



Mrs. Robinson's Recap of Events for Catholic School's Week 2011

Friday, January 28th: The Mass was memorable starting with the combined school choirs followed by the spiritual ambiance that permeated the church. The students were singing and praying and it was absolutely beautiful. We were blessed to have Archbishop ListECKI visit the classrooms following the liturgy. I am hoping to start a new tradition each year inviting both Dominican High School and St. Eugene School back for an annual gathering Mass to kick-off Catholic School's Week.

Sunday, January 30th: The Open House was a nice gathering where many current families as well as prospective families had an opportunity to view the beautifully displayed hallways and classrooms of St. Monica. I received a lot of positive feedback from both new and current families. Tom Mlada and the Development Team greeted new families and passed out SMS informational packets along with St. Monica mugs filled with special treats.

Monday, January 31st: Students were definitely proud to be a SMS Raider. In the afternoon, Grades 3-8 headed over to Dominican High School to either take part in or watch the Quiz Bowl. St. Monica had four teams of 4 students each in grades 5-8. Our student teams were grouped with one grade from DHS. After a grueling competition filled with questions created by either SMS or DHS teachers, the winning team was the 5th graders and the seniors. All 5th grade and 12th grade students were treated to a special pizza reward in the Dominican cafeteria following the challenge.

Tuesday, February 1st: Pajama Dress was a Hit!! All students gathered in Donovan Hall at 8:30 where over 1000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were made. It was the most enjoyable chaos one could have experienced. The kids really could understand and connect to how many people go without especially during these cold winter days. At 9:00AM students either took part in a Read-A-Thon or watched the Spelling BEE finalists compete for the regional spot. Congratulations to Carolyn Long, the SMS winner. Carolyn competed at the Regional BEE Thursday night and placed 4th. Way to go Carolyn! Congratulations to all of the 16 finalists who competed against Carolyn on Tuesday. I was proud of all student participants.

Wednesday, February 2nd: School was closed due to **The BLIZZARD of 2011**. The 8th grade Boys Basketball Game vs. Faculty/ Coaches will be rescheduled.

Thursday, February 3rd: Even though the temperature outside was well in the single digits, it was sunny and warm indoors as students and staff enjoyed Beach Dress Day. Shorts, sundresses, flip-flops and sunglasses could be seen throughout the school. All students enjoyed a special ice cream treat in honor of Student Appreciation Day. The teachers enjoyed breakfast and a delicious home cooked lunch provided by Marian Topp and Tricia Harris. The day concluded with The Great Treasure Challenge where 30 teams of students made up of all grade levels competed in one minute challenges. Congratulations to Mrs. Kraus-Team #7. Each student on this team will enjoy an Ice Cream Sundae Party and a Casual Dress Down Pass. Everyone had a BLAST!! Special thanks to Mrs. Klaas and Mrs. Stewart for organizing this event.

Friday, February 4th: The final day of Catholic School's Week was celebrated with a special family Liturgy at 2:00PM. Thank you to Mrs. Naleid and the Leadership Team for planning this Mass. One student from each grade was selected to read their special response to: "Why I love attending a Catholic School". What a wonderful way to wrap up this special week acknowledging our Catholic faith. The total collected for the Penny War will be released next week. All money collected will be forwarded to the local Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee.

Special thanks go out to: Breadsmith, Brueggers and Bay Bakery, Marian Topp and Tricia Harris for planning and organizing, cooking, shopping and being present at school for many of the events throughout the week, Home and School for providing many of the funds to cover the expenses of the week, Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck for planning and organizing the Quiz Bowl, and Laura Regan and the Hospitality Committee for the Thursday breakfast. I would also like to thank the many parent volunteers who helped throughout the week and at the Mass, those who covered the teachers for the luncheon and those who patrolled the halls during the treasure challenge, and those taking photographs. A special gratitude goes out to the student leadership team and all the school staff for their flexibility throughout the week.

I hope everyone enjoyed CSW 2011!!

-Mrs. J.A. Robinson