

We ate on a Journey

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder November 14, 2011

Lunch Duty Schedule

11:00—1:15 pm

This Week

Monday, 11/14:

Joyce Swietlik
Sally Branigan
Colleen Hutt

Tuesday, 11/15:

Julie Spadafora Tatiana Soleski
Gerri McBride Kathy Engman

Wednesday, 11/16:

Trinette Stillman
Jacek Flejsierowicz
Heather Barry

Thursday, 11/17:

Michele/Paul Giese
Jenny Burns
Jacek Flejsierowicz

Friday, 11/18:

Renee Ferrara Heather Barry
Maria Brady
Marina Kvetkovskaya

Next Week

No lunch all week

Happy Thanksgiving!



This Week At A Glance...

- Tuesday 11/15: •All School Mass: 8:30 (Wade)
- Wednesday 11/16: •Book Fair Set Up: 8:15am (Library)
- Thursday 11/17: •Ladies of Charity Clothing Drive: 8:00am (Parking Lot)
•Book Fair (Library)
•Market Day Pick Up: 2:30-3:30 (Donovan Hall)
•SCRIP Sale: 2:45 (Outside of the Library)
•School Board Meeting: 6:00pm (Library)
- Friday 11/18: •Causal Dress Day: Teddy Bear Anniversary, dress in "Free Choice" or SMS Spirit Wear.
•Book Fair

Coming Up Next Week...

- Monday 11/21: •**Early Dismissal: 11:30**
•SCRIP Sale: 11:00am (Outside of the Library)
•Parent/Teacher Conferences (Mandatory Student Attendance): 1:00-7:00pm
•Book Fair
- Tuesday 11/22: •No School
•Parent/Teacher Conferences (Mandatory Student Attendance): 10:00am-7:00pm
•Book Fair
- Wed-Fri 11/23-25: •No School—Thanksgiving Break



Reminder about Parent / Teacher Conferences

We, your fellow parents on the St. Monica School Board Committee, want to take this opportunity during report card and conference season to remind everyone about the processes we have in place for parent/teacher meetings. Our teachers are professionals deeply committed to educating all of our children. We are grateful for their dedication and the countless hours spent to help ensure a first-rate education for all St. Monica students. They set aside two and a half days each fall for conferences with parents, as well as a second opportunity in the spring. As the Parent/Student Handbook indicates, this is the preferred time and place for parent/teacher conferences.

If, as parents, you would like to talk with teachers outside these scheduled conference times, please schedule, in advance, a mutually agreeable time. Please keep in mind that with all of our many other commitments, sometimes some flexibility and patience are required.

Following the process below is a key way to show respect to teachers and to help ensure that your meetings with them are the most productive and supportive of your child's education:

When entering any part of St. Monica School, all parents and visitors are required to stop at the school office at all times (except for dropping off or picking up Kindergarten students.) All visitors/volunteers are required to sign the office logbook and take a "Visitor/Volunteer" sticker to be worn while in the building.

Parents/Guardians are asked to make an appointment, in advance, to meet with the Principal or with teachers. All teachers and staff will do their best to accommodate requests as quickly as possible. Parents/Guardians are asked not to make unscheduled or unannounced visits to classrooms. Please stop at the school office first and make arrangements through office staff.

Please also remember that as our children's best role models, we want them to see us all treat each other with care and mutual respect.

We all have the goal to make our school the best learning environment for our children. Your support of school processes will help. Thank you and we hope you and your students have a great rest of the year.

Andrew DeGuire & John Herbers
Co-Chairs, School Board Committee

**Congratulations to all students on a job well done in the
first quarter of the school year!**



Students in 6th through 8th grades have grade point averages which are calculated based on a formula which weighs each class by the number of class periods it meets each week. The quarterly GPA can be found on the bottom of the report card page two. Honors are earned by those students whose grades average 3.00 or higher. High Honors are earned by those students whose calculated grade point average is 3.67 or higher.

Honor Roll for Quarter 1

6th: 83% of the students made Honor Roll. 37% in High and 63% in Regular Honors.

7th: 84% of the students made Honor Roll. 19% in High and 81% in Regular Honors.

8th: 78% of the students made Honor Roll. 45% in High and 55% in Regular Honors.

"We are on a Journey"

Weekly Rule

Make sure you know the names of all the teachers and adults who work at our school. When you see them, make sure you greet them by saying things like, "Good morning, Mrs. Kraus" or "Good Afternoon, Mrs. Nelson".

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is coming and I could use some help setting up the Fair. If you have some time on Wednesday, November 16th, that would be great. We can start at 8:15 am. Also if anyone can help work at the Fair, I will have a sign up sheet on the library door with dates and times for you to choose from.

Thank you for your help.
Marianna Bruch, Librarian



Home & School

Maria Van Dyke & Amy Strother
Co-Presidents

We hope everyone that attended our "2011 Winter Wonderland Auction/Dinner Dance" enjoyed themselves and had a night to remember! Thank you to those who attended, donated and bid on the many great items. A big thank you goes to the many generous people who support our school! There are many people who dedicated an incredible amount of time and energy to make our "Winter Wonderland" a success! We would like to highlight our chairs and offer a sincere thank you. We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to this event and our school.

LIVE AUCTION: Sheila Taphorn

SILENT AUCTION: Julie Frinzi, Kris Langhoff, and Kelly Steinberg

DINNER DANCE: Joanne Boettinger and Emma Gillette Halpern

DECORATIONS: Jenna Greene and Denise Phillips

We are, also, very grateful to the long list of additional, willing volunteers who gave extraordinary efforts toward this special event!

Amy and Maria



You still have time to get those last minute items needed to round out your Thanksgiving dinner. Order can still be placed online until tonight. Don't forget your Market Day pick up this Thursday, November 17th from 2:30 - 3:30 in Donovan Hall. If you placed your order and paid online, simply call (414) 630-7743 and when you arrive in the parking lot and we will deliver it to your car.

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



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If you have any questions, or need help, contact Support@SchoolaMoola.com or call 855.GOT.MOOLA

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VARIETY SHOW 2012

Join us for the class director meeting on Friday November 18, at 8:15 am in the Franciscan Room! We will have show details and important info for you.

Thank you to those who have already agreed to direct a class act! There are still spots remaining....hurry before they are all taken!

Mrs. Barry: 1-2 needed

Mrs. Dittman: 2 needed

Mr. Bradford: 1 needed

Mrs. Kraus: 2 needed

Ms. Wulz: 1 needed

Mrs. Shumaker: 2 needed

Mrs. Naleid: 1 needed

Mrs. Jaramillo/Beehler: 1 needed

Please call/email us with any questions. See you on the 18th!

Renee Ferrara: ferrara4@mac.com

Kathy Jablonowski: kabob@wi.rr.com

Jennifer Keough: keoughkekpcck@msn.com

Karen Potter: d-potter@sbcglobal.net

Roots

Join the Adults of St. Monica on Monday, November 17th from 6:30-8:30 in Donovan Hall for ROOTS, our monthly large-group gathering for food, drink, inspiration and conversation. We will watch and then discuss over dinner THE CATHOLICISM PROJECT by Fr. Robert Barron. Enjoy a Free soup dinner but BYOB/Beverage. Bring friends. And pens. You don't want to miss this!

Please go to our website www.st-monica.org and sign up, or call Annette in the Ministry Center (964-8780) if you plan to attend. We want to be sure we have enough soup for everyone!!



Advent Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE: The annual St. Monica's Advent Breakfast will take place this year on Saturday, **December 3, 2001** in Donovan Hall at 9:00 a.m. This event includes a special breakfast, music and a short Advent Play for all St. Monica Parish and School parents and students in Junior Kindergarten, Senior Kindergarten and First Grade. This year we will also be collecting "infant needs" to benefit the Women's Care Center. Invitations and additional information on the Women's Care Center were distributed to children in school last week.

Reservations and payment are due to your child's classroom by **November 23**. Cost is \$10 per child and \$12 per adult. Please contact Marti Wronski, Meg Geshay or Karen Schaefer with questions.

Children's Christmas Choir

ATTENTION All Parish children in grades 1-6 who love to sing:

The Parish Children's Christmas Choir will begin rehearsals this Wed., Nov. 16, from 3:45 - 4:30 pm. We will rehearse every other Wed. in the main church sanctuary (see schedule below). We will sing at the Christmas Eve 5pm Mass (you will have to be at church ready to sing at 4:30). We will also sing on Epiphany Saturday, Jan. 7, 5 pm. Please come and learn new songs as well as the traditional carols we sing every year.

Rehearsals: Nov. 16 3:45
 Nov. 30 3:45
 Dec. 7 3:45
 Dec. 21 3:45
 Masses: Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. (arrive at 4:30)
 Epiphany, Sat. Jan. 7, 5:00 p.m.

Questions: Call Karylmary Lucey, 332-2804



Christmas Eve Liturgy

St. Monica Home and School Association 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 La Causa Nursery. 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).



***On the last week of auction my true love gave to me,
a great big THANK YOU under my tree.***

An army of volunteers makes the Winter Wonderland possible, from long before the first invitation is sent to long after the moment the last light is turned off in the cafeteria at clean up. All of us at St. Monica School owe a huge debt of gratitude to everyone who worked on the event this year. It was truly a wonderful evening. So if you helped in any way, thank you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank personally some leaders who we failed to include in the Auction booklet. They worked hard and deserve the recognition. **Kristin Kuesel** and **Nikki Renouard** did a stellar job with the Raffle. **Jen Deslongchamps** innovated and elevated the heck out of the Wine Grab. **Mark Meaney** provided live music to accompany the slideshow of the kids - we saw many suspiciously damp eyes as he played. **Nikki DeGuire** got the word out to the parish and community about the Auction, as did **Tina Desing** with the Weekly Reminder blurbs - no good making Donovan Hall pretty if no one's there to see it. **Jenn Cofta** and **Debbie Lynch** were patient and unflagging in their assistance to a rookie Auction team, as was **Steve Dawkins**. **Regina Weber** was a pinch hitter at check-in, and **Mandy Meyer** helped with the elegant centerpieces.

Finally, we are so grateful to our husbands for picking up the slack at home while we worked as hard as we could to make a successful Auction, and who were indispensable in myriad ways the night of the event. So to **Steve Boettinger, Marty Frinzi, Peter Langhoff, Lyle Steinberg, John Taphorn and Sam Halpern**, we are so grateful - there's a reason we married you!

It was our great privilege and deep pleasure to work on the Winter Wonderland this year. All the best,

Joanne Boettinger, Julie Frinzi, Emma Gillette, Kris Langhoff, Kelly Steinberg, and Sheila Taphorn

Development & Stewardship

Tom Mlada

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Reminder: 2011-2012 Art Club

The first meeting of the 2011-2012 SMS Art Club will be TODAY (Monday, November 14th) from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Art classroom. This first session is designated for students in 1st -- 5th 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!

The theme of this first session will be "Let's Celebrate Thanksgiving!" In this Art Club session, students will use a variety of materials to create timeless little pieces focused on our nation's celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. Art pieces will be taken home before Thanksgiving so they can be showcased for family and friends!

Limited space is still available, so if your SMSer is interested in participating, please send an e-mail to Mrs. Miller at: smiller@st-monica.org.

There will be two additional sessions of the Art Club this school year (dates TBD). Please watch for additional details about these upcoming sessions in future editions of the St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder.

Have a great week!

Tom

Please send your articles and attachments to

stmonicanews@st-monica.org

by 3:30pm each Friday. Thank you!