

**We Hold a
Treasure**

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

June 6, 2011

Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

This Week :

Monday, 6/6:

A. Lee S. Banaag
J. Martinez-Ortiz

Tuesday, 6/7:

A. Pencak
K. Jablonowski
C. Christensen

Wednesday, 6/8:

M. Hennelly A. Swain
S. Casey S. Banaag

Thursday, 6/9:

M. Cooper Tricia Harris
S. Devine
M. Flejsierowicz

Friday, 6/10:

Last Day of School!!!

This Week At A Glance...

Monday-Tuesday 6/6-7: •Uniform Resale—Library

Thursday 6/9:

- Student Field Trip Day
- SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library
- SBC Meeting: 6:30pm - Library

Friday 6/10:

- Last Day of School:
- All School Mass: 8:30am (Student Council)
- Dismissal/Party on the Playground following mass



Reminder:

Wednesday 6/15: School-Pak ordering deadline (for delivery to school on registration day)



SCHOOL-PAK, INC.®
School Supplies. **DELIVERED**

It's that time of year again! Get a jumpstart on next year's school supply shopping by ordering through School-Pak. School-Pak conveniently pre-packages our teachers' requested school supplies for each grade, so you don't have to shop all around and store the supplies over the summer. In addition, with your School-Pak order, you receive personalized labels, special "Money from Home" envelopes, and a "Note from Home" pad.

Take advantage of School-Pak's convenience by ordering online at:

<http://www.schoolpak.com/shopdisplayproducts.asp?id=1005&cat=St%2E+Monica+Sc>

Order anytime from now until June 15 for free school delivery and the discounted rate. You can still order between June 16 and July 31, but you must pay for home delivery or pick up at School-Pak's warehouse. No orders are accepted after July 31. The 2011-2012 school supply list can be found [here](#).

If you have questions, please contact Natalie Nolan or Gretchen Caraher.

From the desk of Mrs. Lynch:

It is hard to believe (I always say that) that we have reached the final week of the school year. WOW! Here are a few final things that need to be wrapped up. Please take note of the following:

OUTSTANDING BALANCES: One last time - Parents and Guardians, please make sure ALL of your accounts are paid-in-full no later than Thursday, June 9th. We cannot send records or give report cards until they are paid.

IMPORTANT: COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ANYONE WHO HAS A MAILBOX IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Please empty them before the last day of school, June 10, 2011.

MEDICATIONS AND DR. VISITS: Parents and Guardians please pick up any and all medications stored in the school office on Thursday June 9th, or before 11:00 a.m. June 10th. Also, remember when you are at the pediatrician this summer to get a copy of any updated immunizations your children receive. If you have special medication needs, ask your doctor for authorizations, etc. for inhaler use, epi-pens, diabetes medicine, or any other prescription medication and directions for use that your child might need during the school year.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND LOCATION INFORMATION: If you need to visit the school office for any reason this summer, please call first. We may not always be at our desks, and in order to better serve your needs and be sure we are there to assist you. In general, during the month of June, the best times to reach us will be between the hours of 8:30 am and 2:00 p.m., although most days we will be there long before and after.

The school offices will be undergoing some remodeling, and we will find ourselves working in another area for part of the summer. We may not always have access to the door monitors as well. Please be patient if you have trouble getting in the building.

The offices will be closed during the month of July, with limited hours the first two weeks of August. Again, please call ahead.

We will be checking our e-mail and phone messages throughout the summer. We can be reached via e-mail at: jrobinson@st-monica.org; dlynch@st-monica.org; and by phone: 332-3660 – please leave a message.

TUITION PAYMENT INFORMATION FOR 2011-2012: Check your mail towards the end of June and the beginning of July for your first letter from Tuition Management Systems. It will detail your tuition bill. **REMEMBER IF YOU ARE PAYING SEMI-ANNUALLY OR MONTHLY, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO PAY YOUR ENROLLMENT FEE RIGHT AWAY – THEY ASSESS LATE FEES IF YOU DON'T.** Don't wait until you receive further communication from them, or attach the fee to your first payment. It will be considered late. Your first actual payment is due in August. If you are paying with Automatic Withdrawal you will have to renew with TMS per their instructions.

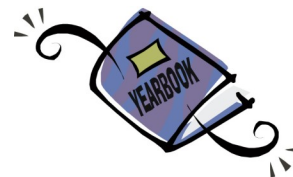
I hope everyone has a restful, energizing, healthy, family and friend-filled summer. May God bless and protect each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Debbie Lynch

ORDER YEARBOOKS TODAY!

Don't forget to turn in your yearbooks orders by Friday, June 10th. The cost is \$13.00. Please make your checks payable to St. Monica School. Checks only please.



Books will be available for pick up at registration. Please place your order in the yearbook envelope in the school office. Thank you.



Home and School Association

Anne ~ Kristin
Amy ~ Maria

We would like to send out some very special thank you's to the Home and School Executive Board. To our advisors, **Barb Diamond and Kate Neitzel**, thank you for your support this year. Thanks to **Julie Spadafora** for serving as Treasurer and continuing in this position next year. Thank-you to **Joanne Boettinger** who did an awesome job as secretary. Finally, thank you to our current Co-Vice Presidents, **Amy Strother and Maria Van Dyke**, whose assistance and support were constant. We look forward to their leadership as Co-Presidents next year.

We would like to thank **Julie Robinson** for a fabulous first year at SMS! We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Debbie Lynch** and **Jen Cofta** for support and guidance throughout the year. You all helped us so much along the way and it was very appreciated!

We would like to say thank you to **Father Jerry** and **Father Paul** for their support of H&S and their spiritual guidance.

Finally, on behalf of Home and School, we would like to extend our gratitude to all the SMS students, families and staff for a fantastic year. We are truly blessed with so many talented, generous, and kind volunteers. We sincerely appreciate each and every one of you.

To celebrate a fabulous year, please join us:

*Friday, June 10th (after mass)
for the
Home and School End of the Year Party*

- *the party will be held on the playground by the church doors, and we will be serving light refreshments
- *all students, faculty, staff and 8th grade families are invited to attend

Have a safe and happy summer! Signing off.....
Anne Cyganiak and Kristin Kuesel



Please join us in thanking Kristin Kuesel and Anne Cyganiak for their fantastic leadership this year as Home and School Presidents.

We appreciate all of your guidance, time, and hard work this year!

We also want to thank everyone once again for stepping up and filling all of our important chair and volunteer positions for next school year!

Wishing you and your families a wonderful summer,
Amy and Maria

Summer Skills Ordering Information

It's that time of year again to be thinking about ordering your "Summer Skills Review Books" for the summer. For the past 19 years Summer Skills Review Books have provided millions of students with a comprehensive review of materials taught the previous year. With educational demands continuously changing, children need not only a review that keeps current with State and National Standards, but also gives them an academic edge and self-confidence when they return to school in the fall. The Summer Skills easy-to-use Math, Language Arts, and Foreign Language review books serve this purpose. Taking only 15-30 minutes 3 times per week over the summer provide review without being overwhelming.

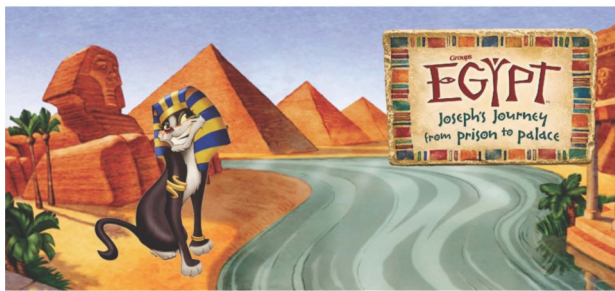
GENERALLY THE GRADE LEVEL JUST COMPLETED IS ORDERED.

If you would like to order: Summer Math Skills Sharpener Books, Summer Language Arts Review Books, Foreign Language Review Books, or Touch the Future Computer Keyboarding please follow the simple online ordering instructions.

Please visit www.summerskills.com to place your order. Once on the site, click on the "Order Books" tab section, and follow the prompts to choose the books needed for your child. The books are \$19 each, which includes shipping and handling. You may also call 1-800-411-8186 to speak with a Summer Skills staff member. We will not be accepting orders through the office this year.

Any questions please contact Jenn Cofta, Office/Development Assistant in the school office. Thank You!

2011 VBS will be August 8-11th ~ Registration is now open!



Step back into ancient Egypt as we follow the footsteps of Joseph from prison to palace! This exciting adventure for students entering K4-4th grade (in fall) will include games, crafts, Bible stories and music. Open to all ~ registration form on parish web site www.hfparish.org/ ~ questions call the Religious Education office 332-8156 x231

2011 VBS Volunteers needed

Our Summer VBS program is still in need of Adult leaders as well as High School and Middle school students. We need adults or teens who are entering their junior year of high school to help co-lead games, music (already have 1 person) and crafts (already have 1 person). Materials are available for you to use. If you are interested in participating, the program is Aug 8th – 11th. Please contact Gail DeFrancisco 332-8156 x230 or email defranciscog@hfparish.org. I am off in June and July so we need to have the leaders established before the end of May. Thank you for your consideration - it is a lot of fun. There will be one meeting in July with the leaders.



S.O.S!! S.O.S!! S.O.S!!
Please Remember the Fall Magazine Sale!!



You may have received – or will be receiving – postcards directly from your current magazines asking for renewals. Please hold off on renewing your magazines until our Fall Magazine Sale!! This will help both our school and your student(s). While the magazine publishers would love to have you lock-in renewals early and directly through them, we ask that you wait and process your renewals through St. Monica – starting on September 1st at the school or online anytime before that. I think we'd all rather St. Monica receive a big chunk of the profit from these sales instead of the publishers getting it!! Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for directions on how to renew online beginning now and receive credit for your student(s) for this Fall's sale.

We appreciate your continued support for this vital SMS fundraiser!!
 Betsie Berrien & Martha Cushman

Volleyball

Incoming 5th-8th grade girls: Volleyball signups were completed last week in the students' homerooms. If your child did not sign up, and is interested in playing, please contact Lisa Nelson at lanelson@sbcglobal.net. Volleyball begins mid- August.



4th through 7th grade runners! Cross country begins in fall

Cross country is a fun, inclusive fall sport open to all 5th to 8th grade boys and girls. The season begins when school starts and runs through the middle of October. We practice three times a week and are open to kids who have another sport as their primary one-- come to practices and meets as you are able. We run over to Klode and do a workout there-- sometimes even taking a dip in Lake Michigan afterwards on hot fall afternoons-- practices will likely be on Tues., Wed., and Fridays 3:15 to 4:15 for the fall. No experience with running necessary. We have four meets each year, on weekdays. Races are divided by age group and gender and are 1.8 miles long through area parks. Coach Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck competed in collegiate Div 1 level in cross country but sees the sport less as a competition, and more as a great opportunity to build community among grade levels, establish personal goals and learn about running and fitness. Kids thinking of running cross country are encouraged to run over the summer. **The team will have a couple fun run/swim outings over the summer. If you would like your child to be notified of these, please email Annemarie ascobey@gmail.com.** Graduating 8th graders are also welcome to join in over the summer.

SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

June 9th is the last day to earn tuition credits for the 2011/2012 school year, and then there is a break until summer SCRIP starts July 1st. If you are planning on placing a large order to cover your summer expenditures, please consider placing that order as soon as possible. We want to make sure we can fill your order before the end of our fiscal year. Check out Great Lakes Scrip www.glscrip.com for a full list of available retailers.

Starting July 1st, all SMS families can get started on a new year of SCRIP. In case you have been out of the loop, **SCRIP orders are being processed over the summer.** Consider setting up a SCRIP monthly standing order this summer to continue earning your tuition credits for the 2012-2013 school year. Order forms were distributed last Thursday. Please turn the completed forms in as soon as possible. Anyone who would like to set up a summer standing order and did not receive a form should contact Norma at nor-maherbers@earthlink.net or Jennifer at wjlamont@ameritech.net. It's easy to get started!!!

We are working on finalizing our numbers for tuition credits. Families should receive a letter in the next few weeks telling them what their tuition credits are. These credits will be applied to your tuition bill in August.

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP!!

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

TOM MLADA

Whitefish Bay 4th of July Parade

As we now prepare to move into the month of June, our attention naturally begins to turn toward Summer. Hard to believe, but it is just a few short weeks away for SMS students!

The past eight Summers, St. Monica School has been represented by a contingency of about 25-30 students in the annual Whitefish Bay July 4th parade. The fun and energetic group of students participating has spanned all grade levels. The kids have proudly walked the streets of Whitefish Bay in their St. Monica School colors. Even if we run into some warmer weather, I believe they always have a great time and served as wonderful ambassadors for our school.

This Summer, I would like to once again have a similar representation in the Fourth of July parade. I am in part beginning the appeal for participation now because this year the July 4th holiday falls on a Monday, and I anticipate many of you will be making plans to be elsewhere for the long weekend. If your family will be in the area that day and your children would be interested in participating, please let me know as soon as possible. I will again be limiting our numbers to about 25-30 students. Students of all grade levels are invited! Also, I would very much welcome you to walk along with your children; parent volunteers are always so helpful to have, especially with a group of students this size.

As always, I can be contacted at (414) 332-3660 ext. 123 or tmlada@st-monica.org.

Summertime Recruitment

As the school year nears an end, please remember there are some very easy ways in which you can continue to help St. Monica School over the Summer months. More specifically, Summer is a time when new families may move to the area, and these families may be looking for a school for their children. Please consider taking a moment to share your positive experiences and thoughts about SMS, as so many of you so often take time to do whenever you have the opportunity. There is obviously no cost in doing so, and the few moments you might take to convey your beliefs and experiences might lead to a new family for our school community.

With this in mind, as part of our participation in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's referral program, we have added to our St. Monica School website a page with a very simple referral form which you can complete in order to share the good news about SMS with a prospective family. The direct link to this page on our school website is:

http://www.st-monicaschool.org/admissions/referral_program/

At any time, simply visit this page on our school website and upon your submission of the very basic information requested, the prospective family will receive information from us. This is an extremely effective way for us to partner in connecting with prospective school families throughout the Summer months!

Once again, I am grateful to the many school families who have been so vocal and visible and passionate in their support of our Exemplary Recognition school community. There is truly no way to quantify the value of a personal testimonial shared by an enthusiastic and devoted parent.

You CAN and DO make a very positive difference!!

Final Annual Fund Campaign Update

As we approach the end of another school year, our St. Monica School community once again has so many accomplishments to celebrate. The successful conclusion of another Annual Fund campaign will certainly be one of them!

Officially, our 2010-2011 Annual Fund campaign ends on June 30th, so we have yet to finalize numbers. Regardless, I am proud to share with you today that we will be ultimately successful in reaching our 2010-2011 Annual Fund campaign goal of \$175,000.

The success of this school year's campaign is once again due, in very large part, to the generosity and support of our school families!

Each of your tax-deductible gifts is significant in helping us accomplish our campaign goal. On behalf of our entire St. Monica School community, my heartfelt thanks to every one of you who has participated with a gift and invested in our school community's continuing mission! I am especially grateful for your support this school year; even during the continuing challenge of these economic times, you demonstrated your commitment in so many inspiring ways to our school community.

Our school family participation rate in this campaign also continues to increase, but we are well short of our campaign goal of 75% participation. As of today, we stand just shy of the 60% mark in terms of the percentage of school families who have given. All 240 of us as school families directly benefit from the Annual Fund – reduced tuition expense, outstanding staff, the best instructional and technology resources for our students. **Please give back now, in whatever amount you can, and help us reach this significant campaign milestone!**

You can make your tax-deductible gift until June 30th via check sent to the school office or via our school website. Simply visit the "Online Giving" page on our school website –

<http://www.st-monicaschool.org/support/donate/> – and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

Thank you!

Thank You!

With Summer vacation just a few short days away, I'd like to take this opportunity to pass along my very best wishes to you and yours for a season of health and happiness, rest and relaxation. As you gather with family and friends, may you create many new Summertime memories.

I also want to take a moment to once again offer a heartfelt thank you to all of our school families for making all of our school community's Development efforts so successful. Whether it is your generosity in giving to the 2010-2011 Annual Fund campaign or your help with our ongoing recruitment efforts, your support of the Endowment Fund or your willingness to serve on our numerous parent volunteer committees, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the role you play. Thank you for all you do to make St. Monica School so Exemplary and such a community in every sense of the word!

I will be in the office for much of June and August, as well as one or two days per week during the month of July. So, if you need to contact me or you'd like to stop by for a summertime visit, please do so. I'm always ready to chat!

My very best wishes for a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled Summer. God Bless!

Tom

Home and School wants to remind all families that the *Teacher Christmas Fund Appeal* will be at registration again this year. When planning for staff gifts, you can donate to all of our staff then or before the holidays at our Collection Coffee. In lieu of small gifts year round, this fund is our way of showing our gratitude to all of our staff who devote themselves to helping our children learn and grow!



THIS IS THE LAST MONTH TO ORDER MARKET DAY FOR THE SUMMER! Be sure to stock up on all your chicken, burgers, hot dogs, pork chops, gatorade, vegetables and snacks for the summer. June will be our last pick up until September. Because school will not be in session, the pick up will be on Thursday, June 16th in Donovan Hall from 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Orders are due to the school office by Friday, June 10th. On line orders can be placed by going to www.marketday.com and using St. Monica code 5737 and are due by Monday, June 13th.

If you have any questions, please contact Marian Topp at (414) 962-4729 or the8topps@sbcglobal.net. Thanks.

The library has two books under the "Parent" category that are still outstanding. Whoever checked them out signed "parent" on the card instead of their name so I don't know who to contact about these books. The titles of the books are The Lorax by Dr. Seuss and Horses (an Eyewitness book). Please return these books asap.



Thank-you, Marianna Bruch (Librarian)

Weekly Reminder Notes:

- * The final Weekly Reminder for the 2010-2011 school year will be posted on the school website next Wednesday, June 15th. Please submit your information to me at stmonicanews@st-monica.org by 12:00 noon on Monday, June 13th. Thank you!
- * Starting in September, the deadline for submissions to the Weekly Reminder will move from Thursday at 3:30pm to Friday at 3:30pm.

Happy Summer!

