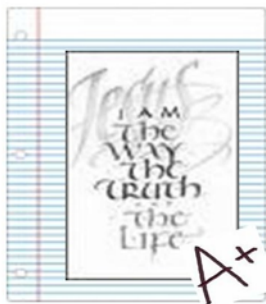


Teach us the Wisdom of God



St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

September 1, 2009

Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

This Week :

Tuesday, 9/1:

A. Cade, K. Gomez,
J. Lamont, L. Clappier

Wednesday, 9/2:

J. Hinz, K. VanLoon,
M. Topp

Thursday, 9/3:

L. Balistreri, G. Caraher,
A. Olsen

Friday, 9/4:

J. Hinz, A. Scobey-Polacheck,
K. O'Dell

Next Week:

Monday 9/7: No School

Tuesday, 9/8

J. Hinz, T. Harris,
K. Poellmann

Wednesday, 9/9:

A. Cyganiak, M. Klopp,
M. Liccione

Thursday, 9/10:

K. Pham, M. VanDyke,
T. O'Brien

Friday, 9/11:

S. Martin, D. Phillips,
G. McBride, L. Regan

This Week At A Glance...

Tuesday 9/1:

First Day of School—Welcome Back!

All School Mass: 8:30 (Shumaker)

JK Short Schedule: 8:00-10:00/1:25-3:25

1st Grade Short Schedule: 8:00-12:30

Wednesday 9/2:

JK Short Schedule: 8:00-10:00/1:25-3:25

1st Grade Short Schedule: 8:00-12:30

Magazine Sale Kick Off: Donovan Hall 2-3pm

Thursday 9/3:

JK Short Schedule: 8:00-10:00/1:25-3:25

Home & School Meeting: Ministry Center - 8:15

SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library

Friday 9/4:

JK Short Schedule: 8:00-10:00/1:25-3:25

Coming Up Next Week...

Monday 9/7:

Labor Day - No School

Tuesday 9/8:

All School Mass: 8:30 (Rice)

Wednesday 9/9:

Early Dismissal: 2:30

Magazine Sale Tally #1

Principal's Address to all School Parents:
Donovan Hall - 7:00 pm

Thursday 9/10:

SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library

SBC Meeting: 6:30PM - Library

Saturday 9/12:

Kindergarten Party

**From The
Principal ...**

Dear St. Monica School Families,

Welcome back to a brand new school year. I am thrilled to begin my duties. As in the past, I am blessed to have a wonderful office staff along with many parent volunteers helping make my job that much easier! Our registration day was a fine example of us working together.

Welcome new school families! It was a pleasure to see so many of you last Tuesday evening. I'm sure this first year will be a fantastic experience for you and your children. Please don't hesitate to call and let me know if I can be of assistance during this transition year.

I look forward to seeing all school parents on September 9th at the Principal's Address.

God Bless,

Maria Schram
Principal



From the desk of Mrs. Lynch:

Welcome back everyone for another great year at St. Monica School. I'd like to take a minute to thank everyone who helped to get everything together for the upcoming year. I feel lots of "good vibes" and have a sense of "TEAM ST. MONICA" being stronger than ever this year. I wish I could name every one individually, but I can't, so know that you are all in my heart. I do have to mention and extend a special thanks, however, to Karen Potter, who helped with the calendar, and Norma Herbers and Marian Topp who helped with our new-look Directory, and thank our printers for their patience with our last minute changes.

We tried to get our information "close to perfect", but as I hope everyone understands, that is a difficult goal to attain, so please forgive me for anything that has been omitted or published in error.

In a few weeks I will send home via your mail-carrier (youngest child), hard copies of any address/ phone/e-mail changes, and new family updates. I will not post these to the on-line St. Monica News for safety and privacy reasons. Calendar changes and updates will be posted to the on-line news, however.

Please e-mail me with any corrections you come across at dlynch@st-monica.org

Thanks again to everyone.

Mrs. Lynch

Home & School
Co-Presidents Scoop
Barbara Diamond & Kate Neitzel

Welcome back! With another registration behind us, we are so grateful to the over 50 people that helped to make it successful. Please know that your efforts did not go unnoticed! A big thank you goes to Karen Potter and Kathy Jablonowski for their guidance, example and willingness to help. We couldn't have pulled this off without you! And to our Co-Vice Presidents, Kristin Kuesel and Anne Cyganiak for all their efforts. Another HUGE thank you goes to Debbie Lynch and Jenn Cofta. It is their organization and hard work that make registration run so smoothly.

One of the best parts of doing this job is the opportunity to meet all of our new families and to see each of you and your children as you come through the door to begin a new year. We hope to be a resource for you throughout the year, so please don't hesitate to contact us with any ideas or concerns you may have.

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING: We encourage you to attend our Home & School meetings. These meetings kick-off this Thursday at 8:15 in the Ministry Center boardroom. An agenda is attached. If you are listed on the agenda and cannot attend the meeting, please email your report to one of us. Coffee will be served and babysitting is available in the lower level of the Ministry Center.

DINNER DANCE/AUCTION: Thank you to Marina Kuhn, Renee Ferrara, Sissy Laudon, Susan O'Connor, and Jennifer Keough for chairing our biggest fundraiser of the year. They have been working all summer to get things rolling. We so appreciate your efforts!

UNIFORM RESALE: Thank you to Amy Strother & Michele Giese for their hard work reselling uniforms. There is way too much inventory being held. In order to alleviate this, we will be donating all pants, shorts and school shirts to needy area schools (jumpers and skirts will be held). If you do not want your items donated, Michele Giese will be in Donovan Hall after school on September 8th so you may pick them up. Any items not picked up will be donated to those who truly need it. In the future, only *very* gently used items will be accepted for resale. Items not sold (except for skirts and jumpers) will be donated after each sale. Any questions, please call Michele Giese at 414.962.6986.

UNIFORM SWEATSHIRTS: New uniform sweatshirts are here! These are either red or navy with "St. Monica School" embroidered. They can be purchased in the school office for \$15. If you have the old SMS sweatshirts, you may continue to wear them through this school year. We have LOTS of these old sweatshirts available for purchase at a special price of \$5. Leave an order in the school office with a check and desired size/color (red or grey). We will see that you get one.

ST. MONICA SURVIVAL GUIDE: If you didn't receive one, please stop in the office to get your new St. Monica Survival Guide for Families. It is a fabulous resource for new (and not-so-new) families. Thank you to Norma Herbers, Kathy Jablonowski, Moe Tarantino, Tom Mlada and all those who helped to bring this valuable tool to all of us!

Thank you again to our wonderful SMS community for all of your hard work. We look forward to a great year.

Peace & God Bless!

Barbara Diamond bbdiamond5@att.net & Kate Neitzel katen@wi.rr.com

**Development
Corner**

Tom Mlada

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! I hope you and your family enjoyed a safe, fun, and relaxing Summer.

“St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder” on the Web!

As with last school year, the “St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder” will be an entirely “paperless” version, posted each Monday morning on the school website. A few important notes this morning:

- 1) On registration day, you had the opportunity to provide me with a new e-mail address (if I don’t already have one for you) or a revised e-mail address (if you’ve changed it since end of last school year). If you do not provide with an e-mail address, I cannot e-mail you on Monday morning with a link to view the Weekly Reminder. It is your choice, but I do believe the e-mail is a nice convenience!
- 2) If you wish to print the “St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder” at home but want to avoid using color ink, simply opt to print it in black-and-white format. You can do so via the “Properties” button on the Print box that appears when you choose to print it.

Should you have any questions or concerns, as always please feel free to contact me at (414) 332-3660 ext. 123 or tmlada@st-monica.org.



St. Monica School Fun Run/Walk Event Update

With the beginning of a new school year and the turning of the calendar to the month of September, several of you have inquired about what has become a St. Monica School tradition – the Diane Woodke Memorial Fun Run/Walk event. As most of you know, Diane was our longtime much beloved school secretary who passed away in June 2006 at the age of 62 after a yearlong battle with cancer. We’ve hosted the event in her honor here at school the past three Labor Days, and I believe each year it has been a success.

The weather has always been near-perfect; the total number of participants has grown each year; and there have been few glitches. Beyond that, the events have cumulatively raised over \$7,500 for the school scholarship fund established in Diane’s name! All in all, this annual event and now school tradition has become a great day to come together as a school community, celebrate Diane’s life, and kickoff a new school year.

This all said, beginning this school year, we will be moving this event to Spring, with the date TBD. We’ve listened to those of you – and there are a good number – who have been disappointed about being unable to join us on Labor Day for the past three events because of family vacation plans. And, we’ve reached a point where Sue Miller (SMS Art teacher) and I are in need of a larger group to help with the event – perhaps 8-10 school parents – and eventually take the reins from us in leading it forward.

So, all you runners and walkers out there, stay tuned for more details as we move through Fall. And, for those of you interested in helping Sue and I, we’d LOVE to have your energy, ideas, and leadership. We’ve had a few very enthusiastic school parents already step forward to help. Please join us! If you are interested, just send me an e-mail or give me a call. And in advance, thank you!

God’s blessings to you and yours this new school year!

Tom Mlada
Development Director

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

A Few Words From Fr. Jerry

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. A couple of things I wanted to make you aware of as we start the year.

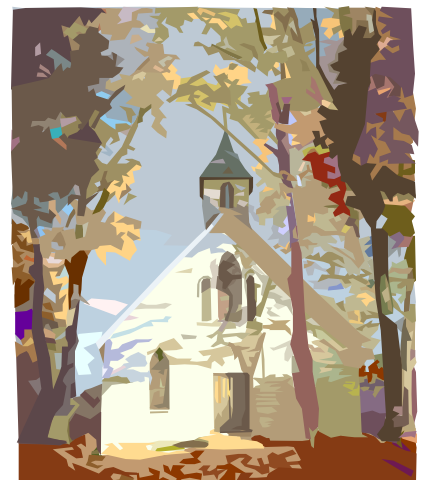


- This year we have changed the weekly mass to be an all-school mass each week.
- In mid September we will welcome Brad Krawczyk, a seminary intern to our parish. Brad is studying to be a priest and will work with St. Monica and St. Eugene parishes and schools. This will be a great learning opportunity for him and a wonderful experience for our children and parishioners to get to know a seminarian.
- I invite you to participate in our weekly Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM. This is simply a time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Finally I have listed some reminders that I shared with the teachers regarding school masses. The teachers thought it would be good to remind parents as well.

God Bless,
Fr. Jerry Herda

Reminders for All-School Mass

1. Church is a sacred space.
 - o students should show sign of respect when entering & exiting pew.
 - o students should be quiet, not talking with others during mass.
 - o reverence for the tabernacle should be shown, especially when in the sanctuary.
2. When entering or leaving church students can bless themselves with holy water.
3. Children who scheduled to read at mass need to practice and work on projecting and speaking with confidence.
4. Participation - **Everyone** is expected to sing and respond.
5. Receiving communion - students should be reminded to:
 - o bow before receiving communion
 - o hold hands - one under the other - when receiving the host
 - o hold hands up high to receive communion



SMS SCRIP Rewards Program

What an exciting week we had! We started the week with the H&S chair meeting and finished with registration day with many new and existing families setting up monthly or weekly standing orders. For those of you that are still reviewing the paperwork and figuring out how to get started, please contact us if you have any further questions. We are looking forward to a record number of families participating as we start the new school year.

Last year at this time we had sales of \$110,000. We have blown past that number with sales of \$166,000. Our goal is to have \$1,000,000 sales by May 31, 2010!

Orders placed last week will be available for pick-up at the SCRIP INVENTORY SALE on Thursday from 3:00 to 3:30. If you are unable to stop by at that time, your order will be held in the lockbox in the office. The only exception is for K4 families. These orders will be sent home with your child. Please check their red bag promptly at pick-up.

Remember that all paperwork is available on the school website.

Thank you!

Jennifer Lamont 414-540-0186 / wjlamont@ameritech.net

Norma Herbers 414-962-9193 / normaherbers@earthlink.net



MAGAZINE SALE

The 2009 St. Monica Magazine Sale kicks off THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009. Please look for the Magazine Sale packet coming home with each child.

We are happy to announce that we have changed the fundraising company we are working with this year. We expect this change will improve customer service and decrease the delay in receiving orders as orders will now be processed weekly. Also new this year is the ability to enter your order online. To do so, simply go to www.aphearst.com, click on "Order Magazines," enter School Code STMONICAWHITEFISH, enter your Student's Name, and START SHOPPING. All on-line orders will count towards the sales prize program.

Last year the Magazine Sale raised nearly \$14,000 for Home and School. Please help us make it another successful year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kathy Gomez
Denise Grogan

Multicultural Arts News: Uganda

Each year, St. Monica School, through the Multicultural Arts Committee, focuses on learning about a country and culture. Last year's focus was China. This year, we will learn about Uganda, located in east central Africa.

If any parents have Ugandan resources -- clothes, baskets, pictures, people they know, good books, ideas for performances -- please contact either Maria Schram or Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck (Multicultural Arts Committee), ascobey@hotmail.com



Battle of the Books: Grades 4-6



This week, all children in grades 4-6 will receive a letter inviting them to join Battle of the Books. This optional program involves forming a team of three with kids within your grade and splitting up a list of 45 books to read between now and early March.

There will be fun activities each month for BOB kids (Olympics, open gym, ice skating, etc.). Thanks to the 4th and 6th grade parents who stepped forward to coordinate for their grades; we still need one for 5th -- not a big time commitment. If you're interested in being the 5th grade coordinator or just helping out this year (St. Monica is hosting the Invitational on April 21), e-mail Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck,

Help Spruce Up Our Green Space September 12th

Do your kids love to play outside at St. Monica's? Like to garden? Do your kids need service hours? Want St. Monica to look its best? Want to help St. Monica to garden naturally?

Join Green St. Monica's Green Team for our last time this season on **Saturday, September 12th from 8:30 to 10:30 am**. We'll be weeding and doing a final spruce up before fall. If you've been meaning to come all year, this is your chance. Bring a friend and chat while you work. All are welcome. Bring your kids and work in the small northern playground while they play. Come for as long as you can. If you enjoy our green space, please do your part to keep it healthy and beautiful, naturally.

Please gather near the Ministry Center entrance on the Santa Monica Blvd. side. Please bring your own gardening gear (gloves, weeder, yard waste bags, hat, etc.) and water bottle.

Busy that Saturday morning? Help when it's convenient. Come anytime the week of September 12-19. Contact Sandy Hellman for instructions or just pitch it where and when you can. Thanks!

Questions? Contact Sandy Hellman at 414.963-1141 or sandyhellman@sbcglobal.net

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country practice will be held MWF 3:30-4:30, starting Wednesday, Sept. 2nd. The season runs through mid-October. Meet in your running clothes next to the play structure. Bring a water bottle. Parents are welcome.



To sign your child up, contact Annemarie, ascobey@hotmail.com

Boy Scouts

For those interested in their son joining Tiger Cubs, registration will be at the first Pack Meeting on September 16th in Donovan Hall at 6:45.

Uniforms are not necessary for the first event. The Milwaukee Council has a Scout Store that has uniforms - www.milwaukeeboyscouts.org

See attachment for the schedule for the year and information on the upcoming Camp Out in the Pine Grove @ St. Monica September on 5th.



Starry Night Auction and Dinner Dance News

Hello St. Monica Families and welcome back to school! Please let us introduce ourselves: **Renee Ferrara** and **Marina Kuhn** - We are the Dinner Dance Co-Chairs. **Jennifer Keough, Sissy Laudon** and **Susan O'Connor** - We are the Auction Chairs. We are honored to take on this year's event and are counting on you to help us make the event a great success.

We thank all of you who have already begun your volunteer work for the event and encourage those of you who haven't considered volunteering, to do so.

We would like to recognize the following volunteers for taking on leadership roles this year:

Gina Harris, Lori Phillips and **Peg Rolfs** – Captains for the Raffle

Jennifer Keough, Sissy Laudon and **Susan O'Connor** - Captains for the Auction

Michelle Hines and **Kari Nau** - Captains for Decorations and Set-up

Margaret Quirk and **Kris Mellin** - Captains for 8th Grade

Lori Phillips - Invitations Captain

Maribeth Mc Nally - Captain for Underwriting

Marian Topp – Captain for Reservations and Tables

Beth Cafaro, Sissy Laudon and **Trinette Stillman** - Captains for the 8th Grade Volunteers

Nancy Weas – Captain for the Auction Kick Off Party

Mary Beth Mc Nally - Captain for the Auction Booklet

Angela Sprau – Captain for the Brown Bottle Grab

Jennifer Keough - Captain for Gathering

Jason Cook - Clean Up Captain

Jennifer Lamont and **Kelly Vincent** - Check Out Captains

Mo Buettner and **Maria Van Dyke** – Pizza Party

Beth Cafaro - Photo Day Captain

Betsie Berringer, Joanne Boettinger, Carola Gulick, Julie Karnes, Juliet Kersten, Sarah Martin, Natalie Nolan, Vicki Schoshinski, Holly Strimaitis, Moe Tarantino and **Maria Van Dyke** - Silent Auction Table Captains

Auction Kick Off Party

Please join us for the Auction Kick Off Party, Saturday, September 19th from 6:30-10:30 at the home of Doug and Nancy Weas, 4730 N. Lake Drive in Whitefish Bay.

Bring your auction donation, donor form, or come for donation ideas! All donations are welcome and appreciated!

Please RSVP by September 14th to **Nancy Weas**, 414-967-0535 or nweasinwfb@aol.org

4th grade parents, please help carry on this grade's tradition by helping supply the beer, wine and appetizers for the party.

Mr. Bradford's class parents, please contribute a 12 pack of beer and **Mrs. O'Neil's class parents** with last names beginning with A-J, please contribute an appetizer, last names beginning with K-Z, please contribute a bottle of red or white wine. All items need to be dropped off at the Weas' on Saturday. 4th grade parents, please be on the look out for a special flier with all the details coming home with your 4th grader. Even if you are unable to attend, we still need you to drop off your beer, wine or appetizer contribution.

Thank you and hope to see you at the Auction Kick Off Party!

Auction

Again this year, the night of the Auction is a **BROWN BOTTLE GRAB**. Please bring a bottle of wine to the Kick-Off Party – unique, special types of wine at least \$15 in value (although we encourage pricier wines to add to the fun) all are needed.

If you have any questions or if you are unable to attend the party but still want to donate a bottle of wine, please contact **Angela Sprau at 414.962-3556** or asprau1@wi.rr.com

MAKE A DONATION! Donor forms were included in the Registration packet and are available on the SMS website. Just fill out and return to the office. We will have dates in September and October to drop off items. Or, call us and we will pick-up. Just remember we need the donations by **October 16th!**

Here are some ideas to get you thinking:

New York - Airfare/Hotel/Broadway Tickets and Dinner Certificates

Chicago - Amtrak Tickets/Shopping Certificates/Cubs Tickets Dinner at Ditkas/ Tremont Hotel

Getaways - Kohler Spa and Golf, Wisconsin Dells, Door County Sailboat Cruise, Mackinaw Island

Party On! Catering Service, Wine/Beer Donation/Band or DJ/ Clubhouse Rental

Puppy

Original Artwork

Sweetheart Retreat - Iron Horse Hotel, Dinner at Smythe

Personal Training Package

Summer Fun - Summerfest, Brewers

Sports – Olympic 2010 Games in Canada, NCAA Tournament in Milwaukee 3/19/2010, and All Star Games

TV Show Tickets – American Idol, The View, Oprah and Regis and Kelly

Concert Tickets – Bruce Springsteen

Complete Makeover – Salon Hair, Makeup, Mani & Pedi

Bayshore Gift Cards – Vera Bradley, J Crew, Forever 21, Coach

Electronics – Macbook, Dell Laptop, iPod Classic, iPod Shuffle, iPhone, iPod touch, Digital Camera, Kindle DX, Garmin Navigation System and Flat Screen TV