



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

Where Students Are Loved and Challenged

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Tuition Assistance for 2009 - 2010

As of now, the two main outside sources of tuition assistance for St. Monica School families are the BASIC Fund and the Archdiocese of San Francisco Family Grants Program (PSAS). Both of these agencies are now independently accepting applications. As capital investment funds may have recently decreased, the requirements for the available assistance may have been modified from those of the past. Please research the qualification requirements wisely when applying.

1. **Basic Fund:** deadline for new students applying to the program: April 17th. Families who have already been accepted into the program will be contacted directly by the BASIC fund for renewal procedures. For more information on the BASIC Fund, you are welcome to request an application from the school office or go directly to the website: www.basicfund.org.

2. **Archdiocese of San Francisco Family Grants:** application deadline: April 15th. This agency requires that all families reapply each year. We have been given a limited number of applications from the S.F. Archdiocese. St. Monica School families are welcome to request an application from the school office.

The applications for St. Monica Parish and School Tuition Assistance will be available on March 25th, when our re-registration period opens. Also at this time, our tuition schedule for 2009-2010 will be published. We ask that all families first seek the above outside sources of tuition assistance, if needed.

Community Events...

Annual Auction Dinner - March 14th (this week!)

1. R.S.V.P.'s for the dinner are still being accepted. All guests are welcome to attend. Please send in your information to the school office.
2. Please Promote our Raffle! As of now, we are much lower in raffle sales than we had hoped to be. If every family sells two books of raffle tickets, we will meet our goal.

Spring Open House - March 29th

Please help me to promote our upcoming Spring Open House. You can help spreading the word to those you know may be looking for a school and by inviting guests who may have interest in St. Monica School -

family, friends, co-workers, community organizations, etc. Our Parent Club Hospitality Committee is also looking for volunteers to help provide the hospitality.

School Community Calendar Updates...

"Bowldog Chill"

A new event for the community will occur on Saturday, April 25th at the Yerba Buena Bowling Center and Ice Rink, the "Bowldog Chill." In addition to our annual ice skating event, bowling will be offered, as well. As of now, the times will be as follows: bowling, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and skating, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Student Talent Show

I am pleased to announce that the 2nd annual Student Talent Show will be held on Fri. May 8th, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. All families are welcome to attend. More info on how to audition to follow.

Student Life Highlights...

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, next Tuesday, March 17th, our Student Council is sponsoring a \$1.00 Relaxed Dress Day. All students are welcome to participate by "wearing green and donating green." All proceeds will be given to the charity that our school is sponsoring this Lenten season, the "Make A Wish Foundation." For more info, go to: www.wish.org.

As we did last year, our students will also be participating in the "Jump Rope for Heart" event as part of our P.E. curriculum. Please note the introduction letter from Mr. Bussey included in today's envelope.

Thank You...Thank You...

A super thank you to our pastor, Fr. Greene, for purchasing a whopping \$1000.00 worth of raffle tickets for this Saturday's Auction Dinner. Many thanks!

Upcoming Events...

- Mar. 11th: Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation is celebrated, 7:00 p.m. in St. Monica Church.
- Mar. 12th: Parent Club meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 14th: Annual Auction Dinner, "Emerald Ball," 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- **Mar. 16th: Local Holiday - No School**
- Mar. 18th: 6th Grade Pot Luck, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 19th: Our Student Choir participates in the S. F. Archdiocesan Choir Festival at Riordan.