

**We Hold a
Treasure**

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

November 8, 2010

Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

This Week :

Monday, 11/8:

S. Lang
J. Keough
A. Dern

Tuesday, 11/9:

K. Kuesel
J. Marino
S. Branigan

Wednesday, 11/10:

S. Lang
K. Hamrin
C. Dedert

Thursday, 11/11:

T. Harris A. Cyganiak
S. Mattix K. Jablonowski

Friday, 11/12:

M. McNally J. Burns
H. Barry S. Lang

Next Week:

Monday, 11/15:

M. Wronski
Y. Glinski
M. Longacre

Tuesday, 11/16:

N. Morris
M. Jasper
V. Schoshinski

Wednesday, 11/17:

G. McBride
C. Loehr
C. Ortwein

Thursday, 11/18:

B. Perrigo
M. Giese
K. Poellmann

Friday, 11/19:

M. Kiefer
M. Sendik
R. Ferrara

This Week At A Glance...

- Monday 11/8:
- First quarter report cards sent home
 - Basketball begins
- Tuesday 11/9:
- All School Mass: 8:30
- Wednesday 11/10:
- 8th Grade Boys' Picture Day
 - Early Dismissal: 2:30**
- Thursday 11/11:
- Casual Dress: Wear Red, White & Blue**
 - SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library
 - Dinner Dance set up
 - 4th/5th Grade Girls Volleyball Try-It: 3:30-4:30 in the gym
- Friday 11/12:
- Last day to wear uniform shorts
 - Dinner Dance set up
- Saturday 11/13:
- First Reconciliation for 2nd graders: 10-11am in church
 - Auction/Dinner Dance**
- Sunday 11/14:
- Dinner Dance Clean Up: 8am—2pm

Coming Up Next Week...

- Tuesday 11/16:
- All School Mass: 8:30
- Thursday 11/18:
- Ladies of Charity Clothing Drive: 8:00am
 - SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library
 - SBC Meeting: 6:30 - Library
 - Book Fair Begins - Library**
- Friday 11/19:
- Book Fair - Library**



A Note from Principal Julie Ann Robinson

Dear St. Monica School Families,

It is hard to believe that one quarter of the school year is complete.

Today, in your child's Monday packet, you will see how your child/ren progressed in the first quarter of the school year. Please take the time to acknowledge their strengths and encourage them on how they can improve in other areas.

Below are some tips for all student readers. Please use these helpful hints to encourage a love of reading no matter what your child's age is.



It is never too late to read to your children no matter what their age is.

Reading together with your children keeps parents and children close.

- When having kids read silently, keep it short. Try 5 to 10 minutes at first and then gradually increase the time. Find short chapter books that are full of action.
- Offer a variety of things to read. Share an interesting magazine article, letter or brochure. Poems are also great.
- Recycle and read aloud your favorite books that you enjoyed as a child. Reread books to your children that they enjoyed when they were younger.

Take turns reading with your child. Let your child choose the book and alternate reading page by page.

READ ON!!

I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's Auction and Dinner Dance.

Have a GREAT WEEK~ Mrs. Julie Robinson

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Dinner Dance and Auction News

FROM THE AUCTION COMMITTEE: Your booklets should be delivered to you by your mail carrier today. Be sure to study it carefully and plan your shopping! We've already told you about some exciting items that have been procured...but there are so many more. Look for the private party for 40 being offered at the tasting room at Big Bay Brewery; get a group together for the special tour of the seminary led by our very own seminarians Ryan Preuss and Brad Krawczyk complete with pizza, beer and bowling; plan your family's next special outing to the zoo with this unique behind-the-scenes private tour (which includes feeding the giraffes!); find that perfect place in your home for the original oil painting of St. Monica Church by our own Ray Drea...there will be something for everyone--guaranteed! Also, feel free to share the booklet with family, grandparents, friends who cannot be at the auction in person. Although they will miss the great fun of the evening, they don't have to miss out on the bidding. If someone is interested in bidding in absentia, please put the item numbers and maximum bid, along with contact information in a sealed envelope. This envelope may either be sent to the Auction Committee via the school office, or brought to the check-in area on the day of the auction. Can't wait to see you all there!

DECORATIONS: We need your help!!! We are looking for volunteers to help transform Donovan Hall into a Winter Wonderland. Please contact Denise Phillips (ad_phillips@msn.com) if you can help.

*November 8 -11	8:00 - 2:00	Decorate Donovan Hall
*November 10	6:00 - 9:00	Decorate Donovan Hall
*November 13	11:00 - 2:00	Decorate Outside Entry

BABYSITTING: If you are helping with "Winter Wonderland" babysitting will be available on: Thursday, November 11th 8:30 am to 3:15 pm and Friday, November 12th 8:30 am to 3:15 pm in the Ministry Center. Please email Moe Tarantino to reserve a spot! mmt@wi.rr.com

PHOTO ORNAMENTS: You may know that it has become tradition to include Photos of all the children who attend SMS as part of the Auction/Dinner Dance decorations. (432 children this year). A group of Moms have offered to turn these photos into Christmas Ornaments this year and they are cute! You can see a sample of a few outside the office! They will be sold for \$10.00 (each). You do not need to attend the Auction/Dinner dance to purchase them, simply enclose your cash or check in an envelope marked "Auction Ornaments" checks (made out to St. Monica) and in the memo section write ornaments. If you are attending the Auction/Dinner Dance and would like to charge your children's ornament to your bidder number it will be available on your bid pal that night under item #1301. Any questions please feel free to contact Moe Tarantino at mmt@wi.rr.com or 414-962-0049.

BROWN BAG WINE GRAB: We hope to have 100 bottles of wine for guests to purchase during the Auction, which translates into \$2,000 toward our Auction goal. To date, we have 50 bottles of wine - halfway to our goal of 100! Please drop your bottle off by Wednesday, November 10 at the Taphorn's, 5530 N. Berkeley Blvd. Thanks to all those who have generously donated bottles already. Please consider donating a favorite or unique bottle of wine valued at \$15 or more to be included in the Grab. Please leave bottles in the box provided by the side door. Questions? Contact Sheila Taphorn at smtaphorn@gmail.com.

DINNER COMMITTEE: We are proud to announce our new caterer for the event this year, Shully's Cuisine. We will be serving the following for dinner. Please contact Holly Strimaitis, hstrimaitis@wi.rr.com regarding any food allergies.

- * Brined, herb-crust and slow roasted loin of pork served with truffle cream sauce.
- * Fall organic vegetable ratatouille.
- * Buttermilk and chive potato puree.
- * Grilled skewered shrimp
- * Chocolate mousse dome with vanilla ganache glaze and berry sauce garnished with bittersweet chocolate

RAFFLE: Enter the Raffle and you could win \$5,000, \$1,000 or \$500. Tickets are \$20 each. Or, buy 6 tickets for \$100 (1 Ticket is FREE!) and receive a Dress Down Pass for each SMS student in your family. Prizes will be drawn at the Dinner Dance on November 13th. Need not be present to win.

1st Prize - \$5,000 2nd Prize - \$1,000 3rd Prize - \$500

Don't Forget—grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends can purchase tickets for their chance to win big too! Simply print the Raffle Ticket order form from the SMS website, fill it out and return it to the school office with your check. Your ticket stubs and dress down passes will be sent to you through your school mail carrier.

Questions? Contact Nikki DeGuire at 414.963.9023 or nsdeguire@gmail.com or Sarah McNally at 414.906.4115 or smcnally@gklaw.com

UNDERWRITING: Thank you to all who have so generously donated to help underwrite this year's Dinner Dance & Auction! We are well on our way to meeting our goal. While corporate donations have been very strong, individual donations are down slightly from last year. Please consider giving what you can to help underwrite the event! Money from underwriting goes directly to the event's bottom line and is the most direct way to impact the success of the event. Thanks again for your generosity!

WILL YOU HELP WITH DINNER DANCE CLEAN-UP? We are still seeking 10 volunteers for this relatively low-key commitment. For those of you unfamiliar with clean-up, we help take down the decorations and store them away for the next year. That's it. No experience is necessary and gentlemen are certainly welcome (there is no Packer game that day anyway)! We will be working from 8am-2pm on Sunday, November 14. If you are able to help, even if for part of the time, please contact Martha Cushman at mpcushman@sbcglobal.net. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated!

If you need an incentive, there will be hot coffee, cold water, and something light to eat, as well as friends with whom you can discuss how you are going to spend the raffle money you won the night before.



This Week's Weekly Rule:

“Surprise others by performing random acts of kindness.

**Go out of your way to do something surprisingly
kind and generous for someone at least once a month.”**

Character Trait for November: RESPONSIBILITY

Saint of the Month: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8th Grade Boys Picture Day

We will be taking the 8th grade boy's pictures on Wednesday 11/10 in Donovan Hall. This is an early dismissal day so we will begin at 2:30 and plan on finishing around 4:00.

This is a dress-down day for the 8th grade boys only on 11/10.

Each student will receive a proof sheet with 3-5 poses and an order form attached about a week after pictures are taken.

If you have any questions please give me a call. Thanks.
Karen Poellmann 332-8949



Basketball Tryout Information

Attention all 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys:

When: Monday *and* Tues (11/8 & 11/9)

8th grade Boys 3:30- 4:30 pm

7th grade Girls 4:45-5:45 pm

The **basketball practice schedule** is complete and can be found as an attachment to the weekly reminder.

Due to tryouts, practices will begin Wednesday, November 10th with the exception of:

The **6th grade boys** have practice **Monday, November 8th at 6:10 pm**, and

The **8th grade girls** have practice on **Tuesday, November 9th at 7:35 pm**.

Forms and fees are due before the first practice. Each athlete must turn in the following 3 forms and a participation fee:

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)

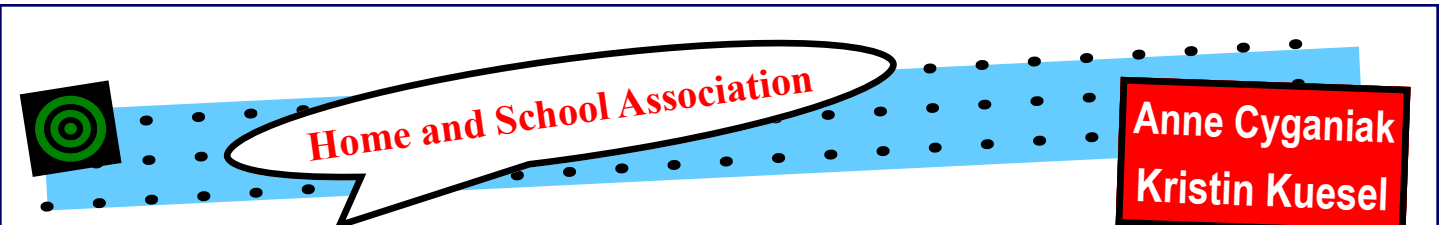
and a \$25 participation fee made payable to *St. Monica Booster Club*.

The 3 forms can be found on the school website just click on "student" and then "athletics". The forms will appear in the upper right corner. Once your forms are on file, they are good for that school year. Forms and fees can be turned in to the school office. Thanks, Kris Mellin kmellin@wi.rr.com

BOOK FAIR

We will be setting up the Book Fair in the Library on Wednesday, November 17th, starting at 8:30 a.m. Anyone able to help please come to the library. Any questions, please contact Marianna Bruch. Thank you.





Home and School Association

Anne Cyganiak
Kristin Kuesel

Good Morning, SMS Families!

Where has the time gone? It is hard to believe that the second quarter of the school year has begun! This is an exciting week for SMS as final preparations are made for Home & School Association's biggest fundraiser, the SMS Auction Dinner Dance. It will be exciting to see Donovan Hall transformed onto a "Winter Wonderland" and we hope you are all planning on coming to enjoy this great event.

Have a great week!

Anne and Kristin

Battle of the Books


WHEN?
Wednesday, November 10th, 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

WHERE?
Ministry Center - Community Room (main level, across from the kitchen)


DON'T FORGET
Turn in any NEW note cards (be sure to have your name on them)

If you can't make it to this activity, be sure to turn in your note cards to the Library to be recorded on the Battle of the Books chart. If there are any questions, please let us know.

Diane Deverey & Colleen Hutt
Battle of the Book Chairs



Coffee Sale



Eighth grade coffee sale starts November 8th and ends November 22nd. There will be 3 kinds of Coffee made and packaged by Stone Creek Coffee, with the St. Monica Label. Regular, decaf, and Cinnamon flavored. The sale benefits the eighth grade trip to South Dakota. Please see and an eighth grader for details or place your order in the School office. Money must accompany orders. Please remember all proceeds help the eighth grade class. Makes a great gift just in time for the holidays!

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Retake day has changed to December 1st. Pictures will be taken in Donovan Hall starting at 7:30 until 8:30. Any questions please call Karen Poellmann at 332-8949.

Market Day

Please remember to place your market day orders! If you need another form, there are some at both church entrances and in the school office. This is a great way to support our 8th graders on their mission trip. You can get items you purchase at the grocery store for a lot less! Try Gatorade, perfect size for after school sports, frozen broccoli, french toast, mac and cheese family size, Christmas cookie baking kits, and lots of Thanksgiving side dishes and pies. Thanks for your support! If you order online, our school code is 5737. Call Kim Brennan with questions.



SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

On November 12, shorts season will come to an end. If you need to purchase uniform pants, consider purchasing your Land's End, LL Bean, Kohl's, Gap and Old Navy SCRIP cards now. A full list of available vendors can be found at glscrip.com.

Holiday bonuses are back! Stock up now before they disappear.

- ◆ **The Body Shop** is 20% (instead of 8%) until Dec. 31
- ◆ **LL Bean** is 17% (instead of 15%) until Dec. 10
- ◆ **Home Depot** is 6% (instead of 4%) until Dec. 3
- ◆ **Bath and Body Works** is 18% (instead of 13%) Dec. 3
- ◆ **Build a Bear** is 10% (instead of 8%) until Dec.3
- ◆ **Hallmark** is 5% (instead of 4%) until Nov. 26
- ◆ **Express** is 12% instead of 10%) until Nov. 19
- ◆ **Applebee's** is 10% (instead of 8%) until Nov. 19
- ◆ **CVS** is 8% (instead of 6%) until Nov. 19

TRY SCRIP. It is a great way to support your school and earn tuition dollars at the same time. To get started, contact Jennifer Lamont (540-0186) or Norma Herbers (962-9193) or join us on Thursday outside the Library at 3 p.m. for our inventory sale.

4N6 Team

Attention Forensic students, we will be having a mandatory parent student meeting on Tuesday Nov. 9th at 7:30 PM in the conference room in the Ministry Center. We will be discussing the season and responsibilities associated with this fun extracurricular activity. The actual meets run from Feb 5- March 12 with state meet on March 26.

Goals. What is Forensics? How do I choose my category? When are practices? What is required from parents?

Please call Anne Rice (Rachel's Mom) 737-2498 abrice1005@aol.com if you have a conflict.

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

TOM MLADA

Come "See Us In Action!"

On Tuesday morning, November 16th, our St. Monica School community will host a "See Us in Action" Day designed to showcase the excellence of our school's staff, students, leadership, faith-based environment and academic and technological resources. The day affords prospective families another wonderful opportunity to experience our **Exemplary Recognition** school community in action and to hear first-hand about the tremendous Catholic educational value we offer!

Additionally, we would like to invite our current school families to join us the morning of the 16th for a peek at all the fantastic things happening each day at SMS. Whether you are a parent of a current 4th or 5th grade SMSer wondering about what life is like in our Jr. High; parent of a current K-4 student curious about K-5 life with the marvelous Miss Mullaney; or parent of a 2nd or 3rd grader looking to view some of the action upstairs, this is a terrific chance for you to pop on into our classrooms and take a peek.

I am attaching to this week's *St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder* a flier with details about the morning, which will begin with school Mass at 8:30 a.m. If you know of a family looking for a school community to call home, please consider inviting them to come join us the morning of November 16th.

Thank you all for being so vocal and visible in your support of our school community!

Reminder: 2010-2011 Art Club

The first meeting of the 2010-2011 SMS Art Club will be on Tuesday, November 16th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Art classroom. **This first session is designated for students in 1st – 5th grades only.** The cost per student is \$15; please make check payable directly to Sue Miller (SMS Art teacher). Sign-up is first-come, first-serve and is limited to 25 students, so don't delay!

The theme of this first session will be "Let's Celebrate Thanksgiving!" In this Art Club session, students will use a variety of materials to create timeless little pieces focused on our nation's celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. Art pieces will be taken home before Thanksgiving so they can be showcased for family and friends!

If your child is interested in participating, please send an e-mail to Mrs. Miller at: smiller@st-monica.org.

There will be two additional sessions of the Art Club this school year (dates TBD). Please watch for additional details about these upcoming sessions in future editions of the *St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder*.

Any questions or need for additional information, please contact either Mrs. Miller (smiller@st-monica.org) or me (tmlada@st-monica.org).

Have a great week!

Tom

St. Monica Alums in Cast & Crew of Dominican's Drama, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, November 11-14

You are invited to watch the Dominican theatre students bring to life this inspirational story of a Jewish girl and her family during the Holocaust. The Diary of Anne Frank will be presented Thurs., Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.; Fri. & Sat., Nov. 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sun. Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. St. Monica alumni in the cast include Maggie O'Neil and Rachel Sandretti, with Emma Logman and Jacob Scobey-Polacek on the crew of this memorable play. General admission tickets (\$8 for adults, \$6 for students/seniors) are on sale an hour before each performance at Dominican, 120 E. Silver Spring Dr. Whitefish Bay, and by calling the box office at 414-332-1170, ext. 485. And be sure to mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Broadway hit musical Hairspray which runs Feb. 25-27 and March 3-6, 2011. Special discount pricing for season tickets for The Diary of Anne Frank, Hairspray, and the spring musical revue, Inspirations, is now available – visit www.dominicanhighschool.com for details.

Dominican High School would like to inform you of the great things happening at our school!



ENTRANCE EXAMS

Congratulations to all 8th graders who have successfully completed entrance exams at Dominican High School as well as other area High Schools! It was wonderful to see such a great turnout of students on Friday and Saturday at DHS. For those students who have not yet taken the entrance exam at Dominican, please call the DHS Admissions office to pre-register for the next test on December 4th, 2010. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

November 11 at 7:00 p.m.
November 12 at 7:30 p.m.
November 13 at 7:30 p.m.
November 14 at 2:00 p.m.

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!

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

Thank you!