

We Hold a Treasure

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

April 4, 2011

Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

This Week :

Monday, 4/4:

N. Ford Loan Le
M. McNally

Tuesday, 4/5:

M. Flejsierowicz
J. Rothenbach
J. Burns

Wednesday, 4/6:

M. Flejsierowicz
S. O'Connor
K. Richmond

Thursday, 4/7:

D. Deverey M. Klopp
K. Schallack

Friday, 4/8:

S. Minahan A. Lee
R. Ferrara

Next Week :

Monday, 4/11:

N. Ford M. Longacre
J. Swietlik

Tuesday, 4/12:

A. Erpenbeck A. Murphy
A. Sprau

Wednesday, 4/13:

B. Perrigo M. Klopp
S. Dolphin

Thursday, 4/14:

H. Cook B. Lewis
M. Klopp

Friday, 4/15:

S. Laudon M. Moore
T. Desing

This Week At A Glance...

Monday 4/4:

- 3rd Quarter Report Cards
- First day uniform shorts may be worn
- 3rd and 4th grade boys basketball clinic:
3:30-5 pm

Tuesday 4/5:

- All School Mass: 8:30am (Bradford)

Wednesday 4/6:

- Casual Dress: National D.A.R.E./Say
"No" to Drugs Day—Dress in Red**

Thursday 4/7

- Home & School Meeting: 8:15am in the
Ministry Center
- SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library
- 3rd and 4th grade girls basketball clinic:
3:30-5 pm

Friday 4/8:

- Variety Show!! 7PM - Dominican High
School**

Coming Up Next Week...

Monday 4/11:

- 3rd and 4th grade boys basketball clinic:
3:30-5 pm

Tuesday 4/12:

- All School Mass: 8:30am (Dittman)

Wednesday 4/13:

- Early Dismissal: 2:30pm**

Thursday 4/14:

- SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library
- 3rd and 4th grade girls basketball clinic:
3:30-5 pm
- SBC Meeting: 6:30 - Library

Important Information From The Desk Of Mrs. Lynch:

April 4, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In our continuing effort to promote a safe environment for all of our children, and in accordance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Article 13 of the Charter requires all schools to conduct criminal background checks. This is in addition to the requirements for all employees, including priests and lay staff members, volunteers, coaches, and all individuals having contact with minors within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's parishes, schools, or institutions **more than once a semester**, and any individual who goes on a field trip or any outing away from the school, etc., **even once a year** to attend a *Safeguarding All of God's Family* session.

Therefore, we are in the process of gathering the proper documentation required to perform the above mandated background checks, performing these checks, and making sure our families are in compliance with all *Safeguarding and Charter* requirements. Catholic schools are routinely audited to ensure we are compliant.

Because of the high volunteer involvement here at the school, and because all families are required as part of their volunteer duties to help in the lunch room for three shifts a year, we must file these reports for all of our families. Background checks are valid for five years, and may need to be performed more than once during your child(ren)'s enrollment.

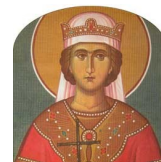
As the checks are completed, some of you are receiving letters that give the impression that St. Monica's conducted a credit check on you. We **absolutely do not** conduct credit checks, only criminal background checks as mandated (specifically in reference to sexual predator activities). Please be reassured that this information is considered to be and kept highly confidential.

Background check information on individuals is not allowed to be shared between other parishes, schools or institutions. This includes scouting, military, or other places of employment where previous searches may have been made. So, even if a check was performed for you recently, it would have to be conducted here as well.

Please see the attachment regarding this *issue* in this week's St. Monica news. In addition, if you would like further information you may consult the Archdiocese web-site: www.archmil.org. If you have further questions, please contact Mrs. Julie Ann Robinson here at school, Mrs. Sara Cherny, our Business Administrator, or Patti Loehrer, Safe Environment Coordinator at the Archdiocese: 414-758-2230 or her e-mail: loehrerp@archmil.org

Mrs. Lynch

Weekly Rule



A Proper School Uniform Means:

Stockings: Knee-high or ankle length socks, tights or leggings (fitted to the ankle). No bare feet allowed. Socks must be visible. Allowed Colors: red, white or blue ONLY. (Black leggings are not allowed)

Shoes: Shoes must cover the ENTIRE foot.

Shorts may be worn between April 1st - November 14th. Please consider the weather before sending students to school in shorts!



Home and School Association

Anne ~ Kristin
Amy ~ Maria

We would like to thank everyone for their hard work on the final finishes to the **SMS Variety Show!!** Our co-chairs have worked tirelessly on coordinating the show and the rehearsal week! The classroom directors have managed many practices and worked on costumes and props. Tickets have been sold. And rehearsal week is here.....It is certain to be a wonderful production!!!

SMS Variety show is this Friday, April 8th at 7pm

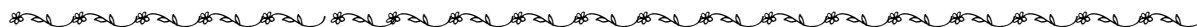
We would like to have all parents:

- 1. have their children to their classroom rehearsal on time at Dominican**
- 2. remind their children of appropriate behavior in the balcony during the show**

Thank you!

There is a Home and School meeting on Thursday, April 7th at 8:15 am in the Ministry Center. There is babysitting available on the lower level. Please see the attached agenda. If you are on the agenda, please join us to give your report or send a written report to kkuesel@sbcglobal.net to be read at the meeting.

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 two 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! Please consider a leadership role next year!

Available Chair Positions:

- Auction Co-Chairs
- Battle of the Books Co-Chairs

Thank you,
Amy and Maria

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).

Battle of the Books In-school Winners Announced

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade Battle of the Books teams, who won our in-school Battles and will be representing St. Monica's at the Battle of the Books Invitational hosted by Shorewood on Thursday, April 14th. These children did an outstanding job of reading, memorizing authors, and retaining information!

5th Grade Representative Team

The Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Readers

(Audrey O'Brien, Will Drea and Grace Boettinger)

4th Grade Representative Team

The BOB BROS

(Matthew Swietlik, Michael Regan and Jack Gonzales)



CONGRATULATIONS SUPER READERS & GOOD LUCK AT THE INVITATIONAL!

Our Common Wish: Share with Homeless Women & Children This Lent

We are asking all parishioners of all ages to answer our Lenten call as Catholics to pray, to sacrifice and to give, by supporting homeless women and children at "The Commons" this Lent.

All Saints Parish runs "The Commons" to provide a home for homeless women and their children while they are changing their lives through education at Alverno College.



Each Person in Your Family Can Help:

- **Give** up something each day (a soda, coffee, dinner out, a movie, dessert, a download, etc.) and **donate** the money you would have spent to "The Commons". Collection containers were distributed at masses and to all children at school or Christian Formation. Didn't get one? They're still available at church entrances. Is yours or your child's still empty? Start filling it today!
- **Give** several high quality and useful household, clothing or children's items to a homeless family at "The Commons". Ideas are listed on displays at church entrances.
- **Pray** for the families at "The Commons", homeless people everywhere, and those that serve and help them.
- Bring money and other donations collected each week during Lent to the wishing well at church.

Thank you to those who have donated money and items already. This past week, we delivered a car-load of items. Your cash donations total \$277 to date. The need is still very great, so please consider helping.

Cash donations and checks can be deposited in your child's container or each week in the Wishing Well at church. Checks can be made out to St. Monica Parish, with "The Commons" listed in the memo line.

Suggested items to donate are listed on boards at church entrances. Household items like dishes and silverware are especially needed. Please share your gently used or new items. Help your children find some of their own items to share. Help your children earn money for their collection boxes by doing extra chores.

Thanks for giving this Lent.



MILESTONES: **St. Monica School's Onsite** **Childcare Programming Provider**

In April, we welcome the days as they get warmer and warmer and all the plants start to grow outside and migrating and hibernating animals return.

Our weekly themes focus a little more on outdoor activities as we have weeklong themes on kites and flying machines, sidewalk games, and two weeks of magic which is our theme for all of Milestones Spring break programs.

As always, we welcome you to contact our program if you have questions regarding enrollment.

Dave Leitl

St. Monica School Site Coordinator

Summer and Fall enrollment is under way! Please contact the Milestones Main Office for information on how to get your child enrolled this Summer or for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year.

Milestones main office
(414) 964-5545

Milestones onsite childcare programming is available for all St. Monica School students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. All K-4 and K-5 children participating in the Milestones program are personally escorted to and from class and never leave the safety and security of our school building. Students may be enrolled in the Milestones program for as few as two days per week.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Milestones at St. Monica School directly by calling (414) 967-3039. You can also reach Dave Leitl, our Program Coordinator, directly at: dleitl@milestonesprograms.org. Or, if you prefer, simply pop downstairs and see all the activities for yourself!

SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

If you are looking to purchase a television, a camera, a computer or appliances, call us **first**. We have **Best Buy \$250** cards in stock. Also, spring is a great time to get your photos off your camera by using our \$25 **Shutterfly** SCRIP cards. We have both Best Buy and Shutterfly in our inventory. Call us anytime, or come to the inventory sale Thursday at 3 pm. Take advantage of these big discounts, to add up to big tuition savings.

With Easter just around the corner, make sure you have your Winkie's and Hallmark SCRIP cards on hand. 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).

It is not too late to join. Any questions, contact Jennifer Lamont (540-0186) or Norma Herbers (962-9193) **and learn how SCRIP can help you.**

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP!!

St. Monica School Proudly Announces...

**The 2nd Annual
St. Monica School Gallery Show**

presented by The Great Frame Up of Whitefish Bay



Sunday, April 10th, 2011

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

507 E. Silver Spring Drive ~ Whitefish Bay

(414) 962-4889

www.tgfufwfb.com

*Please join us for a reception and viewing of some of our
1st – 4th grade St. Monica School student artwork!*

*The Gallery Show will feature 30 pieces in all, generously framed
and presented by St. Monica Parish Member Tom Harris
and The Great Frame Up of Whitefish Bay.*

*For more information, please contact Sue Miller, St. Monica School Art Teacher,
at (414) 332-3660 or smiller@st-monica.org*

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

TOM MLADA

Reminder: SMS Gallery Show

We are very excited to announce that this Sunday, April 10th, our St. Monica School community will host its second Gallery Show to celebrate the artistic talents of some of our 1st – 4th grade St. Monica School students!

The 2nd Annual St. Monica School Gallery Show will be hosted by The Great Frame Up of Whitefish Bay (located down the street at 507 E. Silver Spring Dr.; the website address is: www.tgfuwfb.com). Mrs. Miller will choose approximately 30 works of student art based upon neatness, creativity, effort, and adherence to lesson directions. Tom Harris, SMS parent and owner of The Great Frame Up, has very generously offered to frame these works and open the gallery from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Sunday the 10th for a reception and viewing of the inspired creations.

Please consider taking a nice walk on down after Mass to join us for this unique celebration of art. Coffee and doughnuts will be served; around Noon, Mrs. Miller and Tom Harris will present certificates of achievement to all student participants in recognition of their artistic accomplishment.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Miller at smiller@st-monica.org or The Great Frame Up at (414) 962-4889. We look forward to seeing you there!

Reminder: Tuition Assistance Process for 2011-2012

The Tuition Assistance Application Forms for the 2011-2012 school year are now available on our St. Monica School website. Here is the link to the two main forms:

http://www.st-monicaschool.org/userimages/site_downloads/Tuition%20Assistance%20Application%20Form%202011-2012.pdf

http://www.st-monicaschool.org/userimages/site_downloads/Tuition%20Assistance%20Application%20Form%20SUPPLEMENTAL%202011-2012.pdf

If you wish to apply for tuition assistance for the 2011-2012 school year, please print the main application form (form #1 above), complete it in entirety, and mail the completed form (along with requested documentation and processing fee) directly to PSAS (Private School Aid Service) at the following address:

Private School Aid Service
P.O. Box 770728
Lakewood, OH 44107-0034

PLEASE NOTE: all completed tuition assistance applications must be received by PSAS no later than Friday, April 15th.

Additionally, you must print the supplemental form (form #2 above), complete it in entirety, and return to the School Office no later than Friday, April 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Enjoy a great week!

Tom

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

Thank you!