



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

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The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Thank You, Ms. Brown!

Ms. Suzanne Brown, our long standing 3rd grade teacher and assistant principal is announcing her retirement at the end of this school year - at which time she will have completed an incredible 46 years of quality teaching! Her commitment to excellence and influence goes beyond the generations of third graders that she has taught in the classroom, for she has been an inspiration and role model for all of our faculty members, as well. I know that I speak for all of us in the community when I sincerely give thanks to her for a career of good service to St. Monica School and Parish. More notice on future celebrations will be forthcoming!

Thank You...Thank You...

My deepest thanks to all of the members of the Parent Club Fundraising Committee for planning, organizing, and implementing a truly wonderful evening last Saturday, March 14th. I was witness to all of the effort that was given in order to create the Annual Auction Dinner - and with great success. All of the committee members worked beautifully as a team, I would like to express my gratitude to all of them: Joan Audibert, Michelle Baran, Cynthia Cawthon, Garrett & JoMay Chan, Stephen and Rosa Chan, Michele Duffy, Betty Gon, Ben & Kathi Jayme, Janice Kam, Rick & Vangie McCarthy, Kim Otoshi, Greg Patterson, Charlie & Bianca Thompson, Keith Wilson - and a very special thank you to our beloved chairperson, Paige Scott!

Auction Dinner Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to the following winners of the cash prize raffle conducted at our Auction Dinner:

- 4th prize (\$200): Rev. John Walsh, brother of Margaret Walsh, parishioner.
- 3rd prize (\$300): Elsa Lin, mother of Anthony Lin, Gr. 1
- 2nd Prize (\$500): Howard Hubbard, friend of Olivia and Kenny Gon, Gr. 3 and Kinder
- 1st Prize (\$1000): Mafalda Flaviani, parishioner

Congratulations to the winners of the class ice cream party (highest total raffle sales for a class): 4th grade. Congratulations also to the classes who earned an Ice Skating Field Trip (100\$ raffle sales participation in the class): 4th, 6th, and 7th grades.

Finally, congratulations to those families who sold 10 books or more of raffle tickets to qualify for our free registration drawing (\$300 value). A families will receive one entry for every 10 books sold. Following is the list of qualified families and (# of entries): Choy (1), Duffy (1), Gon (1), Henninger (1), Lui, Allyson (1), McCarthy (1), Sandvig (2), Tam, Curtis & Samantha (2), Thompson (2), Yu, Samantha (1), and Yu, Ariel & Kristie (1). The drawing is set for Fri. March 27th. If your records indicate that your family should be on the list contact Rick McCarthy: mccarthy266@aol.com.

Tuition Assistance for 2009 - 2010...

1. **Basic Fund:** deadline for new students applying to the program: April 17th. website: www.basicfund.org.
2. **Archdiocese of San Francisco Family Grants:** application deadline: April 15th.

Families are welcome to request one or both of these application(s) from the school office. Our Re-registration period for 2009-2010 will open on Wed. March 25th - at which time the Tuition Schedule for next year that has been approved by our School Advisory Board will also be announced.

School Community Calendar Updates...

1. Spring Open House - March 29th

Please help me to promote our upcoming Spring Open House. You can help spreading the word to families 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 out.

2. "Bowldog Chill" - April 25th

3. Student Talent Show - May 8th

Upcoming Events...

- Mar. 19th: Our Student Choir participates in the S. F. Archdiocesan Choir Festival at Riordan.
- Mar. 22nd: Our Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by the Friendship Sunday event.
- Mar. 23rd: 12:30 p.m. Dismissal - Faculty Professional Development Session.
- Mar. 27th: End of the Academic 3rd Quarter.
- Mar. 29th: Spring Open House, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. All families and guests are welcome.