

We Hold a Treasure

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

December 20, 2010

Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

This Week :

Monday, 12/20:

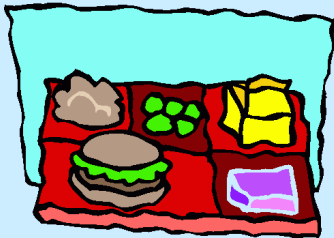
K. Hamrin
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Tuesday, 12/21:

L. Mitchell
N. Flemma
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Wednesday, 12/22:

C. Bassindale
M. Otterson
L. Mitchell



This Week At A Glance...

Monday 12/20: •Forensics Meeting: 5-7pm - Franciscan Rm

Tuesday 12/21: •All School Mass: 8:30am

Wednesday 12/22: •**Casual Dress Day - wear Christmas clothes, or red and green**
•SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library

Thursday 12/23: •**No School**

Friday 12/24: •**No School**



Coming Up Next Year!

Monday 1/3: •Classes Resume!

Tuesday 1/4: •All School Mass: 8:30am

Thursday 1/6: •**Casual Dress Day - College Day: Dress in college shirts/gear**
•Home & School Meeting - 8:15am
Ministry Center
•SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library

FORENSICS

There will be a forensics meeting on Monday after school from 5-7 pm in the Franciscan Room. Please schedule your time with Mrs. Anne Rice to show your selection. Thanks.



ST. MONICA SCHOOL
"Learn, live, and love through Jesus..."

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Parking: Safety-Still a BIG Issue!

The committee being formed to reevaluate the parking drop-off and pick-up situation on the playground will be meeting after the holiday break. PLEASE be aware that I am exploring some new options NOW in preparation of planning the best solution possible to this issue.

PLEASE be aware of how the cones are being placed to prevent cars from entering areas that are restricted for students only.

PLEASE inform your older children and student's grandparents who may be dropping off or picking up your children how this procedure works. This is a BIG part of the problem because they are unaware of how the flow works.

It looks like we may have to get the Whitefish Bay police involved to help monitor how cars enter the property also.

Thank you for taking the time to read and follow these rules. I would also appreciate any one who witnesses someone not following these rules, to kindly speak up to those folks and gently remind them of the reason behind this plan which is to keep all of our children safe.





Christmas Eve Liturgy

St. Monica Home and School is pleased to once again present a Christmas pageant prior to The Christmas Eve Liturgy. The pageant will begin in church promptly at 4:45 p.m. If you plan to attend the pageant, we encourage you to participate in the following traditions that help make the Liturgy particularly special.

Layette Collection

Layette items will be collected for the Christ Child Society.

Please bring an unwrapped layette item. Lectors will ask the children to bring these items to the sanctuary during the pre-Mass pageant and to remain at the Altar for the duration of the pageant.

Host of Angels

During the pageant, one of the lectors will invite all children in attendance to come forward to the altar. The children will be asked to sit in the sanctuary to listen to the rest of the pageant. In this way, the children also become part of the pageant, serving as our “Host of Angels.” Parents should encourage their children to come forward when directed by the lector and ask them to remain there until the end of the play.

If you are donating a layette item, this is also the time to bring that gift forward.

All children are welcome, however, even if they are not presenting a gift.

Ringling of the Christmas Bells

A long-standing tradition at St. Monica is to ‘ring in Christmas’ at the end of the liturgy. Please bring a bell from home to ring during the recessional hymn, Joy to the World. The Church will resound with the joyful sound of bells to celebrate Christ’s birth. Parents, please hold onto bells until the last song has been announced.

Questions? Please call Marisa Klopp (414-217-1971) or Marti Wronski (414-962-6089).





Home and School Association

Anne Cyganiak
Kristin Kuesel

It's the time of year when we are reminded of our many blessings. As a school community where so many volunteers lend their time and talents to help out in countless ways whenever needed, we realize how blessed we are each and every day!

St. Monica Home and School is pleased to once again present a Christmas pageant prior to The Christmas Eve Liturgy. The pageant will begin in church promptly at 4:45 p.m. Thank you to Marisa Klopp and Marti Wronski for organizing this special tradition.

Our next H&S meeting will be held Thursday, January 6th at 8:15 in the Ministry Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Merry Christmas!
Anne and Kristin

SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

We have one more Inventory Sale on Wednesday December 22nd at 3 pm.

Weekly standing orders and orders placed last week can be picked up on Wednesday from 3-3:30.

Any orders not picked up will remain locked in the school office until the New Year.

The next order pickup will be for weekly and monthly standing orders and will be on Thursday January 6th. Accounts will be debited on Jan 4.

Thanks for a great first half of the year. So far we have sold over \$550,000 and earned over \$20,000 in tuition credits and funds for H&S.

Thank you for supporting SCRIP. Jennifer and Norma

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

TOM MLADA

St. Monica Community 2009-2010 Gratitude Report

If you did not receive a copy of our St. Monica Community 2009-2010 Gratitude Report last week Monday via your mail carrier's Monday Folder, please let me know. I do want to make certain all of our school families receive a copy and have the opportunity to read and reflect upon this annual summary of the highlights of our St. Monica Community. It is truly an illustration and celebration of the countless ways in which we all continue to work together as One Family in Christ – and with that in mind, when you're done reading yours, I invite you to pass it along to someone else (grandparent, family friend, prospective family!) and share our collective good news!

Calendar year-end giving

I received an inquiry from a school family the other day about how we handle calendar year-end giving for our St. Monica School 2010-2011 Annual Fund campaign. As I shared with that school parent, historically we have accepted checks dated 12/31 (or prior) through the mid-point of January. ***If you would prefer to contribute before calendar year-end and have yet to do so, please do so now or very soon after the New Year.***

Of course, the Annual Fund campaign does run the duration of the entire school year, so all our investors ultimately have until June 30th, 2011 to make their tax-deductible gift.

Christmas thanks!

With Christmas 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 day- and a season- of health and happiness, peace and prosperity. As you gather with family and friends, may you rejoice in the abundance of God's blessings.

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 our 2010-2011 Annual Fund campaign or your help with our ongoing recruitment efforts, your support of our School 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!

From my family to yours, God's blessings this Christmas and always.

Tom

A NOTE FROM FR. JERRY



Over the last couple of months, all St. Monica Parish families have received a mailing from our Parish asking for you to return the Stewardship Pledge card. Your Stewardship Pledge represents your commitment to active participation in Parish life and active giving to our Parish community for 2011.

To date, many St. Monica School families have yet to return their Stewardship Pledge cards. Your Stewardship Pledge is vital to our planning and budgeting process for the upcoming year. Our expectation is that all registered parish member families return their pledge card to the Parish office.

I have asked Mrs. Robinson and the school office to make it a requirement for school registration.

Therefore, in order to re-register for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year, each current school family must turn in a Parish Stewardship Pledge card. Please take the time now to fill out your pledge card and return in to the Parish office. Additional pledge cards are available in the school or parish office.

Thank you in advance for your generous stewardship!
Fr. Jerry Herda

VIP PHOTOS POSTED FOR PURCHASE

Don't miss out on your chance to purchase photos of your children that were taken during the 2009-2010 school year. Visit VIP's website at www.vipis.com. Password to view photos is MONICASCH. The photos will be posted for a few weeks.

FIRST GRADE PARENTS

All Saints Day Photos have been posted on the VIP website. They are adorable. Visit VIP at www.vipis.com. Password to view photos is MONICASCH.

MAGAZINE SALE PRIZES

Magazine Sale Prizes will be coming home tomorrow, Tuesday, December 21st. Dress Down Passes will also come home to the top sellers in each classroom. Congratulations to Mrs. Shumaker's Class for selling the most subscriptions and earning an ice cream treat.



BASKETBALL YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Basketball Team photos will be taken on Tuesday February 8th. The photos will be taken in the gym. Time slots will be given to each team the first week of January.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Dominican Family to yours!

FANS WANTED! DHS VS. WFB BASKETBALL GAME – DECEMBER 22!

The rivalry between Dominican and Whitefish Bay is greater than ever! We need your support for this year's basketball match-up between our two schools. Please join us at Whitefish Bay High School on December 22, 2010. Get your green on and help cheer us on to victory! Girls Varsity plays @ 6:00 p.m. & Boys Varsity plays @ 7:30 p.m.



HAIRSPRAY WORKSHOP

February 26th, 2011 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Age: 3rd-8th grade boys and girls

Cost: \$18 per participant

Workshops fill fast, register today!

Tickets for the February 26th, 7:30 p.m. performance of Hairspray are available at a discounted price for attendees and their families. A separate section will be reserved for Super Saturday participants and their families. Please call the Admissions Office at 414.332.1170 ext. 131 and ask for a Registration Form today!

DHS BOYS BASKETBALL KNIGHT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle School aged boys are invited to the January 8th Boys Basketball game against Kenosha St. Joseph at 4:15 p.m. followed by pizza with Coach Wollersheim and the team afterward! Call the DHS Admissions Office at 414.332.1170 ext. 130 to register for your free ticket!

LAST DHS ENTRANCE EXAM January 29Th

It is not too late to apply! Call the Dominican High School Admissions office today to register for the January 29th Entrance Exam, to shadow a DHS student or to schedule a family tour. 414.332.1170 ext. 130

Please send your articles and attachments to stmonicanews@st-monica.org

by 3:30pm each Thursday.

Thank you!