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treasure**

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

December 13, 2010

Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

This Week :

Monday, 12/13:

Y. Glinski M. Longacre
S. Branigan

Tuesday, 12/14:

J. Spadafora J. Karnes
A. Strother

Wednesday, 12/15:

G. McBride J. Laskowski
L. Neisner

Thursday, 12/16:

M. Giese T. Stillman
L. Sather

Friday, 12/17:

A. Kachelski J. Keough
M. McNally

Next Week:

Monday, 12/20:

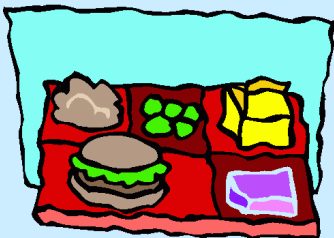
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Tuesday, 12/21:

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

C. Bassindale, M. Otterson,
L. Mitchell



This Week At A Glance...

Tuesday 12/14:	All School Mass: 8:30am
Wednesday 12/15:	Christmas Concert: 7:00pm in Church (Grades 1-8)
Thursday 12/16:	Ladies of Charity Clothing Drive: 8:00am in the parking lot SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library SBC Meeting: 6:30pm - Library
Friday 12/17:	JK and SK Christmas Programs

Coming Up Next Week...

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



St. Monica School

....Learn, Live, and Love through Jesus.”
Weekly Rule

Proper daily hygiene means; making sure your hands and face are clean, brushing your teeth and making sure your hair is combed. It is best to bathe or shower each day but when you are less active, every other day is also fine.



Christmas Concert

All the students are putting the final touches on their pieces for the Christmas Concert this Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. We can't wait to see you there! Here are a few last minute reminders:

- Your student should arrive at school at 6:40 p.m. The doors will automatically unlock at that time, so please don't drop anyone off any earlier!
- Please take your students' coat with you. They will NOT be returning to the classrooms after the concert.
- VIP Photography will be on hand to capture the beautiful sights of the evening so you can sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

Thanks so much! I'm looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday!
~Mrs. Cervelli





Home and School Association

Anne Cyganiak
Kristin Kuesel

Thank you to those that gave to our Christmas Fund Appeal. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated by all!

A huge thank you to our SCRIP coordinators, Jennifer Lamont and Norma Herbers. The use of the SCRIP program has continued to grow thanks to these hard working, dedicated women! The program means profits for H&S and continued tuition credits for the purchaser. Please consider buying SCRIP for Christmas gifts!

Thank you to the K4 and K5 children and their teachers for supplying the ornaments for the library Christmas tree!

Happy Advent!
Anne and Kristin

SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

**REMEMBER TO BRING ALONG SCRIP
FOR ALL YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!**

For your convenience, we are having 2 inventory sales this week: 8 am and 3 pm on Thursday December 16th.

And yes, there is still time to place an order and receive it before Christmas. The order must be in by **Friday, December 17th**. Pick up is on **Wednesday, December 22**.

And don't miss out on your last chance to pick up SCRIP. Our final Inventory sale before Christmas will be held on **Wednesday December 22nd at 3 pm**.

A few more Holiday incentives:

- CPK is 6% (instead of 4%) until Dec. 31
- Cabela's** is 12% (instead of 11%) until Dec. 31
- The Body Shop** is 20% (instead of 8%) until Dec. 31
- Chili Grill** is 11% (instead of 9%) until Dec. 31
- J Jill is 11% (instead of 8%) until Dec. 17
- Home Depot** is 6% (4%) until Dec. 17
- LL Bean** is 17% (instead of 15%) until Dec. 17
- Sears** is 7% (4%) until Dec. 24

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).

Development Corner

Tom Mlada

Calendar Year-End Annual Fund Reminder!

Believe it or not, we are now only 19 days away from the end of calendar-year 2010!

While the Annual Fund campaign does run from July 1st – June 30th, many of our investors prefer to give before the end of the current calendar year so as to take advantage of the tax deductible benefits of their gift. ***If you would prefer to contribute before calendar year-end and have yet to do so, please consider doing so over the course of the next few weeks.***

Please remember, **Annual Fund gifts are 100% tax-deductible, while tuition expense is not!** As such, the Annual Fund helps make a Catholic education affordable for all – and offers a tax benefit in doing so!

And, if you give online (via our school website) with the credit card of your choice, you can also enjoy the benefits of your credit card reward program! Additionally, you can opt to schedule your Annual Fund gift to occur on a monthly or quarterly basis – meaning you need not give your entire intended gift amount all at one time.

We are thrilled to offer our school community investors this kind of flexibility in giving – and we are grateful for and celebrate your investment!

Did you know...

- The average cost to educate a student at St. Monica School is \$4,200.
- The average tuition expense per student at St. Monica School is \$3,000.
- The tuition you pay does not cover the full cost to educate your St. Monica School student – **and your tax-deductible gift to the Annual Fund campaign helps to offset this difference!**

All gifts to our Annual Fund do have a very positive impact for all of us!

St. Monica Community 2009-2010 Gratitude Report

Today, in your mail carrier's Monday Folder, you as a school family will receive a copy of our St. Monica Community 2009-2010 Gratitude Report. Parish member families without children at our school will pick their copy up after Mass beginning this weekend.

Please do take some time 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 in proclaiming His greatness.

A note of thanks...

Each school year, I am blessed to work with an outstanding group of school parents on our Welcome Committee. This group of school parents plays a critical role in helping to welcome our new school families into our St. Monica School community.

Genuinely, I am so grateful for the gifts of time and talent this group of parents commits to our Welcome Committee efforts throughout the entire school year. They are more than welcoming ambassadors for our school community; in their willingness to share their thoughts and ideas with me about how we can best embrace, inform and engage our new school families, they make a profound difference. Frankly, our school's enrollment would not have grown as it has these past several years without them and their help!

So, a special note of thanks today to these dedicated volunteers – they certainly deserve it! Our 2010-2011 Welcome Committee is comprised of the following school parents:

- * Jenn Cofta
- * Amy Cade
- * Marisa Klopp
- * Maurita Jasper
- * Marti Wronski
- * Martha Cushman
- * Moe Tarantino
- * Sandy Gerend
- * Sheila Taphorn

Thank you all for all you do for me and for our Exemplary Recognition school community!

Have a great week!
Tom

Market Day

Today is the last day to order market day online, the cutoff is 11:00pm. Please help support our 8th grade trip to South Dakota! Try great holiday cookies shapes to bake, snacks for lunches that are individually packed, frozen broccoli, individual size drinks, and lots more! Our school code is 5737. Thanks for your support!



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.

Ring 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).

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

by 3:30pm each Thursday.

Thank you!