

We Hold a Treasure

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

March 21, 2011

Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

This Week :

Monday, 3/21:

No School

Tuesday, 3/22:

T. Stillman K. Hill
C. Gral

Wednesday, 3/23:

K. Fritsch
J. Rothenbach-Hall
A. Noonan

Thursday, 3/24:

A. Strother N. Wolf
S. Christenson

Friday, 3/25:

Tom Harris S. Ghilardi
K. Sinsky

Next Week :

Monday, 3/28:

S. Martin T. Chick
H. Cook

Tuesday, 3/29:

M. Gonzales M. Vartanian
J. Rothenbach

Wednesday, 3/30:

S. McNally M. Vartanian
C. Christensen

Thursday, 3/31:

M. Vartanian L. Nelson
T. O'Brien

Friday, 4/1:

No School



This Week At A Glance...



Monday 3/21:

•**No School (Teacher In-Service)**

•3rd and 4th grade boys basketball clinic-canceled

Tuesday 3/22:

•All School Mass: 8:30am (Bond)

•Spring Showcase Auditions: 3:30pm - Music Room

Wednesday 3/23:

•Track Meeting: 3:30 - Library

Thursday 3/24:

•SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library

•Track Begins - 3:30 - Gym

•Girls Basketball Clinic: 3:30-5:00 pm

•Spring Showcase Auditions: 3:30pm - Music Room

•Market Day Pick Up: 3-4pm-Donovan Hall

Saturday 3/26:

•Children's Choir Singing at 5:00 Mass

Sunday 3/27:

•First Eucharist Teaching Mass (2nd grade families): 1-2pm - Church

•New Family Potluck Dinner: 5-7:30pm - Donovan Hall

Coming Up Next Week...

Monday 3/28:

•Variety Show Ticket Order Forms Due

Tuesday 3/29:

•All School Mass: 8:30am (Barry)

Thursday 3/31:

•SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library

Friday 4/1:

•**No School (End of 3rd Quarter)**



St. Monica School

....Learn, Live, and Love through Jesus.”

Weekly Rule

We are quickly approaching the end of the 3rd Quarter of the school year. (April 1st) Try hard to finish the quarter strong. Take time this coming weekend to catch up on any late assignments or projects.

Variety Show Ticket Orders

Variety show order forms went home today with your mail carrier. Please note that seating is done based on the date that you return your form with payment to the school office. Tickets this year are \$8 per ticket. Children 5 and under are requested to sit on a parent's lap as we expect a sell out. There will be NO tickets sold the night of the show! Order forms are due Monday, March 28th and tickets will be sent home with your mail carrier the following Monday.

Eighth grade families also have priority seating and order forms were sent home last Thursday. Please return as soon as possible. If you have any questions feel free to contact Marian Topp (414) 962-4729 or the8topps@sbcglobal.net.

Basketball Evaluations

Basketball Evaluations are attached to the Weekly Reminder. Parents: please fill out a grade appropriate evaluation for each athlete, and return it to the school office attention Kris Mellin. The evaluations will be reviewed by the athletic director and by the basketball coordinator to help us evaluate our policies and make improvements to the program. Your input is greatly appreciated. Any questions, please feel free to contact Kris Mellin at kmellin@wi.rr.com. Thank you.



Market Day pick up is this Thursday, March 24th. If you haven't placed your order yet you still have until 11 pm. tonight to place an online order. Pick up will be from 3-4 in Donovan Hall. Any questions, please contact Marian Topp (414) 962-4729 or the8topps@sbcglobal.net. The class of 2012 would like to thank all those for helping with their fundraising efforts. All proceeds will go toward their class trip next year to South Dakota.



Home and School Association

Anne ~ Kristin
Amy ~ Maria

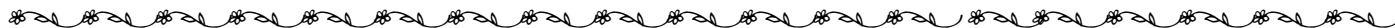
Good Morning!

The SMS Variety Show is quickly approaching! With just three weeks left to practice, we want to extend a big thank you to our directors Carrie Eck, Kelly Heil and Mandy Meyer for their dedication to this year's Variety Show. We are looking forward to seeing what these talented and creative women bring to the stage!

We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who are directing each of the classroom acts! It is always fun to watch the show unfold. We appreciate all of the time you have given and the effort it takes to make these kids perform!

We hope to see you there!

Have a great week,
Anne and Kristin



Thanks very much to those of you who have turned in your volunteer forms to the office. Please continue to fill out the forms and hand them in as soon as possible.

There are a few very important Chair Person Positions that still need to be filled. We wouldn't be able to do any of our valuable fundraising or important events without your help so thank you for stepping up!

Available Chair Positions:

- Auction Co-Chairs
- Babysitting Chairperson
- Bulletin Board Co-Chair
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch Co-Chairs
- Battle of the Books Co-Chairs
- Picture Day Chairperson

Thank you,
Amy and Maria

Track: If your child is interested in participating in Track, please complete the following 3 forms:

1. The Student Athlete Medical Information and Emergency Consent Form,
2. The Parent Risk Acknowledgment and Consent to Participate Form, and
3. The Physical Examination Form (requires a physician's signature)



and return them to the school office prior to the start of the season along with a check for \$25 (made payable to the St. Monica Booster Club). These 3 forms are available on our school website. If your child has already turned in these forms to the athletic director during the 2010-2011 school year, this requirement has been satisfied. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Mellin at Kmellin@wi.rr.com.

SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

Winkie's is now available through SCRIP. Keep in mind- Winkie's now operates its upstairs and downstairs independently. For purchases upstairs, you can use Hallmark SCRIP (\$25 denominations with a 4% discount). For downstairs purchases you can use our new Winkie's SCRIP in \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations (with a 10% discount).

Easter is just weeks away. Are you ready? Stock up on *Kohl's, Gap, J Crew, Land's End, Brooks Brothers, American Eagle, J Jill, Zappos, Gymboree, L L Bean, Macy's, Talbots* and more for your Easter outfits and Spring wardrobe.

SCRIP is also available for your travel needs. SCRIP offers gift cards for rental cars (*Avis, Budget*), hotels (*Disney, Hyatt, Marriott*), airlines (*American*) and even cruises. With a big ticket item like travel costs, think of the tuition credits you could earn!! Go to glscrip.com for a full list of available vendors. You will be amazed at all the businesses that participate in SCRIP!

Be prepared and have your favorite SCRIP cards on hand for the upcoming holiday. Any questions, contact Jennifer Lamont or Norma Herbers or stop by Thursday from 3:00-3:30 pm at our regular SCRIP Inventory Sale.

4N6

The forensics team has finished their regular season with 5 of the 8 members heading to state in Oconomowoc on March 26. The team competed very well this year, attending 6 meets with an average of 600 kids and 30 school at each meet. The members really supported each other and had fun. Some key highlights: Owen Sinsky made it to a key power round and received 2 blue ribbons. Stefan Schallack received a second place trophy and 4 blue ribbons, Rachel Rice got a perfect score and 3 blue ribbons, and Savannah Vega Schwartz got 2 blue ribbons. The seventh grade members did super as well: Joey McBride got 3 blue ribbons and some very high scores. Katie O'Brien got 3 blue ribbons, and Anna Flemma got 3 red ribbons. Sarah Herbers qualified for state in her first year and got 3 blue ribbons. It has been a pleasure to work with these fine young people and see their skills develop. Go 4N6!

Coach Anne Rice

St. Monica Sports Night – DON'T MISS IT!!!

Since the start of Sports Night in 1948, the longest running sports event of its kind in Wisconsin, St. Monica Booster Club has prided itself in bringing famous athletic personalities to deliver inspirational messages to our children. In addition to food, fun and entertainment, we will have the Sports Night Auction, conducted by our emcee and auctioneer, Steve "The Homer" True. Your support of Sports Night helps the St. Monica Booster Club fund 100% of the St. Monica School athletic budget, including the cost of coaches, training, tournaments, uniforms and equipment. WE NEED YOUR HELP – PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION OR AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE PROGRAM. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us on May 5th in Donovan Hall for the 2011 St. Monica Booster Club Sports Night. Doors open at 5:30 PM and activities begin around 6:00 PM. We will also continue our tradition of honoring all 8th grade students. If you would like to donate, advertise, help or have questions, please contact Dan McNally (dmcnally@starkinvestments.com) or Dave Rusch (thr6761@yahoo.com).



DEVELOPMENT CORNER

TOM MLADA

Sleep-Under 2011: A Smashing Hit!

This past Friday evening, March 18th, the 7th annual "Sleep-Under" event was held at St. Monica School. The event was originally the brainchild of several very creative St. Monica School parents who proposed the idea for an auction item at the Dinner Dance. A number of teachers, including Ms. Mullaney, Mr. Bradford, Mrs. Klaas, Ms. Schmidt, Mrs. Kuhnmuensch, Mrs.

Miller, and Mrs. Barry were joined by Mr. Dawkins and me in helping with the event. It was really a very fun and memorable evening, with the 75 or so 1st - 4th graders in attendance (along with some very helpful junior high students who helped with the night's activities!) enjoying a sub dinner; arts and craft activities; gym games; a movie and popcorn; and a special "behind-the-scenes tour" throughout the school and church buildings (led by Mr. Dawkins!)! I really believe the kids had a blast - and the parents who arrived to pick them up at 9:00 certainly seemed to have enjoyed the three hours of relative freedom!

A very special note of thanks to Betsie Berrien and Joanne Boettinger, our school parent volunteers who helped organize the entire evening. These school parents truly did it all and created a memorable evening for all of the students and staff members involved. And, another special note of thanks to the SMS Jr. High students who played a tremendously important role that night. The girls who came and shared their time and talents with us included Lisa Jurgenson, Lexie Meyer, Claire Heil, Emily Van Dyke, Sara Duval, Mollie O'Neil, Britney Lippe, Angela Sendik, Grace Berrien, and Grace Boettinger.

I certainly invite you to consider this auction item at next year's Dinner Dance, as ideas are already being discussed for how to continue to build upon the success of this year's event.

Reminder: Spring Potluck Dinner

Please mark your calendars now for our upcoming Spring Potluck Dinner, scheduled for Sunday, March 27th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. **in Donovan Hall (please note the location change!)**. All SMS families are invited to the festivities; dinner will begin around 5:30 p.m., after which we'll move to the gym for some fun and games.

The event, sponsored by the SMS Multicultural Arts and Recruitment Committees, will feature food (and lots of it!), fun (with open gym for the kids!), and fellowship with other SMS families. It is a wonderful opportunity to relax and catch up a bit with other school families in an informal setting. All attending families are asked to bring a favorite dish to pass and enjoy some time chatting with other parents while the kids play. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

Please bring the following, according to your last name:

A-M: Main dish to serve at least 8 - this could be a casserole, meat dish, plate of sandwiches, crock pot of soup or chili (anything you'd like).

N-S: Side dish, salad, or appetizer - pasta salad, potatoes, vegetables, cheese and crackers (as creative as you'd like to be).

T-Z: Dessert

Please join us the evening of the 27th for this special school community celebration!

Welcome Committee Program 2011-2012

Are you looking for a free and easy way in which to make a positive difference for our school community? Well, whether you are a relatively new school family or have been a part of the school community for a number of years, you can help by volunteering for our "Welcome Committee" program

The "Welcome Committee" program is designed to help ease the transition for new families and to help them become acclimated and feel welcome within the SMS community. Essentially, the program assigns small groups of our new school families to one current school parent, who in effect functions as their welcome point of contact. Our Welcome Committee team members typically reach out to their new school families once per month via e-mail or phone and provide an update about upcoming school events, activities, or traditions. There really is no expense in volunteering; the only "requirement" is a monthly outreach or personal contact with new families.

This school year, I had the pleasure of working with six school parents who were instrumental in welcoming, inviting, involving and engaging our 26 new school families. I want to thank these eight school parents who served on the Welcome Committee, who so positively impacted the first-year experience of those new to our SMS community:

Marisa Klopp
Maurita Jasper
Amy Cade
Martha Cushman
Moe Tarantino
Sandy Gerend
Sheila Taphorn
Marti Wronski

If you are interested in serving on the Welcome Committee during the 2011-2012 school year, please let me know before the end of the current school year. To do so, please call me (**332-3660 ext. 123**) or e-mail me (**tmlada@st-monica.org**).

Thanks so much for your help with this important school program!

Happy Spring!

Tom

Please send your articles and attachments to stmonicanews@st-monica.org by 3:30pm each Thursday.

Thank you!