



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Annual Auction Dinner 2009 *Friendships Build Community!*

Included in your Wednesday Envelope today is a special envelope of its own. Our Parent Club Fundraising Committee has put together a package that I ask all parents examine carefully. I know that you will agree with me in noting that the presentation is very professional. All of the pertinent details for the preparation of our Annual Auction Dinner on March 14, 2009 are included in this white envelope. All of the forms and letters are also duplicated on our website for viewing as well as downloading. We are lucky to have such dedicated and talented parents serving as leaders of our Parent Club. I ask that you give them your full support in their efforts by helping to create a superb event on Saturday, March 14th. The purpose of the Annual Auction Dinner is clear - all of the proceeds go toward helping our school continue to provide the excellent programs that we offer - and in this way, each student benefits from the proceeds. In this spirit, I ask that every family find a way to support this effort - our biggest of the school year. Yes, it can be a commitment, but I can honestly report to you that it can be fun, too. I have noticed that the two main areas where lasting family friendships form are from serving on special event committees and from involvement in sports teams. Our students also receive the biggest benefit from their lasting connection to the care of the larger community.

Student Life Highlights...

As a way to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. five 8th graders have been invited to deliver excerpts of Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech at Morning Assemblies this week. My thanks to Mrs. Padley for organizing this special public speaking event.

School & Community Events...

Parent Club Meetings...Thursday, Jan. 15th

I would like to invite all parents to the two-tiered parent meetings tomorrow, Jan. 15th. At 5:45 p.m., our Parent Club Fundraising Committee will meet to finalize and further the plans that form the Annual Auction Dinner and the remainder of social/fundraising events for the year. At 7:00 p.m., the Parent Club holds its monthly general meeting. All of the officers and Committee

Chairpersons are present to report on their respective activities. All parents are welcome to attend, to listen to progress made and/or offer input, to hear and be heard!

Annual Superbowl Pool (...an update...)

18 Squares remain - get them when you can. First come, first served @ \$25.00 per square. The grid is up in the school office. 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! The AFC/NFC numbers will be drawn as soon as all squares are sold.

Chinese New Year Celebration, Jan. 31st

The Year of the Ox is coming! Please note the fliers included in today's envelope. Volunteers are needed to help set up, decorate the hall, purchase and pick up supplies, be cashiers, serve food, and clean up. Above all, I would like to encourage families to participate in this fun annual event in the St. Monica Church Hall. The students of our After School Chinese Language Program give cultural performances, and the Martial Arts performance and Lion Dance are not to be missed!

Thank You...Thank You...

My thanks to Ms. Rozie Firoozabadi, our Art Teacher for grades 2, 4, 6, 7& 8, for coming into the school during this past weekend and starting her mural project in the Extended Care Area. Ms. Firoozabadi has been planning a mural in that area to add to the overall beautification of our school. So far, it looks great!

Upcoming Events...

- Jan. 15th: Parent Club Fundraising Committee planning meeting, 5:45 p.m.
- Jan. 15th: Parent Club General Mtg., 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 16th: End of the 2nd Quarter.
- Jan. 19th: School Holiday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Jan. 21st: Pot luck dinner for grades 2 and 3.
- Jan. 22nd & 23rd: 12:30 p.m. Dismissal to accommodate Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Jan. 25th: Our Student Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by Friendship Sunday.
- Jan. 26th: 12:30 p.m. Student Dismissal for SF Archdiocese Professional Development In-service, "Step Up to Writing" session #2 of 3.