



# ST. MONICA SCHOOL

*Where Students Are Loved and Challenged*

## *The Principal's Weekly Newsletter*



*Go Bulldogs!*

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### *Auction Dinner Announcements*

Many fliers continue to be presented to you regarding the Annual Auction Dinner. As this is the biggest fun and fundraiser of the year, the evening and its preparation is of primary importance to the Parent's Club. There are a couple of changes in store for this year, so I would like to make sure that everyone is up to date with the information.

First, I would like to let all in the community know that we will not be holding a live auction as part of the evening. In the past few years, there have been many parts of the evening occurring all within the same time frame - a lovely dinner, the culmination of the Parish/School raffle, a silent auction, and a live auction. As all of these items have steadily grown, it has become very difficult to manage all of them in the same evening. Accordingly, the Fundraising Committee has decided to not host a live auction this year and, in turn, are placing a more concentrated effort toward the success of the dinner, raffle, and silent auction.

Secondarily, the Fundraising Committee has also decided to not give classes the assignment of providing food and/or supplies for the dinner. Hopefully, this will help reduce the financial burdens directly asked of families, as was necessary in the past. The goal is to procure those same items through donation. In return, we hope that everyone can pitch in their help by giving a big effort to the selling of more raffle tickets (see the incentives below).

Finally, I do ask that all of our families heed the call and get involved to promote and assist in the preparation of the Annual Auction Dinner. The proceeds of the event benefit all of our students! As announced above, help is needed in specific areas.

### *Incentive Prizes for Raffle Sales:*

1. An ice cream party will be given to the class that sells the most cumulative amount of tickets.
2. An ice skating field trip will be awarded to each class that achieves 100% participation - every family in the class must sell at least 2 books of raffle tickets to qualify. (Every class that reaches the mark gets to attend!)
3. For every 10 books sold, a family is entered into a drawing which gives the winner a free registration payment for the next school year.

### *Sharing the Good News of the School...*

St. Monica School is striving to "go green" a bit more, and yesterday we took a step forward with the arrival of our new green composting bin. I introduced the new bin and gave instructions to the students today at our Morning Assembly. The teachers will be discussing the procedures with the students in the classrooms, as well. Not only is it good for our environment - the future of our planet depends upon the smart practice of young people, but our garbage collection bill will be reduced! I ask that families join us by discussing all of the ways that we can promote smart recycling and composting, both at home and school.

### *Student Life Highlights...*

It's time to promote the collection of "Box Tops" once again! As last November's contest election proved to be a good jump start to the awareness of Box Top collection, so a new contest is born. From Feb. 17th until Feb. 27th, a new contest period. This time, it is a boys vs. girls schoolwide showdown - the winners earning a free dress day for their gender. The display is in the hallway outside of the Main Office.

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

My thanks to all of the parents who are launching their experiences as Junior Achievement Volunteer Teachers this week and next week. I have had the opportunity to speak with some of you as you prepare and I am pleased to see the excitement (and nerves) that go along with presenting in the classroom.

### *Upcoming Events...*

- Feb. 19th: School Finance Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room.
- Feb. 21st: Incoming Kindergarten Assessments, scheduled by appointment.
- Feb. 23rd: 12:30 p.m. Dismissal for Faculty Professional Development.
- Feb. 25th: Ash Wednesday Mass presented by the 3rd grade, 11:00 a.m. in St. Monica Church.
- Feb. 26th: School Advisory Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room.
- Feb. 27th: 3rd Quarter Progress Reports distributed to all students.
- Feb. 28th: Annual Sport-O-Rama Tournament.