



# ST. MONICA SCHOOL

*Where Students Are Loved and Challenged*

## *The Principal's Weekly Newsletter*



*Go Bulldogs!*

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### *Class of 2008 Graduate Report*

During the Fall of 2008, many of our graduates from last year have been coming back to St. Monica School - their alma mater - to visit. All have reported on how well they are doing and that they are happy in their new high school experience. Universally, they have all reported feeling comfortable and confident with the workload and new academic expectations. Many have also reported that they recognize how well prepared for high school they are due to their experience at St. Monica School. When the local high schools had a holiday the day before Thanksgiving, last November, it was touching to have over half of the Class of 2008 return to St. Monica for an informal visit. Of the 25 Graduates from the Class of 2008, the table below indicates the high schools that our graduates chose to attend. 21 attend high school in San Francisco, while 4 students have relocated to other parts of the Bay Area.

Archbishop Riordan	4
Lowell	4
Mercy	2
Sacred Heart Cathedral	4
Saint Ignatius	4
Washington	3
American High School (Fremont)	1
Castro Valley High School	1
De Anza High School (Richmond)	1
St. Mary's College High School (Berkeley)	1

### *School & Community Events...*

#### **Annual Superbowl Pool**

The grid is up in the school office! Get your squares when you can. First come, first served for choices of squares @ \$25.00 per square. Each of the winners for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters will win \$250.00, while the final score winner will cash in for \$500.00! Numbers will be drawn before the game on Feb. 1st.

#### **Science Adventures After School Program**

Unfortunately, the current 5 week session, "Astro Adventures" scheduled to begin on Jan 6th has been canceled due to not enough students having signed

up for the session in advance. 9 students were signed up, but 12 are needed to launch each new 5 week session. The next session, "Anatomy Academy" will be available beginning on Feb. 10th. Please go to the website, [www.scienceadventures.com](http://www.scienceadventures.com) for more details. My regrets to those students who were signed up.

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

As we roll into the New Year, some big thank you's are in order for the wonderful events that capped 2008. First of all, my great thanks to our Parent Club Hospitality Committee, and especially to chairperson Mercedes Yazdani, for hosting a super party following our Annual Christmas Program last Dec. 17th. Also, I would like to thank our group of Room Parents for the generous giving of time, setting up and preparing the gifts to our students and faculty. In particular, many thanks to Iris Buchanan for leading the effort to prepare the Students' Christmas treats and to JoMay Chan for her marvelous effort in preparing the faculty Christmas Luncheon. Finally, my great thanks to all of the families who generously donated funds toward the faculty Christmas Luncheon. It was a very nice time, indeed.

### *Volunteers Needed...Mark Your Calendars...*

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

The Year of the Ox is coming! Volunteers are needed to help set up, decorate the hall, purchase and pick up supplies, be cashiers, serve food, and clean up.

#### **Annual Auction Dinner, March 14th 2009**

Please note the "Save the Date" and volunteer fliers in this week's envelope. As this upcoming event is the biggest fundraiser of the year, I am calling upon all families to get involved - one way is to seek auction items or program ads. The complete set of fliers is available for download from our school website.

### *Upcoming Events...*

- Jan. 10th: Incoming Kindergarten Testing, by appointment, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Jan. 11th: Our Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Friendship Sunday.
- Jan. 12th: 12:30 p.m. Dismissal - Faculty Mtg.
- Jan. 15th: Parent Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- **Jan 16th: End of the 2nd Quarter.**