

We are on a Journey

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder January 23, 2012

Lunch Duty Schedule

11:00—1:00 pm

This Week

Monday, 1/23:

Gretchen Caraher
Michelle Ricks
Ann Pencak

Tuesday, 1/24:

Heidi Cook
Nick Flemma
Beth Cafaro

Wednesday, 1/25:

Lori Phillips
Michele Hines
Laura Regan

Thursday, 1/26:

Tanya Chick
Joanne Boettinger
Paul Giese

Friday, 1/27:

NO SCHOOL

Next Week

Monday, 1/30:

Denise Phillips
Jennifer Deslongchamps
Angela Sprau

Tuesday, 1/31:

Trish O'Brien
Lisa Nelson
Maribeth McNally
Kathie Campbell

Wednesday, 2/1:

Heidi Cook
Moe Tarantino
Paul Christensen

Thursday, 2/2:

Jeff Glinski
Mary Lundberg
Christie Ortwein

Friday, 2/3:

Steve Ghilardi
Renee Ferrara
Marian Topp

This Week At A Glance...

- Monday 1/23: •2nd Quarter report cards sent home
- Tuesday 1/24: •All School Mass: 8:30am (Kuhnmuensch)
- Thursday 1/26: •SCRIP Sale: 2:45 (Outside of the Library)
- Friday 1/27: •**No School: Staff Inservice**
•Annual Fund Party: 7:00pm

Coming Up Next Week...

- Sunday 1/29: •Catholic Schools Week Open House (see attachment for full CSW schedule)
- Thursday 2/2: •Home & School Meeting: 8:15am (Ministry Center)
•SCRIP Sale: 2:45 (Outside of the Library)
- Friday 2/3: •All School Family Mass: 2:00pm

SMS Celebrates Italy!

This afternoon, SMS students are being treated to a performance of Italian music by performers from the Skylight Opera! The show begins at 2:00 p.m. today, Monday, January 23, in Donovan Hall. Parents are welcome to attend!



We are on a Journey Weekly Rule

Kindles, Nooks and other electronic devices are another way to read a book. They are only to be used at school when the teacher allows. You are not to be playing games on them. If you violate this rule, your device will be taken away.

Home & School

Maria Van Dyke & Amy Strother
Co-Presidents

Many thanks to Carolyn Peters, Maurita Jasper & Anne Marie Scobey-Polachek for planning such a special mass in memory of Dr. Martin King Jr. last Tuesday! Having the amazing choir from St. Francis of Assisi is always a highlight of our school year!

We are looking forward to another fun & eventful Catholic Schools Week next week!

We Heard Something about iPads?!?! -- Technology Committee Update

You have probably seen or heard about some of the St. Monica teachers beginning to work with iPads. This is just part of what St. Monica's Technology Committee has been working on as part of the 2012-2014 Technology Plan. We've been looking at everything from how do we create a safe technical environment, to how does this really help our curriculum and our students learn. Because there are many inter-related issues, we've put together these FAQs attached to the Weekly Reminder. We hope this gives you a good sense of how we are trying to use technology to continue to improve the overall education of our students.

Variety Show Directors!

Please join us on Tuesday evening January 24 at 6:30 pm, in the auditorium at Dominican High School, for an informational meeting on the technical side of Variety Show!

This is your chance to ask questions of the DHS tech staff, about lighting and sound, to get a feel for the stage and to see the locations of the fly bars.

Please contact Kathy if you have any questions: kabob@wi.rr.com

See you there!

Kathy, Karen, Renee and Jennifer



Coming This Sunday . . . An Invitation to Participate in the St. Monica School Parent Satisfaction Survey

The St. Monica School Board invites you to participate in the annual Parent Satisfaction Survey. You will have an opportunity to provide us your opinions about the overall school environment, specific programs, and events. You will also be able to provide feedback specific to each teacher. Each school family will receive an email on Sunday, January 29th from SchoolBoard@st.monica.org. We thank you in advance for your time and input in helping make St. Monica School a great place to learn, live and love through Jesus!

SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

Wow, we currently have 127 families participating in SCRIP plus 4 staff members. As families are registering for the 2012-2013 school year, now is a great time to give SCRIP a try. Year-to-date families have already earned the following tuition credit dollars:



13 families have earned more than \$500
 23 families have earned \$300 – \$500
 14 families have earned \$200 - \$300
 34 families have earned \$100 - \$200
 27 families have earned \$0 - \$100
 16 families have contributed \$100 in profits to H&S and need to buy more SCRIP to start earning their tuition credits

For all the families who actively participate in our SCRIP program-

Keep in mind, there are still 5 months (February, March, April, May, and June) to earn tuition credits for the 2012-2013 school year. Think about converting a larger piece of your weekly spending to gift cards purchased through our SCRIP program. SCRIP can be a great way to budget your hard earned dollars, while benefiting your family and St. Monica School.

For all the families who have good intentions but haven't been able to use the program yet –

We know that buying SCRIP requires a change in buying habits. However once you get started, you are hooked. We are always available to answer questions and offer encouragement to get you started. The financial benefits can be significant to your family and our school. We try to make buying SCRIP as easy, fast, and convenient as possible. Please visit the school website for enrollment information and order form.

Thanks for supporting the SMS SCRIP Program!

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Please consider donating blood at the St. Monica Blood Drive this Thursday, January 26, 2012 between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. in Donovan Hall. Please set up an appointment to save yourself some time. You can e-mail Sandy Styre at sstrye@wi.rr.com or call 414-962-0451. Appointments encouraged, walk-ins welcome.

We also need a few volunteer bakers to make cookies or bars for the blood drive donors. If you would like to contribute, please call or email Jan Lasowski. Phone: 963-4822; email: jan866@aol.com. Thank you!



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS NEED GOOD HOME

Check out the Lost and Found area located at the bottom of the stairs leading to the gym. Please take home any items that may be yours. There are sweatshirts, coats, winter items, sweaters, uniform shirts, water bottles, etc. that need to find their homes. Our goal is to get the Lost and Found area cleaned up prior to Catholic Schools Week. Please claim your items by Wednesday January 25th.

Most remaining items will be donated to Goodwill. Any questions direct to Kelly Vincent 414-405-3661, Beth Cafaro 414-303-1660



Box Tops!

We hope you have been saving your Box Tops because it's time for another contest!!! The contest will run from 1/23 to 2/23. Collection envelopes will again be in each student's classroom. Please check your Monday folders for a flyer to collect Box Tops on or just send them in a Ziplock bag. The class that collects the most Box Tops wins a treat!!! Thanks for supporting SMS!

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Rocky's Lunch



This year, Rocky's Lunch for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th graders will be on Thursday, 2/9. For the 6th, 7th & 8th graders, it will be on Friday, 2/10. Any students who do not wish to buy Rocky's pizza on these days will need to bring a bag lunch that day. **All** students must bring bag lunches on the day pizza isn't offered to their grades.

Order forms were sent home with your child last week. Please RETURN them to your child's home-room teacher with *exact change or a check* payable to St. Monica Home & School by **Monday, 1/30**. No late forms will be accepted. **All students must return their form – even if declining the lunch!** We need to ensure that all children will have lunches on these days – from us or from home J.

Please call Laura Regan (414-534-4490) or Mary Ann Sendik (414-352-5728) with questions.

Show your best stuff...your best baked stuff that is. The St. Monica Society Antique Show and Sale needs your muffins, your bars, your cookies, your cakes...We'll be accepting contributions of all manner of baked goodies in Donovan Hall on Friday, February 13, Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15.



Sign up at <http://smsantiqueshow.pleasebringit.com/public/T3U2Prq7ga0>. We also need volunteers the days of the event. <http://smsantiqueshow.pleasebringit.com/public/uJ7xrONeTx4> Any questions, please contact Jeanette Norlock at jsnorlock@gmail.com or 332-2235 or Suzanne Presberg at presbergwi@aol.com or 332-2635. Thank you in advance for your generous and delicious donations!



St. Monica Girl Scout Troops are selling Girl Scout cookies. The cookies will be available the week of February 20. The available types are Thanks-A-Lots, Shout Outs!, Lemonades, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel deLites, and Peanut Butter Sandwiches. They are \$3.75 a box. We will collect the money when the cookies are delivered. Please e-mail Denise Phillips by January 30 with your order ad_phillips@msn.com.

Dear St. Monica School Families:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness this Christmas season! Thank you so much to all for the Christmas money, wonderful cards, baked goods, gift cards, and other gifts. I was truly touched, and felt truly appreciated. We are so blessed to be a part of such a thoughtful, generous community! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Warmest Winter Wishes,
Mrs. Jenn Cofta*

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Development & Stewardship

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2011-2012 Art Club: Session #2

The second session of our 2011-2012 SMS Art Club will be on Monday, February 13th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Art classroom. This second session is designated for students in 1st – 8th 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!

If your child is interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Miller at: smiller@st-monica.org.

Letter from Archbishop Listecky

As an attachment to today's Weekly Reminder, you will find a letter from Archbishop Jerome Listecky. Please take a moment to read and reflect upon this letter. It is directed at all current Catholic school parents and serves to celebrate and affirm your commitment to provide your children with the very best in Catholic K-8 education!

Today more than ever before, we as a staff believe in the value of the Exemplary Recognition Catholic Christian learning community we provide our students – and we are so grateful you all as our school families are a part of it here at St. Monica School!

AND NOW, A WHOLE BUNCH OF IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!

Reminder: Registration for 2012-2013

Just a reminder that the priority registration timeframe for our current SMS families has ended! Of course, current school families may still register; class placements will be made as long as space is available. Please return your re-registration paperwork as soon as possible!

Reminder: Annual Fund Party

Our St. Monica School Annual Fund party is scheduled for this Friday, January 27th at Big Bay Brewing Company (4517 N. Oakland Ave. in Shorewood). All school families are invited to this annual event; if for some reason do not receive your "official" invitation via your mail carrier's Monday Folder today, I am attaching to today's *St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder* an e-vite for your reference.

I do hope you will consider joining us this Friday as we celebrate the generosity of our many school community investors and supporters – you all, as our school families, very much included! **As school families, your support of our Annual Fund campaign is absolutely critical to the campaign's success and for that, I thank you – it means more than you can possibly know!**

So again, please do consider the possibility of coming by at some point in the evening – the party begins at 7:00 p.m. – even if only for an hour or two. It really is a very fitting way to come together as a community, launch Catholic Schools Week and honor all that so many do for all of us.

I hope to see you the evening of the 27th!

Reminder: SMS Open House

Also, please remember that our annual SMS Open House event is this Sunday, January 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please plan on stopping by, even if just for a moment or two, to pop in the classrooms and take a peek at the student work in the hallways. It's another chance to celebrate all the wonderful things happening at St. Monica School and to help us kick off Catholic Schools Week. Please remember to tell (or bring!) an interested friend or prospective family!

And, if you're interested in volunteering during the Open House, please let me know ASAP – our school parent volunteers are a critical component of the event's success each school year!

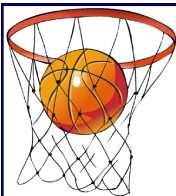
Reminder: Family Mass

While you've got your calendar out and are marking important dates on it, please make note of our **Family Mass** scheduled for Friday afternoon, February 3rd at 2:00 p.m. During our Family Mass on that Friday afternoon, all SMS students will sit at Mass with their family members in attendance. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other extended family members and family friends are all invited to attend and share in this special celebration of our faith and our faith-based school community. We will dismiss all SMS students directly from Church upon conclusion of Mass, but the school building will be open until 3:15 if your family members in attendance wish to walk the halls a bit and learn more about all the great things happening at SMS!

PLEASE NOTE: this Family Mass celebration is not V.I.P. Day, and as such, there is not a need for each individual student to have his or her own family member in attendance. Rather, all members of individual school families will sit together during this special Mass celebration.

Have a great week!

Sports Page ~ St. Monica Raiders



Weekend Basketball Results

Basketball results from the past week. The fifth grade boys split their games on Saturday. The red team lost a hard fought battle to Messmer Prep 14 - 10 while the white team beat University School 21 - 14. The fifth grade girls played each other at St. Monica with the red team coming out ahead by three in a 12 - 9 victory. The sixth grade girls also split their games. Red lost to Lumen Christi while white edged Lumen Christi Green 16 - 14. Also in the past week the sixth grade red girls team played well in a tournament at St. Agnes in Butler while losing to St. Agnes, St. Jude, and Brookfield Academy. The sixth grade boys' teams both met with success on Saturday. The white team set back the team from Holy Family at Holy Family 28 - 16 while the red team defeated Lumen Christi Green by four in double overtime.

On the seventh grade level, all three teams were victorious on Sunday. The girls edged St. Robert 21 - 20. The seventh grade boys' A team beat back a challenge from Lumen Christi 29 - 24 and the boys' B team edged University School Blue 14 - 10. In eighth grade, the boys were beaten by a very big team from University school while the girls continued their winning ways in a 24 - 11 scrappy game against Salam. Also in the last week the eighth grade girls won the consolation championship in a tournament at St. Agnes in Butler.

In freshman/sophomore CYM basketball action on Sunday, St. Monica defeated St. Eugene 51 - 23. Will Christensen and Nick Cafaro led St. Monica's with 16 points apiece.

Basketball Standings

After five weeks of basketball, here is how the St. Monica teams stand: on the boys side - 5th grade boys, red and white are both tied for fourth at 3 - 2, 6th grade red tied for seventh at 2 - 3 and white is tied for eleventh at 1 - 4. In seventh grade A division, St. Monica is third at 4 - 1 and in the B division we are third at 2 - 3. The eighth grade boys are third in their grade with a 3 - 1 record.

On the girls side, in fifth grade the white team is eighth at 2 - 3 and the red team is tenth at 1 - 4. Sixth grade girls share identical 1 - 3 records and are in sixth place. The seventh grade girls look to be tied for second (there is some sort of glitch in the published standings with the St. Eugene team) with a 3 - 2 record. The eighth grade girls are currently second with a 4 - 1 record.

Attention Basketball Parents of present 4th through 11th graders

The Wisconsin Coaches Scouting Service is in its 29th year of running summer basketball camps. All camps are held in nearby Mequon at Concordia University and all offer full-resident or commuter options for all campers. Further information can be found on their website at www.wcss-basketball.com or from info sheets/registration forms attached to the bulletin board outside the St. Monica gymnasium.

ATTENTION WFB FAMILIES, TWO-WEEK NOTICE: The last day for registration without paying a late fee is two weeks away - Jan. 31, 2012. Based on the early returns many families still need to register their players. It is very important that you sign up by the end of the month so the Board can determine the number of teams for each division and the coaches for those teams. We have a short window of time between the close of registration and player evaluations (February 19 and 26), to set up the divisions for the upcoming season. That is why we need your help, and that is why the late fee is imposed. Please head to the website at www.wfbll.com and follow the easy instructions to register your players.

For those that have already registered - and for those that will - we will send out reminder emails in regards to the evaluation dates and times for each level.

Thanks for your support of Whitefish Bay Little League.



This Week's Schedule

St. Monica basketball schedule January 28 and 29, 2012.

January 28, 2012

- 9:00 5th grade boys red vs. Salam @ St. Monica
- 5th grade girls red vs. Holy Family @ Holy Family
- 10:00 5th grade boys white vs. Catholic East @ St. Monica
- 11:00 5th grade girls white vs. Messmer Prep @ St. Monica
- 6th grade boys white vs. Lumen Christi Green @ Lumen Christi
- 1:00 6th grade girls white vs. Lumen Christi @ Lumen Christi
- 6th grade girls red vs. St. Robert Blue @ St. Monica
- 6th grade boys red vs. Holy Family @ Holy Family

Also at St. Monica: 12:00 - 5th grade girls St. Robert vs. Messmer Blue

January 29, 2012

- 1:00 7th grade boys' A vs. Holy Family @ Holy Family
 - 2:00 7th grade boys' B vs. Lumen Christi Green @ Lumen Christi
 - 3:00 7th grade girls vs. Lumen Christi @ Lumen Christi
 - 4:00 8th grade boys vs. Lumen Christi @ Lumen Christi
 - 5:00 8th grade girls vs. Lumen Christi @ Lumen Christi
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At St. Monica on January 29, 2012

- 1:00 7th grade boys A University School vs. Eastbrook Academy
- 2:00 7th grade boys B University School Blue vs. Messmer Prep
- 3:00 7th grade girls A Messmer Prep vs. St. Robert
- 4:00 7th grade girls B Indian Community School vs. Salam

Scorer/timer schedule January 28 and 29, 2012

- January 28, 2012 Eddie Pencak/Max Rusch
- January 29, 2012 Eddie Pencak/Chris Topp

Admissions and Concessions Help Needed

I want to thank all the parents who gave up some time this weekend to help out with admissions and concessions for St. Monica basketball. At all games with the exception of the last game on Saturday afternoon we had terrific crowds and saw terrific basketball action at all games. Below you will find the admission concession schedule for next Saturday.

*****Next week Sunday we have no St. Monica teams playing at home and I am looking for volunteers to help out at these 7th and 8th grade games at 1, 2, 3, and 4 on Sunday afternoon. If you have a free hour to maybe help us out, please drop me a line at hochscms@yahoo.com. Any help would be appreciated (high schoolers needing community service hours, etc.)*****

Admission/concession schedule 1/28/2012

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| 9:00 | Admissions: Sprau | Concessions: End |
| 10:00 | Admissions: Kvetkovskiya | Concessions: Harris |
| 11:00 | Admissions: Phillips | Concessions: Olsen |
| 12:00 | Admissions: Ruppelt | Concessions: Van Loon |
| 1:00 | Admissions: O'Brien | Concessions: Sendik |

St Monica Society Antique Show

The 47th annual St. Monica Society Antique show is set for the weekend of Feb. 10-12. If you have never been to the Antique Show stop by this year and have lunch and shop. Purchase sweets for your Valentine at the bakery and buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win the beautiful quilt and other great raffle items. The money raised benefits the parish and charities selected by the St. Monica Society.

We need volunteers for this longstanding parish event. You can volunteer to work during the weekend at the bakery, tea room, kitchen, set up and cleanup. Or, if you'd like help in advance, we need volunteers to make chili and baked goods. Please contact a committee chair and sign up now if you can help out.

This week's news:

Chili Buckets Needed. Please save your five-gallon ice cream containers for our chili makers. Please bring to the back entrance of church and leave in the marked box.

Watch for an invitation for the Gala Preview in the mail this week and please RSVP as soon as possible.

Check out this year's Antique Show quilt on display this week in the window of Winkie's. The quilt will also be on display after Masses the weekend of Feb. 4 and 5.

Please contact one of the committee chairs if you're willing to help out.

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Antique Show Advertising and P/R Communications: Kathy Quirk-quirkink@aol.com and Beth Hoover-bhoover@st-monica.org

Antique Show Advisors: Amy O'Connor and Julie Duval

Antique Show Dealers: Ceil Bradford-cb5885@att.net and Sandy Christenson

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Hospitality Lunch Friday: Liz Sather-lizsather@yahoo.com

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Quilt Raffle: Norma Herbers-normaherbers@earthlink.net, Mary Lehrmann-marylehrmann@sbcglobal.net

Signage: Margaret Marshall-margaretcorcoran@wi.rr.com

Treasurers: Marianna Bruch-mgbruch@st-monica.org, Katie Hoeller-khoeller@wi.rr.com,



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by 3:30pm each Friday. Thank you!