

We ate on a Journey

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

August 29, 2011

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Lunch Duty Schedule

11:00—1:15 pm

This Week:

Monday, 8/29:

Carrie Eck
Kathy Engman
Janet Martinez-Ortiz

Tuesday, 8/30:

Carrie Eck
Ceil Bradford
Amy Cade

Wednesday, 8/31:

Kathie Campbell
Kathy Engman
Janet Martinez-Ortiz

Thursday, 9/1:

Heidi Cook
Ceil Bradford
Janet Martinez-Ortiz

Friday, 9/2:

No School

Next Week :

Monday, 9/5:

No School

Tuesday, 9/6:

Amy Cade
Kathy Gomez
Cindy Molitor

Wednesday, 9/7:

Julie Rothenbach
Laura Regan
Bridie Mooney

Thursday, 9/8:

Martha Cushman
Stacey Naffah
Natalie Nolan

Friday, 9/9:

Kara Hamrin
Ann Erpenbeck
Marian Topp

This Week At A Glance...

Monday 8/29:

•First Day of School—Welcome Back!

- JK Short Schedule: 8:00-10:00/1:15-3:15
- 1st Grade Short Schedule: 8:00-12:30

Tuesday 8/30:

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Thursday 9/1:

- JK Short Schedule: 8:00-10:00/1:15-3:15
- Home & School Meeting: 8:15am (Ministry Center)
- Magazine Sale Kick-off
- SCRIP Sale: 2:45 (Outside of the Library)

Friday 9/2:

•No School (Staff In-Service)

Coming Up Next Week...

Monday 9/5:

•Labor Day - No School

Tuesday 9/6:

- All School Mass: 8:30 (Shumaker)
- Home & School Coffee with Mrs. Robinson: Right after mass (Donovan Hall)
- JK Regular Schedule: 8:00-11:00/12:15-3:15

Wednesday 9/7:

- Magazine Sale Tally #1: Turn in order forms

Thursday 9/8:

- SCRIP Sale: 2:45 (Outside of the Library)
- SBC Meeting: 6:30PM (Library)

Friday 9/9:

- 8th Grade Canoe Trip: 7:30am-6:30pm

Saturday 9/10:

- Kindergarten Party!

Home & School Association

Maria Van Dyke & Amy Strother
Co-Presidents

Welcome back to all our school families and welcome to those of you who are new to St. Monica School! It was nice to see so many new faces at Registration on Wednesday. Registration was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers who helped make it run so smoothly. Special thanks to Joyce Swietlik, Ann Pencak and Meg Geshay for set-up.

Thank you to Home and School Association's Co-Vice- Presidents Joyce Swietlik and Jen Deslongchamps who ran the new Families Table; a thank you goes to Amy Cade, Michele Hines, Kathy Jablonowski, Nancy Wolf, Liz Ghilardi, Kelly Vincent, Moe Tarantino, Sue Devine, Maribeth McNally, Ann McCormick Gelhard, Trish O'Brien, Ann Pencak and Kim Antonelli who distributed all the blue family folders and helped with paperwork.

Thank you Nicole Renouard and Kristin Kuesel for their hard work on the raffle. Thank you Jennifer Lamont and Norma Herbers for selling script not only at registration, but throughout the summer as well! You are amazing! Thank you to the new Athletic Director Mark Hochschild for his work on athletics. Thank you to Kathy Gomez and Julie Karnes for putting together and distributing our beloved Memory Book! It is fabulous! Karen Potter, thank you for ALL of your work on our school calendar. Another thank you to Norma Herbers and to Marian Topp for creating our "couldn't live without "school directory! Thank you to our Room Parent Coordinators Maurita Jaspers and Angela Kachelski for finding room parents so quickly, and to our Lunchroom Coordinators Gretchen Caraher and Beth Cafaro! Thank you Tanya Chick for organizing our fabulous Art for Youth program. Thank you Gerri McBride for organizing our Library volunteers. Thank you, Karen Potter and Renee Ferrara, for highlighting and organizing volunteers for our fantastic Variety Show. Thank you Marian Topp for all of your hard work on the Market Day display. Thank you Kerry Barry for organizing the uniform resale and Molly Kanter and Stephanie Dragani for all of their work on Spirit Wear and Gym Uniforms! Thank you Anne Cyganiak for organizing the Forensics Sign up table. Thank you Sally Branigan for introducing our new school fundraiser, Schoolamoola. Thank you Julie Spadafora for collecting donations to our teacher Christmas gifts.

We would also like to thank the Dinner Dance/Auction/Decorations Chairs Joanne Boettinger, Emma Gillette-Halpern, Julie Frinzi, Kris Langhoff, Kelly Steinberg, Denise Phillips, and Jenna Greene who have been working so hard all summer and will continue to work to make our upcoming event successful! If you would like to get involved in this exciting process, contact Maria or Amy!

Finally, a big thank you to Steve Dawkins and Chris Stemwell for setting up for and cleaning up after registration! Thank you Natalie Nolan and Gretchen Caraher for organizing and distributing the many School Pak orders!

Thank you Sarah Martin for creating the September Birthday Bulletin Board in the cafeteria and to Gina Chiappa for her work on the New Student Bulletin Board by the office. Finally, thank you Tina Desing for publishing the first of MANY Weekly Reminders!! We appreciate you taking on this task for yet another year!

Our first Home and School meeting will be on Thursday, September 1st at 8:15 in the Ministry Center. All school parents are encouraged to come. Hear what is happening around the school! Share your thoughts and ideas! Get involved! Your input makes our school what it is!

We are so excited that the 2011-2012 school year is here! We have such fantastic families to work with at SMS and we are looking forward to working with all of you at the many Home and School events that bring great energy to our school. Please check the meeting agenda which is an attachment to the Weekly Reminder to see if your committee is on it.

Many Thanks!

Home and School Association Amy Strother and Maria Van Dyke, Co-Presidents



*And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles,
no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey,
a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful,
by which we arrive at the ground at our feet,
and learn to be at home. ~ Wendell Berry*

“We are on a Journey”

When responding to any adult, always respond by saying, “Yes, Mrs. Robinson” or “No, Mr. Bradford”. Just nodding your head is not acceptable.

St. Monica SCRIP Rewards Program

The SMS SCRIP Program is an exciting way to raise money for our school and reduce tuition for the families that participate. Last year sales totaled \$1,143,144.00 with profits of \$58,828 – our best year ever and second consecutive year with sales over \$1,000,000.

That translates into \$46,808 in tuition credits for the families that participated and \$12,020 in profits for Home & School to benefit all students.

The new SCRIP year started July 1st. Sales have been brisk – YTD we are at \$160,000. Last year at this time sales totaled \$130,900.

Participation in the SCRIP Program is easy and convenient. Families can set up standing orders (either weekly or monthly), orders can be placed weekly as needed, or gift cards can be purchased at our Inventory Sale on Thursdays outside the school office from 2:45 – 3:15.

Thanks to the families that have already submitted standing orders for this school year. We have received 33 monthly standing orders totaling \$17,465, and 55 weekly standing orders totaling \$10,385.

Please contact Norma Herbers at normaherbers@earthlink.net or Jennifer Lamont at wjlamont@ameritech.net with questions so you can start earning your tuition credits today! Thank you.

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Development & Stewardship Update

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! I hope you and your family enjoyed a safe, fun, and memorable 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.

Note of thanks...

Just a quick note of thanks to those of you who either volunteered for, participated in, or helped sponsor our Diane Woodke Memorial Fun Run/Walk event this past Saturday, August 27th. I believe it was a very successful event by any measure – fun, spirited competition; good turnout; exciting launch to a new school year; great celebration of community; and beautiful weather, too. Thank you all for helping to make the event so wonderful – we could not have made it so without you!

As most of you know, Diane was our longtime much beloved school secretary and parish member 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 six times now, and I believe each year it has been a success. Cumulatively, the events have raised over \$10,000 for the school scholarship fund established in Diane’s name! All in all, this memorial event and school tradition has become a great day to come together as a school community and celebrate Diane and all that is so good about our St. Monica faith community.

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

Tom Mlada
Director of Development & Stewardship



Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets during registration on August 24th. We had a terrific first day of sales and appreciate your interest. Good luck to those who bought tickets! When you see Kelly Pham or Brenda Schwab, be sure to congratulate them as the winners of the free lunch duty for the 2011-12 school year. Congratulations, ladies!



And for those who did not purchase tickets, you will have more opportunities to test your luck at winning the grand prize of \$5000! Look for future announcements in the Weekly Reminder with more information. If you can't wait until then, please feel free to contact Kristin Kuesel at 218.0719/kkuesel@sbcglobal.net or Nicole Renouard at 202.5010/nrenouard@me.com.

Magazine Sale 2011!!



Magazines = \$\$\$ for SMS!!

- * Please remember that the Magazine Sale kicks-off this Thursday, 9/1, in time to service existing customers' renewals.
- * Your kids will be bringing home their order packets on 9/1 and their first Turn-In Day will be Wednesday, 9/7.
- * Prizes are awarded to kids each week based on the number of weekly orders turned in - including weekly drawings for some great gift cards for Bruegger's, Bayshore & Kopp's!!
- * Questions?? Co-Chairs: Betsie Berrien (eberrien@att.net) and Martha Cushman (mpcushman@sbcglobal.net)

Cross Country for St. Eugene/St. Monica gr. 5-8: Practice starts Tuesday, Aug.30

All boys and girls in grades 5-8 are welcome to join cross country! We'll participate in four cross country meets over the course of the season, which runs from Aug. 30 through mid-October. The meets are 1.7 mile runs through local parks. Kids are separated by gender and age level and there are many different ability levels in each race. Our focus is the joy and fun of running, beating your own personal record and why it's a fantastic lifetime sport. A schedule of meets will be given out later in the week.

Practices will be after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:15 to 4:15. Kids will change into running clothes (gym uniform fine) meet on the St. Monica field, and after warming up, we'll run to Klode for our workout and maybe take a dip in Lake Michigan if it's hot. We'll run rain or shine, but if it's raining hard, please pick up your runner at 3:45 instead. If it's lightning, practice will be canceled.

Parents should plan on picking up their kids in the St. Monica lot after practice at 4:15 or instruct them to go home on their own. Parents who arrive with Popsicles or cold drinks every so often are appreciated. I will often have to leave right after practice to get my own kids to their various activities, so I'll assume it's okay to leave your child there to wait for you unless you let me know otherwise.

Kids on other sports are welcome to join our team for cross conditioning and come when they can, as long as they can make at least one practice a week. I understand if cross country is not your first priority. Parents always welcome!

Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck, coach





After 2 months off, Market Day is back! We have made a couple of changes over the summer that we think will improve your Market Day experience.

First, we have changed our pick up times to make it easier on those who wish to beat the school rush. New pick up times are from 2:30 - 3:30 in Donovan Hall. This will allow parishioners to pick up their order before school is out and will allow school families to pick up their order when they pick up their children from school.

Second, if you pay by credit card when you place your order online you can simply let us know when you arrive and we will bring it right to your car. How is that for curbside service?!

Order forms can be found at the church entrances or outside the school offices. The deadline for placing an order through the school office is Friday, Sept. 9th. Online orders can be placed until Monday, Sept. 12th. Pick up for September is Thursday, Sept. 15th from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Donovan Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Marian Topp at (414) 962-4729 or the8topps@sbcglobal.net.

Battle of the Books

It is time for students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade to consider joining the Battle of the Books program. This voluntary program requires students to form teams of 3 within their grade, read 45 books as a team, and compete in in-school contests in March.

Information on this program will be distributed in classrooms and is attached to the Weekly Reminder. Students will need to complete the Battle of the Books Commitment Forms, which also require a parent signature.

I will collect the forms during an Ice Cream Social after school on Wednesday, September 14th.

Please contact me with questions or if you can help during the Ice Cream Social ad_phillips@msn.com or 332-5415.



Welcome back. Please note the new Weekly Reminder deadline for this school year. Please send your articles and attachments to stmonicanews@st-monica.org by 3:30pm each Friday.

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RELEASE STATEMENT

St. Monica School, 5635 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217 today announced its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school office and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced price meals, or free milk if a split-session student does not have access to the school lunch or breakfast service.

FAMILY SIZE INCOME SCALE
For Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Milk

Family (Household) Size	ANNUAL INCOME LEVEL		MONTHLY INCOME LEVEL	
	Free <i>Must be at or below figure listed</i>	Reduced Price <i>Must be at or between figures listed</i>	Free <i>Must be at or below figure listed</i>	Reduced Price <i>Must be at or between figures listed</i>
1	\$14,157	\$ 14,157.01 and \$20,147	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,180.01 and \$1,679
2	19,123	19,123.01 and 27,214	1,594	1,594.01 and 2,268
3	24,089	24,089.01 and 34,281	2,008	2,008.01 and 2,857
4	29,055	29,055.01 and 41,348	2,422	2,422.01 and 3,446
5	34,021	34,021.01 and 48,415	2,836	2,836.01 and 4,035
6	38,987	38,987.01 and 55,482	3,249	3,249.01 and 4,624
7	43,953	43,953.01 and 62,549	3,663	3,663.01 and 5,213
8	48,919	48,919.01 and 69,616	4,077	4,077.01 and 5,802
For each additional household member, add	+ 4,966	+ 4,966 and +7,067	+ 414	+ 414 and + 589

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a notice to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals or free milk, households must fill out the application and return it to the school (unless notified at the start of the school year that children are eligible through direct certification). Additional copies are available at the office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by agency or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To obtain free or reduced price meals or free milk for children in a household where one or more household members receive FoodShare, FDPIR, or Wisconsin Works (W-2) cash benefits, list the household member and the FoodShare, FDPIR or W-2 case number, list the names of all school children, sign the application, and return it to the school office.

For the school officials to determine eligibility for free or reduced price meals or free milk of households not receiving FoodShare, FDPIR or W-2 cash benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, welfare, child support, etc.).

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal and free milk policy, *The Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Debora A. Lynch*, will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: *Mrs. Julie Ann Robinson, Principal St. Monica School, 5635 N. Santa Monica Blvd. Whitefish Bay, WI 53216 414-332-3660, jrobinson@st-monica.org*.

If a hearing is needed to appeal the decision, the policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the school. Such changes may make the household eligible for reduced price meals or free meals or free milk if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above, and they may reapply at that time.

Children formally placed in foster care are also eligible for free meal benefits. Foster children may be certified as eligible without a household application. Households with foster children and non-foster children may choose to include the foster child as a household member, as well as any personal income available to the foster child, on the same application that includes their non-foster children.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. Public Law 103-448 limits the release of student free and reduced price school meal eligibility status to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs. Consent of the parent/guardian is need for other purposes such as waiver of text book fees.

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Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

*Delete the references to the Breakfast Program or the Split-session Special Milk Program if you do not offer these programs.