



June 23, 2011

Dear Parent:

Summertime is here! But even during the summer, there is important preparatory work to be done to get your students ready for the 2011-12 school year. If you are one of the 22 new families, there are probably many questions you have about the “nuts and bolts” details of attending school here. A start-up packet for the coming year will be mailed to each family in August which includes field trip permission forms, a detailed school calendar, class schedules for students in grades 7 – 12, parent guild information, and more.

In the meantime, there are a few issues that should not wait until August: summer reading, uniform information, attendance calendar dates, and information regarding a new immunization requirement for students entering 7th grade and higher.

SUMMER READING. St. Monica Academy requires students to read six books of good literature over the summer. Some titles are required, others are suggested. Please check the appropriate list for your student’s grade level and enable your student to access a library, bookstore or the internet to obtain these books. We encourage you to provide extra incentives to induce your child to read this summer. Depending on your family situation, this could mean offering a special privilege or candy bar for every book read, joining a library program, or any number of other incentives. Students who have read 10 or more books will be acknowledged in morning assembly the first week of school, and they will be invited to the Voracious Readers’ Lunchtime Pizza Party!

UNIFORMS. Most uniform items must be purchased from either CKW Uniforms in Temple City or from Dennis Uniform in Burbank. Some uniform items, high school blazers, socks, shoes, and belts, may be purchased elsewhere. (Lands’ End School sells navy blazers in children’s and teen sizes for \$79.50.) There are also a few used blazers available for sale in the office for \$25. Flyers for both CKW and Dennis are enclosed with this letter along with detailed information about the uniform policy from the school handbook. CKW will hold a special sale for St. Monica Academy parents on July 31 from 1-3 p.m. at the CKW store. **Dennis will hold an in-store sale on Friday, August 5 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm. Please note the following:**

All students are required to wear the full dress uniform (described in the attachment) for Mass which occurs almost every Wednesday. This means that grade school students must wear the green sweater, and high school students must wear the navy blue blazer. These items are **not** optional. *If ordering from CKW, high school students must order the*

navy blue blazer **before July 30**. In addition, all students in grades 1 through 10 must purchase two PE shirts (white with SMA logo for grades 1-8 and grey with SMA logo for grades 9 and 10) and one pair of navy PE shorts.

NEW THIS YEAR

All students must wear **BLACK DRESS SHOES** to school each day. Shoes must be all black, closed-toed, with no visible logo, and maximum 1" heel. Tennis shoes will be allowed for P.E. only.

CALENDAR. Some important dates you may wish to know now are:

St. Monica Feast Day Family Picnic	Sunday, Sept. 4	3:00 – 7:00 pm
First Day of Classes	Thursday, Sept. 1	8:00 - 2:35 pm
Welcome Coffee for Parents	Thursday, Sept. 1	8:15 - 9:00 am
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL	Monday, Sept. 5	

The school day begins at 8:00 am and ends at 2:35 pm.

SUPPLY LIST. The supply list is not ready yet, but will be posted on the school website by August 1. We will send out a school-wide e-mail when the supply list is posted and will include a printed copy of the supply list in the August mailing.

The school day begins at 8:00 am and ends at 2:35 pm.

Hoping you're enjoying your summer break,



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