

**We Hold a
Treasure**

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

October 11, 2010

Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

This Week :

Monday, 10/11:

S. Martin
D. Phillips
E. Brennan

Tuesday, 10/12:

M. Hennelly
A. Swain
C. Seiden

Wednesday, 10/13:

C. Bassindale
J. Karnes
C. Loehr

Thursday, 10/14:

No School

Friday, 10/15:

No School

Next Week:

Monday, 10/18:

S. Laudon
A. Dern
M. Cushman

Tuesday, 10/19:

N. DeGuire
L. Reilly
T. Chick

Wednesday, 10/20:

J. Deslongchamps
E. Neisner
B. Berrien

Thursday, 10/21:

M. Giese
J. Lamont
K. Brennan

Friday, 10/22:

L. End
T. Clark
M. Kiefer
J. Clements

This Week At A Glance...

Tuesday 10/12:

- All School Mass: 8:30
- Principal's Coffee: 9:30

Wednesday 10/13:

- Individual Picture Day - Grades 1-7
- 8th Grade Girls Picture Day
- Early Dismissal: 2:30**
- SCRIP Sale: 2:00 - Outside of the Library

Thursday 10/14:

•**No School**

Friday 10/15:

•**No School**

Coming Up Next Week...

Tuesday 10/19:

- All School Mass: 8:30

Wednesday 10/20:

- Casual Dress Day: Mickey Mantle Birthday Anniversary (1931). Dress in your favorite baseball team shirt.**

Thursday 10/21:

- Ladies of Charity Clothing Drive: 8am in the Parking Lot
- SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library
- SBC Meeting: 6:30pm - Library

Friday 10/22:

- Auction Items Gathering: 8-8:30 in the Ministry Center

This Week's Weekly Rule:

"Do not smack your lips, tsk or roll your eyes when someone says something to you that you disagree with."



A Note from Principal Julie Ann Robinson

Dear St. Monica School Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the first quarter. It seems like summer was a long time ago. As I visit the classrooms and monitor the lunch periods, I am learning more names of the wonderful students here at school. I am starting to feel settled and comfortable among the staff and school families. I count my blessing each day I arrive at school.

As parents, time just seems to slip through our fingers each day. I would like to share with you ways you can support your child's learning and school. Here are a few ideas:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your children bring home. Fill out forms and try to return them the next day.
- Tell your child's teachers if you can help them out in any way at school or from home.
- Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time-to-time let them know by sending a thank-you note or an e-mail.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.

Attend conferences, parent meetings and school events regularly. Try to get involved in some capacity.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great week.

Find some time to enjoy the colors of autumn.



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Home and School Association

Anne Cyganiak
Kristin Kuesel

Good Morning, SMS! We hope you all enjoyed a terrific weekend. We have just a few business matters to take care of this week.

Thank you Multicultural Committee for the fantastic potluck dinner held on Sunday. This is a great, family fun event and those who attended had a great time. It was nice to welcome so many new families. We look forward to seeing even more families attend the Spring Potluck that will be held in March.

Also from the Multicultural Committee... flags were purchased from the countries that were studied for the past six years and will be hung in the cafeteria. Each year, the Multicultural Committee will purchase a new flag from the country of focus to add to this collection. What a great idea! Not only will the vibrant flag colors add aesthetic beauty to our cafeteria; hopefully these flags will remind the students of the culture that was explored and celebrated.

We hope to see you at this year's first Principal's Coffee that will be held after mass on Tuesday, October 12th. This is a great opportunity to gain more familiarity with our principal, Julie Robinson. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come!

Attached to the weekly reminder you will find the volunteer lists compiled from your volunteer forms last spring. Thank you Julie Spadafora for your work on making all of the committee lists! Please take a moment to view the lists and make sure you are included in all of the events you wished to volunteer for. A special note to committee chairs; **please make sure you contact all of the volunteers on your lists as you plan for your event.** If you have any question regarding these lists or have decided you are interested in additional volunteer opportunities, feel free to either contact Anne or Kristin or contact the chair of the event you wish to volunteer for directly. The names of the event chairs are listed on the first two pages of the St. Monica School Directory. This list is not set in stone. We realize that some changes have been made since these lists were compiled in July. If there is an event that you would like to assist with, contact us and we will put you in contact with the appropriate event chair.

Thank you everyone for helping to make our school the great place it is! Your time is what brings our events to life!

Anne and Kristin

CHEESE!



Picture Day

School pictures for grades K4 through 7th grade will take place Wednesday, October 13th. Watch for an order form in today's Monday folder. This form is for grades K4 through 7th only. Extra forms will be available in the school office. This form needs to be completed, with payment enclosed, and returned with your child(ren) on 10/13, picture day. Please send a separate envelope and payment for each child. Checks should be made out to VIP.

8th Grade Girls will also be photographed on Wednesday, October 13th. This is an early dismissal day so we will start at 2:30 and plan on finishing by 4:00. The background will be a dark blue/gray with a hint of brown so lighter colors do show up better. Each student will receive a proof sheet with 3-5 poses and an order form attached about a week after the picture are taken.

8th Grade Boys will have their pictures taken on Wednesday, November 10th. Wednesday, October 13th is NOT a dress down day for the 8th grade boys.

LAST WEEK BEFORE THE AUCTION DONATION DEADLINE!!!!!!

Donor forms are due a week from today, on Monday, October 18!

Donations: We need more donations and would love a contribution from every SMS family if at all possible! A few ideas: a firepit, holiday-themed baskets, a Star Wars basket, play tickets, an American Girl doll, jewelry, a purse, a Weber grill, tickets to sporting events.... The possibilities are endless!

Party Time: Everybody loves signing up for parties! Please consider donating one. A few ideas: a large party at the Bavarian Inn, a Halloween party for 2011, a party for a big sporting event....

Gathering Dates: Our gathering dates to collect the actual items that you are donating are **Friday, October 22; Friday, October 29; and Thursday, November 4**. Collection time is 8 - 8:30 am. We will be collecting outside the Ministry Center. Please note that this is for items being donated only; the forms are due on the 18th.

Ads: Parents of 8th graders, coaches, etc. consider placing an ad in the auction booklet to congratulate your soon-to-be graduate or wish your team/athletes a great season! Deadline to submit your ad is **Monday, October 18!** The family ad (and photo) can be dropped off in the school office in the large envelope labeled "AUCTION AD FORMS". Contact Carolyn Peters at cpeters0909@sbcglobal.net.

A Special Opportunity: For those of you that are considering a remodel or addition in the near future, RJ Builders is donating a fantastic package that you should definitely look at. RJ Builders has offered three different gift certificates for different levels of projects. They are offering \$500 off a \$10,000 project; \$2500 off a \$50,000 project; and \$10,000 off a \$150,000 building project. You need not disclose possession of the certificate when getting a bid. It could be used as a cash voucher when remitting payment.

Calling All Marriott Points! If you are still looking for a way to contribute to the success of this year's auction, how about donating your Marriott points? These points would be a valuable contribution to creating a special travel package for our live auction. If you are willing to donate points, please contact Jen Deslongchamps at 414-906-9969 or deslong@yahoo.com.

Decorations: Decoration Chairs are looking for help in creating our Winter Wonderland!! **We are in need of volunteers to hem curtains.** If you are able to donate your time and skills please contact Jenna Greene at 262-385-9323 or jgreene@wi.rr.com.

Brown Bag Wine Grab: Donate a bottle of wine, valued at \$15 or more. Bottles will be wrapped and available for purchase at the Dinner Dance during the silent auction for \$20 each. Donations can be dropped off at the Taphorn's house, 5530 N. Berkeley Blvd., any day of the week. Please leave bottles in the box provided by the side door. Bottles can also be dropped off at the Ministry Center during the Gathering Dates (see above). Questions? Contact Sheila Taphorn at smtaphorn@gmail.com.

Underwriting: Please consider donating to underwrite the cost of this year's Dinner Dance & Auction! Underwriting donations are different from those donations given to "Auction Angels" or to the Auction itself, and proceeds go directly the event's bottom line. Underwriting donations are the quickest and simplest way to impact the success of the event! **The deadline to submit underwriting forms is October 18, 2010.** A link to this year's underwriting form is included with this week's Weekly Reminder. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



*St. Monica School
Auction and Dinner Dance*

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 13, 2010**

**5 O'CLOCK
MASS**

**6 O'CLOCK
COCKTAILS, APPETIZERS & SILENT AUCTION**

**8 O'CLOCK
DINNER, LIVE AUCTION & RAFFLE DRAWINGS**

**10 O'CLOCK
DANCING WITH FIVE CARD STUDS**

**ST. MONICA CHURCH
DONOVAN HALL**

SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

Fall is here and that means- it's time to buy Fall Clothes. (Yeah!!) Feel less guilty about your purchases when you bring SCRIP along. For uniform pants, long sleeve shirts and sweaters, remember to stock up on Lands End (16%) and LL bean (17%-limited time), and don't forget to stock up on Gap (9%), Kohl's (4%), J Crew (13%), J Jill (8%), Footlocker (9%) and Macys (10%). For a full list of vendors please visit glscrip.com.

The SCRIP center offers many bonuses this time of year that run through the Holiday season. These bonuses can be significant. Watch for my updates or check out "What's new" at the SCRIP website. The new VISA pre-paid cards are great to use to pay for expenses that you weren't able to plan ahead for or SCRIP cards are just not available. For families who have used these already, they have commented that they are somewhat challenging to use at restaurants. When the card is swiped, it allows for a 20% gratuity. If you don't want to leave a tip or maybe the tip was already included in the price, the gratuity amount does go back on the card however this takes place a few days after the transaction.

Room Parents: Keep SCRIP in mind when purchasing art supplies for your class auction project. Consider purchasing Michaels, Joann Fabrics or Wal-Mart for paint, ribbon, or your arts and crafts needs.

Due to the shortened school week, the SCRIP Inventory Sale will be on WEDNESDAY at 2:00 p.m. We hope to see you there. Any questions, contact Jennifer Lamont (540-0186) wjlamont@ameritech.net or Norma Herbers (962-9193) normaherbers@earthlink.net.

Thanks for supporting SCRIP!

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

TOM MLADA

Annual Fund Gift Match Reminder

Please remember that you can **DOUBLE** your contribution to our Annual Fund campaign – **at no additional cost to you** – through your employer’s gift matching programs. Many area employers offer this very generous opportunity; it only requires a moment of your time to submit the form provided by your employer. This is a very simple, effective way to help St. Monica School!

If you are uncertain as to whether or not your employer offers a gift-match program, you can contact your Human Resources department. Or, if you prefer, simply visit our school website via the following link, where you will find a detailed listing of employers nationwide with some type of gift-match program in place:

http://www.st-monicaschool.org/support/gift_matching/

Online Giving Option!

Should you wish to make a gift to the current 2010-2011 school year’s Annual Fund campaign, you may do so today, tomorrow, or any time on the St. Monica School website! How? You can give online with the credit card of your choice AND enjoy the benefits of your credit card reward program!

To take advantage of the benefits of online giving, simply visit the “*Online Giving*” page on our school website (<http://www.st-monicaschool.org/support/donate/>). You can copy and paste this link directly into your Internet browser, or you can find the “*Online Giving*” page via the “Support SMS” link along the bottom left-hand side of the homepage of our school website. Once you’ve arrived at the “*Online Giving*” page, you will see a donate button for Network for Good, our preferred venue for accepting online gifts. Simply click on the Network for Good button and follow the instructions from there!

If you ever have any questions about the Annual Fund campaign, please contact me at (414) 332-3660 ext. 123 or tmlada@st-monica.org and I will happily assist!

As always, my genuine gratitude for all you do to make St. Monica School the Exemplary community of faith education it is.

Tom

Boys 5th -8th grade Volleyball



COME JOIN US FOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

When: Mondays, October 11, October 18 and October 25

Where: St Monica Gym

For 5th and 6th grade boys: 6:30-7:15 pm

For 7th and 8th grade boys: 7:15-8:00 pm

Come join us for intramural Volleyball. The boys will receive some instruction and then be able to practice their skills during intramural games. All boys are welcome.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL

"We hold a treasure not made of gold, in earthen vessels, wealth untold. One treasure only, the Lord the Christ, in earthen vessel."

Please participate generously in these service opportunities:

October 4 – 19: Blessed Sacrament South needs healthy snacks, school supplies and books, plus gently used or new warm clothing. Items are being collected daily.

October 25: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Your child can buy a dress down pass for two dollars and wear pink or white to celebrate their contribution that will help find the cure. Tickets will be sold starting Wednesday, October 20-22.

House of Peace: Early in November we will begin the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Watch for a list to arrive home soon with exactly what each homeroom will contribute this year. Our school challenge will be to fill more than 40 boxes this year.

We will begin our Christmas Toy Drive immediately following our Thanksgiving food drive. So shop ahead and find a new gift that would delight your own child. Please send it to school unwrapped.

Coming Up at Dominican High School

OPEN HOUSE

Dominican High School invites all middle school students and their parents to the school's Open House. Join us and learn more about the Dominican Experience! Take a tour of the school; meet and talk with faculty and staff; get information about athletics; learn about our theater department; and find out about shadowing at Dominican. The DHS Open House will be held Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dominican is located at 120 East Silver Spring Drive, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217. For more information contact the DHS Admissions Office at 414-332-1170, ext.130 or visit www.DominicanHighSchool.com.

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

November 11, 12, 13, 14, 2010

A moving drama by Francis Goodrich and Albert Hackett

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Join us as we bring to life the story of the inspirational Jewish Girl and her family during the Holocaust. THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK tells the moving story of the Frank Family living as Jews in German-occupied Holland. This remarkable story of survival, hope, and inspiration revolves around the Secret Annex that they lived in and the fear that existed beyond those walls.

Call with questions you may have at 414-332-1170 x. 485 or email Jeff Schaetzke at jschaetz@dominicanhighschool.com or our Fine Arts Boosters at fab@dhslive.com.

Come join us in this exciting theatre season and to share with our incredible students and how they share their gifts with the world!

Thank you for your support of Dominican High School. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Please send your articles and attachments to

stmonicanews@st-monica.org by 3:30 pm each Thursday. Thank you!