



# ST. MONICA SCHOOL

*Where Students Are Loved and Challenged*

## *The Principal's Weekly Newsletter*



*Go Bulldogs!*

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### *The Season of Advent Continues*

One thing that I have mentioned to our students at Morning Assembly this past week is how proud I am of them! I have two reasons: First, our Student Council members and two students from each class have been scheduled to present readings and symbols of the "Jessie Tree" to begin our Morning Assembly. Some of our readers are experiencing the art of public speaking the first time! My thanks to Scoutt Kessler, our Student Council commissioner of Christian Life, for helping to organize and guide the proceedings.

The other item which I am especially proud is the respectful and patient listening that our Student Body has displayed. Some of these readings are difficult and lengthy, but they do outline the Bible scriptures from Creation to the Birth of Jesus that we have chosen to highlight our Advent Season. I welcome all parents to join us for this event through Dec. 19th.

### *Charitable Giving...*

For your loved ones whom have all they need and you are still searching to find them a meaningful gift, please consider giving to St. Monica School in the name of a loved one. All donations are tax deductible, as well.

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

My thanks to the Gee Family and the Chan family for organizing Santa's Secret Shop last week for our students. The event is always something that everyone looks forward to visiting. My particular thanks to Karen Lee and Rosa Chan for all of the preparation and planning work that was done. Of course, they would like to thank all of the volunteers who came to their aide and worked as "elves" in the shop.

Also, as our final tour for prospective parents of 2008 was given yesterday, I want to thank our group of Ambassador Parents who give their time and energy to help us present a quality tour for visitors. Much work has gone into collectively presenting the authentic educational experience of St. Monica School and I would like to thank this group for their quality work.

### *Volunteers Needed...*

#### **Christmas Program Reception, Dec. 17th**

If you can help by volunteering or donate items

to earn service hours, our Parent Club Hospitality Committee Chairperson needs to hear from you - the Christmas Program is next Wednesday! Please note the flier included in today's envelope.

### **Chinese New year, Jan. 31st 2009**

You are invited to come to the Chinese New Year Celebration (Year of the Ox) scheduled Saturday, January 31st. This year, as in the past few years, we have lined up many short performances after dinner, including acts from students in the After School Chinese Program. We need volunteers to set up/decorate the hall, clean up after the event, serve food, pick up food, cashier, and purchase supplies. Fliers will be distributed in next Wednesday's Envelope.

### *School Community Events...*

#### **Annual Superbowl Pool**

The grid is up in the school office! Please note the fliers for our annual superbowl pool and get your squares when you can. First come, first served on choices.

#### **Fire Department Christmas Toy Drive**

The annual toy drive sponsored by the San Francisco Fire Department is alive and well at St. Monica School. The Fire Department We have been given a barrel for collection that will be here until Dec. 18th.

#### **Bulldog Spirit T-Shirts (December Reminder)**

Need a new navy blue T-shirt for P.E.? We have Bulldog Spirit T-shirts (child and adult sizes) available in the school office. Please see Mrs. Dillon for an order form if you are interested.

### *Upcoming Events...*

- Dec. 11th: Parent Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 13th: Incoming Kindergarten Testing, by appointment, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 14th: Our Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Friendship Sunday.
- Dec. 16th: No School Tour today.
- Dec. 17th: Annual School Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m. in St. Monica Church.
- **Dec. 19th: 12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal to begin Christmas Vacation. Please note that Extended Care will close at 3:00 p.m.**