



August 14, 2009

Dear parents,

Despite the economic woes of the country, Providence continues to bless St. Monica Academy with increased enrollment, young faithful teachers, and devoted parents. With an enrollment of 165, we have been forced to create more space in classrooms, play areas, and the chapel to ensure that all students have room to learn, play, and grow in faith, reason, and virtue. We are confident we succeeded. We request your help in maximizing space, by purchasing only **non-wheeled pack-backs**, and **standard-sized binders and lunch boxes**.

New this year:

- First Friday Masses will be celebrated on campus at 8:15 a.m., instead of at St. Andrew Church.
- One Wednesday a month, Fr. Sustayta will celebrate Mass for us at St. Andrew Church at 8:00 a.m.
- Juniors and seniors will be assigned lockers and school-issued locks to store their books, since they no longer have a homeroom on campus.
- Mondays, not Wednesdays, will be reserved for drama rehearsals

In this mailing we hope to provide parents with all the information necessary for their students to be well-prepared for the first days of school, and the school year in general.

To make the best beginning possible, we request that parents and students take the time to carefully review the following enclosures:

- Master School Calendar (note addition of Veterans' Day on 11/11 and a change to the last day of school from the attendance calendar sent out in June)
- Student Class Schedule (Grades 7 – 12)

The following informational items were mailed in June to all families and are available on our website. We suggest that you and your students review the uniform policy before school begins. Go to www.stmonicaacademy.com, scroll down and click on "Forms and Information" under the choir picture or type in the links below. In addition to the June letter and summer reading lists you will find:

- 1st – 8th Grade Uniform Policy (http://stmonicaacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/uniform_gs.pdf)
- High School Uniform Policy (http://stmonicaacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/uniform_hs.pdf)
- Supply List* (http://stmonicaacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/supply_list.pdf)

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*The supply list is designed to be as exhaustive as possible, but purchase of additional items may be necessary.

We have worked very hard to make the following task as easy as possible for you and **BEG** that you review the following forms for changes, sign them, and mail or deliver them to school **by August 24** in the envelope provided:

- **Family Information & Emergency Form (blue).** This has been completed with the information we have on file for you. This is what we will use to prepare the Directory and this is the resource we will reach for in the event of an emergency. Please make corrections directly on this form.
- **Field Trip Permission Form (yellow).** Complete both sides of this form. Our insurer requires that we obtain this information from all potential drivers.

Follow-up calls to track down these forms will begin on August 25. Students for whom we have not received a family form **before** the first day of school will be sent to the office until the forms arrive. Do not wait until the first day of school to complete these forms. The first day is very hectic and we do not want to delay the start of school for any student.

This year Amy's Patio Café will be proving hot lunch five days per week. See the enclosed letter and order form for more information.

Finally, also enclosed with this letter:

- Welcome letter from Parent Guild President Shirley Jagels
- St. Monica Academy annual picnic flyer
(A special event to bring together old friends and welcome NEW FAMILIES, this year held at Garfield Park in South Pasadena)

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 1 will be the first day of school. Students should arrive between **7:45 am – 8:00 am** and proceed directly to their homerooms:

Grade 1	Miss Zepeda	Room 1
Grade 2	Mrs. Goodwin	Room 2
Grade 3-4	Miss Donofrio	Room 25
Grade 5	Miss Miranda	Room 24
Grade 6	Miss Anderson	Room 5
Grade 7-8	Mrs. Cornejo	Room 4
Grade 9-10	Mr. O'Donnell	Room 3
Grade 11-12	Mr. Bradley	Room 23 (first day only)

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Parents are encouraged to attend the first Morning Assembly immediately followed by the Welcome Back Coffee to meet new staff, new parents, catch up with old friends, and sign up for Parent Guild committees!

Uniform for the First Week

Friday, September 5 is a First Friday with Mass at St. Monica Academy at 8:15 a.m. On Friday students must wear the Dress Uniform.

Students should wear the Everyday Uniform on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the first week.

Wild Wet Wacky Welcome Back

Student Council will host its sixth annual "Wild Wet Wacky Welcome Back" on Thursday, September 3. This event will be held at Brookside Park from 1:00-2:30 pm. All students must change into their PE uniforms during this event and parent pick-up is at Brookside Park at 2:30 pm.

This letter and the enclosures (except for the custom forms) can be found at www.stmonicaacademy.com/students/forms.

Finally, I would like to welcome all our new families to St. Monica Academy! I hope you are enjoying a refreshing summer while your students are dutifully completing their summer reading. I look forward to seeing all families, old and new, at the St. Monica Academy annual picnic, on Sunday, August 30 at 2:00 p.m.!

Sincerely,



Marguerite A. Grimm
Headmaster