

We are on a Journey

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder December 12, 2011



Lunch Duty Schedule

11:00—1:15 pm

This Week

Monday, 12/12:

Stephanie Dragani
Christa Shields
Kathleen Comiskey

Tuesday, 12/13:

Maurita Jasper
Julie Spadafora
Brigid Perrigo
Kathie Campbell

Wednesday, 12/14:

Natalie Nolan
Joanne Boettinger
Tina Desing

Thursday, 12/15:

Marti Wronski
Sissy Laudon
Katherine Yarbrough

Friday, 12/16:

No School

Next Week

Monday, 12/19:

Joyce Swietlik
Kara Hamrin
Sally Branigan

Tuesday, 12/20:

Ann McCormick-Gelhard
Christa Dedert
Cindy Molitor

Wednesday, 12/21:

Vicki Shoshinski
Karen Poellman
Jenny Post

Thursday-Friday, 12/22-23:

No School



This Week At A Glance...

Tuesday 12/13: •All School Mass: 8:30am (Rice)

Wednesday 12/14: •Mid Quarter Progress Reports

•**Early Dismissal: 2:30pm**

•**Christmas Concert: 7:00pm in Church**

Thursday 12/15: •Ladies of Charity Clothing Drive: 8am (Parking Lot)

•SCRIP Sale: 2:45 (Outside of the Library)

•SBC Meeting: 6:00pm (Library)

Friday 12/16: •**NO SCHOOL (Accreditation Staff Work Day)**

Coming Up Next Week...

Tuesday 12/20: •All School Mass: 8:30am (Rice)

Wednesday 12/21: •SCRIP Sale: 2:45 (Outside of the Library)

Thursday 12/22: •**NO SCHOOL: Christmas Vacation Begins!**



Don't forget! The annual SMS Christmas Concert is this Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please make sure that your student arrives in his/her home-room at 6:40. See you there!

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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.”





Drop off/Pick up Reminders



Back Playground Lot

- If you plan on being in the lot or parking for an extended period of time, please park across from the swings. This lot is set for K4 parents.
- When pulling into the lot to park, either pull forward or back into the spot **which will then only allow you to pull forward when you exit**. Please avoid backing out of your space.
- Refrain from using your cell phone. This only creates additional distractions.
- Please be aware of student walkers.

Santa Monica Drop-Off

- You are **never allowed to park on Santa Monica** when dropping off or picking up your children. This disrupts the flow of traffic. If you need to park and get out of your car, you need to do this from the back lot.

Please be respectful of the rules we have in place to keep things running smoothly but especially to keep your children SAFE!



Many hands make light work!

When the Christmas concert ends on Wednesday night, a lot needs to happen to make the church ready for daily mass the following morning. If you and/or your family would be interested in volunteering about 20 minutes of your time after the concert, please let Mrs. Cervelli know by sending her an email: scervelli@st-monica.org. Thank you!



Battle of the Books Meeting

We will be having a Battle of the Books meeting after school on Wednesday, December 14, from 2:40 - 3:30, in Donovan Hall.

At this meeting, we will be holding a **mock** (doesn't count, just practice) battle to introduce students to how a battle is operated and good sportsmanship.

Please review the attachments sent to your home e-mail concerning BOB process, etiquette rules, and battle theme. The team with the most points will receive gift certificates to Winkie's.



Home & School

Maria Van Dyke & Amy Strother
Co-Presidents

Thank you to those that gave to our Teacher Christmas Fund Appeal. We have extended the FINAL turn in date to NOON December 14. Please put your donation in a envelope addressed to Julie Spadafora, Home and School Treasurer in the office. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated for our dedicated staff at St. Monica's School.

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, devoted women! The program means profits for H&S and continued tuition credits for the purchaser. Please consider buying SCRIP for Christmas gifts!

Reminder for Parent Lunch shifts: If you are unable to work one or more of your three required shifts, please find a sub or you will be charged \$50 per shift to pay for a replacement.

Thank You and Enjoy this special season!

PROPOSED

St. Monica School Priority Registration Policy 2012-2013

Effective with the beginning of the 2012-13 academic year, and all subsequent years, priority registration for currently registered St. Monica School families with students entering grades K4 through 8 will begin on the first day we return after Christmas break and run for the next ten business days.

The upcoming year's priority registration dates will be from Tuesday, January 3, 2012 through Monday, January 16, 2012.

Families who wish to receive priority registration status must return all completed registration paperwork to the school office by the end of the business day (3:15 p.m.) on the tenth business day following the first day back from Christmas break each year.

Current school families may still register after the tenth business day. Class placements will be made as long as space is available.

Any special or extenuating circumstances which might make it difficult for a current school family to register during the priority registration period will be handled on an individual basis with the school administration.

Registration for families new to St. Monica School will be accepted beginning the eleventh business day after returning from Christmas break each year. For 2012-13 this date is Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

Special requests for morning or afternoon junior or senior kindergarten class placement will be considered in order of the date all completed registration forms are returned to the school office. If necessary, school administration will make final placement decisions using specific criteria as stated in the St. Monica School Student/Parent Handbook, 2011-2013.

St. Monica SCRIP Rewards Program

YTD Sales: \$589,380
 Tuition Credits: \$22,735
 Home & School Profits: \$11,000



There are 2 remaining SCRIP Inventory Sales before Christmas:
 Thursday, Dec. 15 - 2:45 to 3:15
 Wednesday, Dec. 21 - 2:45 to 3:15

You still have time to place 1 more order before Christmas! Orders submitted by this Thursday, Dec. 15th at 6:00 will be available to pick-up Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Please keep in mind that no orders will be filled the week of Dec. 26th. So consider stocking-up on grocery cards and think about how much Kohl's SCRIP you will need to pay your Kohl's credit card bill over break.

Please contact Norma Herbers at normaherbers@earthlink.net or Jennifer Lamont at wjlamont@ameritech.net with questions. Thank you for supporting the SMS SCRIP Rewards Program!



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).

St. Monica Raiders



We are very fortunate at St. Monica School to have a booster club which sponsors events and funds items that benefit both the students and athletic program. Membership to the Booster Club is open to all. There is no initiation fee, just volunteering your time and involvement in their sponsored events.

Annually, the booster club pays for league, meet, and tournament entry fees for basketball, volleyball, track and cross country.

The booster club has purchased all uniforms as well as any that need replacement. They also sponsor an annual coach's clinic for all St. Monica coaches in basketball and volleyball.

Most recently the booster club purchased a new scoreboard which is in the gymnasium. They have also paid for improvements to the gym floor and locker rooms. An emergency defibrillator was purchased last year and is available to the school, athletic program or any group that uses or rents the gym.

Each year the Booster Club sponsors two fundraising events:

- Sports Night, held each spring, is an event recognizing the accomplishments of the 8th grade student athletes, but also features local and state-wide collegiate, Olympic and professional athletes. This long-running event offers the opportunity for every St. Monica student the chance to meet their sports heroes, get their autographs, and participate in the infamous 3 point shooting contest.
- The Golf Outing, held each fall in September is a scramble event, open to all SMS parents, parishioners, and friends of St. Monica. This event features a fun afternoon of golf, many awesome door prizes as well as contests on the course.

Your participation in these events helps raise money for the club.

We are blessed to have this group in place and strongly encourage school families to support their fundraising events and consider joining the club.

-St. Monica Athletic Committee

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Basketball Results



5th grade girls - the red team jumped out to an early large lead and held on to beat University School 23 - 16 while the white team took it on the chin at St. Roberts.

5th grade boys - the red team turned back Lumem Christi 23 - 11 and finished with a 1-2 record in a tournament at St. Joe's in Grafton last week. The 5th grade boys white team finished with a 2-1 record in the same tournament in Grafton.

6th grade girls - while the red team had a bye, the white team was being edged by University School 20 - 16. On the boys' side, the red team easily disposed of University School 44-11, while the white team tripped up and lost a nail biter to University School Blue 24-20.

A couple of games involving St. Monica teams on Sunday were more than some fans could handle. The 7th grade boys' A team, after being down by eleven points in the fourth quarter came back to score a narrow 29 - 25 victory over Holy Family at Holy Family. In a game after that one at Holy Family, the seventh grade boys' B team lost to Catholic East.

On the eighth grade side, the girls turned back St. Roberts 31-18 in a game played at St. Monica. In a game earlier in the day at St. Monica, the 8th grade boys' team pulled out a double overtime thriller, beating St. Eugene 18 - 15. In this game, St. Eugene only had one 2-point basket, three 3-point baskets and were 4 of 5 from the charity stripe. Personally, I can't tell you who drained the buzzer-beater in this game, but I'm sure the buzz on the second floor in school will have the word out quickly. Congratulations to all teams.

Coming Up This Week in Basketball

Saturday 12/17/11

- 9:00: 5th grade boys white vs. Salam @ St. Monica
- 10:00: 5th grade boys red vs. Indian Community School (ICS) @ ICS
- 10:00: 5th grade girls red vs. Messmer Prep @ Catholic East
- 11:00: 5th grade girls white vs. Lumen Christi Green @ St. Monica
- 12:00: 6th grade boys white vs. Salam @ St. Monica
- 1:00: 6th grade boys red vs. University School Blue @ St. Monica
- 1:00: 6th grade girls red vs. St. Robert @ St. Robert
- 6th grade girls white – BYE

Other games at St. Monica 12/17

- 10:00: 5th grade girls Eastbrook Academy vs. University School

Sunday 12/18/11

- 1:00: 7th grade boys A vs. Bruce Guadalupe @ St. Monica
- 2:00: 7th grade boys B vs. Indian Community School @ St. Eugene
- 2:00: 7th grade girls vs. Messmer Prep @ Eastbrook Academy
- 4:00: 8th grade girls vs. Eastbrook Academy @ Eastbrook Academy
- 8th grade boys – BYE

Other games at St. Monica 12/18

- 2:00: 7th grade girls A University School vs. St. Robert

This is the schedule for workers for admissions and concessions for this upcoming weekend December 17 & 18. As I plan to be out of town doing the Christmas sharing with my older daughter in Mosinee, I hope all workers can find time to help out our great athletic program with an hour of your time. Someone will be there to get you situated/trained. On Sunday the 18th there are three games, but only one St. Monica team (7th grade boys A) is playing so the parents of that team are being asked to cover the entire day. This past weekend worked reasonably well and I need to thank all the parents and a few St. Monica students who helped out in these areas.

Saturday, 12/17/2011

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| 9:00: | St. Monica 5th grade boys white vs. Salam
Admissions: Deslongchamps Concessions: Regan |
| 10:00: | Eastbrook Academy vs. University School
Admissions: Vartanian Concessions: Vincent |
| 11:00: | St. Monica 5th grade girls white vs. Lumen Christ
Admissions: Hennelly Concessions: Harris |
| 12:00: | St. Monica 6th grade boys white vs. Salam
Admissions: Deverey Concessions: Duval |
| 1:00: | St. Monica 6th grade boys red vs. USM Blue
Admissions: Lewis Concessions: Ruppelt |



Sunday, 12/18/2011

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| 1:00: | St. Monica 7th grade boys' A vs. Bruce Guadalupe
Admissions: Grogan Concessions: Jochem |
| 2:00: | 7th grade girls A University School vs. St. Robert
Admissions: Mitchell Concessions: Laudon |
| 3:00: | 8th grade girls Lumen Christi vs. Salam
Admissions : Rusch Concessions: Pencak |

During the Christmas break I hope to create a list for the balance of the season, so if anyone has a request when to work or not to work for that matter, please email me ASAP at hochscms@yahoo.com. We also welcome volunteers from parents not playing basketball, including the lower grades who may want to help out the athletic program.



The next season starts with the registration of the hundreds of players. **Registration is now open via the website at WFBLL.COM.** There is a brief form to fill out and a fully secure credit card payment process. The cost is \$180 for Pee Wee through Majors and \$230 for Juniors. You get a \$25 discount for your third child and beyond. Registration runs through January 31, 2012. After that date a late fee of \$25 is imposed.

We will have an **Informational Meeting and In-person Registration on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Whitefish Bay Library in the Program Room..** This will also be the only night for in-person registration.

Player evaluations will be at the WFB Field House February 19 and February 26 from 4:00-9:00 PM. Exact times for each division will be available on the website in the next few weeks. All players new to the WFBLL are encouraged to attend these player evaluations as they will ensure player skills are equally distributed throughout the league.

If your child plans to return to an existing team he or she will not have to go through player evaluations. However we are not yet sure which teams will continue next year. It is very important that returning coaches as well as parents that want to continue an existing team that lost its head coach be identified. Please contact any Board member if you have an interest in coaching a team for the first time or as a returning coach. The sooner you let us know the better. Our emails are on the website. Coaches get almost no tangible perks and have Big League Chew stuck all over their shoes by May 1. C'mon, you know you want some of that!

We welcome participation by everyone. Our Board meeting dates and agendas will be posted to our website. Guests are welcome. So sign your slugger up, give coaching a chance, head to the batting cages and have a wonderful holiday season.

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Calendar Year-End Annual Fund Reminder!

Believe it or not, we are now only 19 days away from the end of calendar-year 2011!

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!

Annual Fund Gift Match Reminder

Please remember that you can **DOUBLE** your own personal gift to our Annual Fund campaign – **at no additional cost to you** – through your employer's gift matching programs. Many area employers offer this very generous opportunity; it only requires a moment of your time to submit the form provided by your employer. This is a very simple, effective way to help St. Monica School!

If you are uncertain as to whether or not your employer offers a gift-match program, you can contact your Human Resources department. Or, if you prefer, simply visit our school website via the following link, where you will find a detailed listing of employers nationwide with some type of gift-match program in place:

http://www.st-monicaschool.org/support/gift_matching/

My thanks for all you do for our Exemplary Recognition school community!

Have a great week!

Tom

What is missing from your Christmas Tree?

DINNER DANCE ORNAMENT

The ornament with your child's picture displayed at the Dinner Dance can still be purchased. Included with the ornament is an additional 4"x6" photo of your child. Please see the attached order form for details. If you have any questions call Karen Poellmann or Kathy Gomez. Thank you for supporting St. Monica.



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

by 3:30pm each Friday. Thank you!