will be our Fall Open House. As in the past few years, the theme of our Fall Open House is "Bring a Friend Sunday." I respectfully ask all the parents of St. Monica to help us in promoting the School Open House, as well as the tours that are offered by appointment every Tuesday. To help you perform this task, I have enclosed in today's envelope a color Open House flier. Please pass the flier forward to appropriate people and/or places whom you feel may be interested in St. Monica School. We depend on our own parents promoting our school through positive communications within the community.

If you would like to receive any more of these color Open House fliers to giveaway and/or post, please feel free to contact Mrs. Dillon in the school office.

### *School Notes...*

#### **"Shake Up S. F."**

#### **A City Wide Earthquake Drill**

Yesterday, October 21st, St. Monica School participated in a city wide earthquake drill sponsored by the mayor's office. I am pleased to report that all of our students, faculty, and staff performed well. Our students were especially good at paying close attention and listening to directions. As part of our regular earthquake preparedness plan, we practiced the following:

1. Duck, cover, and hold.
2. Assemble at the "All Clear" signal given by the adult in charge of the room.
3. Use the best evacuation route available to get out of the building.
4. Assemble in the lower yard in class groups to take roll call.
5. Assemble in "Last Name Letter" groups to prepare for family pick up in the lower yard.

As it is important to review these procedures throughout the year, please help me to reinforce the message of safety preparedness and smart behavior.

#### **Parent Involvement Opportunities**

Enclosed in your envelope today are a number of fliers promoted by leaders of our Parent Community. Many activities are being planned, including the

Halloween Carnival, Faculty Appreciation during the Parent/Teacher Conferences, the Scholastic Book Fair, and the Fall Open House - late October and early November is a busy time. The fliers are not only for publicity, but designed to gather volunteers to help manage the events. If you find something of interest, I encourage you to jump in - we appreciate your help.

#### **Science Adventures After School Club**

Science Adventures is underway on Tuesday afternoons from 3:10 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. As each session meets for five weeks, new sessions (with different thematic topics) will need to be signed up for separately. Please note the flier included in today's envelope outlining all of the future thematic sessions.

#### **Washing Hands Properly (...a reminder)**

During the last two weeks, many of our students (and one of our teachers) have become sick. At Morning Assembly yesterday, I reviewed with our students the importance of washing one's hands properly - getting a good lather and rinsing adequately - to avoid illness. All of our bathroom soap dispensers are equipped with antibiotic soap. Please join me in reinforcing this message to our students.

#### **Halloween Carnival (...a reminder on Costumes)**

I ask that you help your child choose wisely when picking out a Halloween costume. It can be a fun experience. Please note that no weapons (or any toy that can be interpreted as a weapon) are ever allowed on school campus - no exceptions! I also ask students to not wear costumes with graphic or violent imagery.

#### *Upcoming Events...*

- Oct. 24th: End of the 1st Quarter
- Oct. 26th: Our Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Friendship Sunday.
- Oct. 27th: 12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal - Faculty Professional Development meeting.
- Oct. 30th: School Advisory Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library (Rescheduled).
- Oct. 31st: Annual Halloween Costume Parade (gym) and Carnival (Small and Large Hall).
- Nov. 5th, 6th & 7th: 12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences.