Is f(x) odd, even or neither? Check algebraically.

a) 
$$f(x) = x^2 + 3$$

$$f(-\pi) = (-\pi)^2 + 3$$
$$= \pi^2 + 3$$
$$= f(\pi)$$

EVEN

b) 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 4x$$

$$f(-x) = (-x)^{3} - 4(-x)$$

$$= -x^{3} + 4x$$

$$= -(x^{3} - 4x)$$

$$= -f(x)$$
ODD