



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Sharing and Giving Thanks

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am encouraging our students to reflect on where they can give thanks for the blessings in their lives. One way to do this is to share with others, whether it be by donation of goods or by offering service. Announced in today's envelope are two fliers that offer opportunities for both, our "Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive" for students and our "Faith, Food, and Football" event for all on Thanksgiving day.

Student Life Highlights...

Congratulations to Sophia Liao who captured 1st Place in the 6th grade division of the Clement St. Merchants Association Annual Harvest Festival Art Contest. A \$100.00 donation has been granted to the St. Monica School Art Program in Sophia's name.

School Notes...

Sibling Registration for School year 2009 - 2010

Last week, a flier was distributed in the Wednesday Envelope regarding applications of siblings for next school year 2009 - 2010. If your family would like to enroll a sibling in St. Monica School next year, please contact Mrs. Dillon in the school office to obtain an application form. We are currently in the process of preparing for enrollment spaces in next year's classes.

Fogbelt Studio Holiday Arts & Crafts

Included in today's envelope is an invitation to attend the Fogbelt Studio Arts & Craft Sale in early December. Our very own Ms. Brown of the 3rd grade is continuing a tradition of participating in this local community event that her sister, Bonnet, had begun. Proceeds of Bonnet's items benefit St. Monica School.

Thank You...Thank You...

Some more big thank you's are in order today:
Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to Vangie McCarthy for organizing and facilitating the Book Fair for our students and families during Parent Teacher Conferences last week and during the Open House this past Sunday. All of us in the school always look forward to this annual event. My thanks also to the many volunteers who gave their time by helping to set up, staff, and break down the

Book Fair - without your help it would not be a success.

Lunch & Treats for Teachers During Conferences

On behalf of our faculty, a great thanks to our Room Parents, and specifically to JoMay Chan, for organizing the wonderful treats and lunch items that our faculty enjoyed last week. We all appreciate your kind efforts during the Parent/Teacher Conferences week.

Fall Open House

My Great thanks to all who heard my call and were able to "bring a friend" to our Fall Open House. The event was well coordinated and lively. A special thanks to Mercedes Yazdani and her Parent Club Hospitality Committee for organizing a wonderful reception. I would also like to thank those members of our Marketing Committee and Parent Ambassador group who gave their time to be present and guide the proceedings. Finally, my thanks to our Student Council members and other Jr. High volunteers who acted as greeters and enthusiastic guides of our Science Room.

Invitation to Participate...

Parent Club Fundraising Committee

The next Parent Club Fundraising Committee Meeting is tonight, Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. Please invite or forward this message to anyone who may be interested in participating in the planning of the Annual Auction Dinner, scheduled for March 14th 2009. Many important items need to be decided in planning the scope of the event. All parents are encouraged to join in and offer input. It's a lot of work and a lot of fun!

Upcoming Events...

- Nov. 12th: Parent Club Fundraising Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.
- Nov. 13th: Academic Achievement Award Ceremony, 2:00 p.m. in St. Monica Church.
- Nov. 13th: Parent Club General Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. All are welcome.
- Nov. 14th: Fall Fundraiser Student Reward, "Magic Show," 2:00 p.m. in the Large Hall.
- Nov. 16th: Our Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Friendship Sunday.
- Nov. 19th: 1st Grade Pot Luck, 6:30 p.m.