

*We are
on a
Journey*

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder December 19, 2011



Lunch Duty Schedule

11:00—1:00 pm

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

Wednesday 12/21: •**Casual Dress Day: For a job well done at the Christmas Concert. Free choice.**
•SCRIP Sale: 2:45 (Outside of the Library)

Thursday 12/22-

Monday 1/2: •**NO SCHOOL: Christmas Vacation!**



WINTER BREAK



SPIRIT WEAR

Looking for last minute ideas for Christmas? Look no further St. Monica Spiritwear. We have t-shirts, uniform sweatshirts, hoodies, as well as long-sleeve St. Monica Basketball t-shirts available. We will be selling spiritwear on Wednesday at dismissal time. If you are interested and cannot make the sale, contact Molly Kanter at mollykanter@gmail.com or 414-446-5476.

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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.”





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).



Light the Way: Advent Giving Opportunities Booklet Online

Has Advent gotten a little away from you? Do you still want to give or serve? There's still time! Check out the Advent Giving Opportunities Booklet. It includes a host of ideas, most through St. Monica, of ways to serve and share with those in need during Advent, ways to reach out to your neighbors, and ways to give with meaning this Christmas season. You can find it on the parish website--st-monica.org--with a link on the home page, or there are a few copies at church entrances and in the parish, ministry center and school offices. Please take a look. There's still time to choose a few things to do to make a difference for yourselves and others.

We encourage everyone to find a way to give or serve during Advent.

Home & School

Maria Van Dyke & Amy Strother
Co-Presidents

Thank you to the many families who contributed to this year's Christmas Teacher and Staff Fund Appeal.

Many thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Cervelli for an amazing Christmas Concert last Wednesday. She was right in predicting that it was the best one yet!

We wish you and your families safe, enjoyable Winter Break and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



25% Off Your Entire SchoolaMoola Order, Extended through December 31st!

We "HERD" your request and are extending the SchoolaMoola 25% off promotion through December 31st!

Log on to our SchoolaMoola website and save on your customized greeting cards, photo books and calendars. **Receive 25% off your entire order AND free shipping by entering PROMO CODE: Holiday25 through December 31st!** You save on great quality products, and our school receives up to 40% of your order back as a rebate.

Logon to: www.49010.schoolamoola.com

Community Key: saintmonica

Password: saintmonica

(If you have any questions or need support, email Support@SchoolaMoola.com or call 855-GOT-MOOLA.)

Merry Christmas!

Legos Donations

The SMS Enrichment Committee is working towards setting up a casual "Legos Club" for our K5 thru 3rd grade students that will meet weekly in mid-January thru the end of February. To help get us started we need donated legos (do not need to be new)!! We would so appreciate any and all legos your family has to donate. A "Legos" collection box will be near the office now thru the first part of January. Additional information on the Lego Club will be forthcoming. Any questions, please contact Angie Mehring, acmehring@sbcglobal.net or 414-351-0148.



Thank you!

Faith in Our Future Outreach Donation Application Materials Online

Do you know a great non profit doing meaningful work to break the cycle of poverty or address other social justice issues? Starting this year, for the next three years, the St. Monica Human Concerns Committee has created an application process to distribute the outreach funds that were donated by parishioners as part of the Faith in our Future Capital Campaign, which largely wraps up this month. A percentage of the total donations are designated for outreach and non profit organizations.

These charitable donations, made by the Human Concerns Committee on behalf of St. Monica, are different from our usual annual charitable giving in a few key ways. These donations are expected to be larger gifts that invest in longer-term, sustainable, empowering solutions that address root causes of issues like poverty. We also intend to complement the financial gifts with opportunities for education and parishioner service opportunities.

Materials will be available on the parish website--st-monica.org. Please share this information with non-profit organizations that are near and dear to your heart and that you think our parish should support. Invite them to apply.

The deadline for the Faith in our Future Charitable Giving is February 16th. We will make decisions and mail checks in spring 2012.

APPROVED

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.

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St. Monica Community 2010-2011 Gratitude Report

Tomorrow (Tuesday), each school family will receive a copy of our St. Monica Community 2010-2011 "Gratitude Report" (please look for it to come home via your designated Mail Carrier student). Please do take some time to read and reflect upon this annual summary of the highlights of our St. Monica Community; it is truly an illustration and celebration of the countless ways in which we all continue to work together as One Family in Christ in proclaiming His greatness. With that in mind, when you're done reading yours, I invite you to pass it along to someone else (grandparent, family friend, prospective family!) and share our collective good news!

Calendar year-end giving

I received an inquiry from a school family the other day about how we handle calendar year-end giving for our St. Monica School 2011-2012 Annual Fund campaign. As I shared with that school parent, historically we have accepted checks dated 12/31 (or prior) through the end of the first week of January. ***If you would prefer to contribute before calendar year-end and have yet to do so, please do so now or very soon after the New Year.***

Of course, the Annual Fund campaign does run the duration of the entire school year, so all our investors ultimately have until June 30th, 2012 to make their tax-deductible gift to our 2011-2012 campaign.

Christmas thanks!

With Christmas just a few short days away, I'd like to take this opportunity to pass along my very best wishes to you and yours for a day- and a season- of health and happiness, peace and prosperity. As you gather with family and friends, may you rejoice in the abundance of God's blessings.

I also want to take a moment to once again offer a heartfelt thank you to all of our school families for making all of our school community's Development efforts so successful. Whether it is your generosity in giving to our 2011-2012 Annual Fund campaign or your help with our ongoing recruitment efforts, your support of our School Endowment Fund or your willingness to serve on our numerous parent volunteer committees, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the role you play.

Thank you for all you do to make St. Monica School so Exemplary and such a community in every sense of the word!

From my family to yours, God's blessings this Christmas and always.

Tom



Sports Page ~ St. Monica Raiders

Weekend Basketball Results

Well, it wasn't a great weekend for the Packers, St. Monica basketball teams, and the St. Monica popcorn machine. Saturday's results as we presently have them - fifth grade boys white lost to Salam 25 - 20, while the red team overcame an early 7 -2 deficit to win 14 - 9. Fifth grade girls lost both their matches, the red team to Messmer Prep and the white team to Lumen Christi Green. Sixth grade boys split a pair of games at St. Monica, the white team lost to Salam 27 - 22 and the red team easily handled University School 33 - 13. No report yet from sixth grade girls red while the white team had a bye.



On Sunday, the seventh grade boys A team easily dispatched Bruce Guadalupe 29 - 9. The eighth grade boys had a bye and I am waiting for reports from the other teams.

The popcorn machine - seems to have met its demise - will be doing an "autopsy" on Tuesday to determine a cause of death

The Department of Athletics of St. Monica School wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and a safe, sober, and happy New Year.

*Mark Hochschild
Athletic Director*



St. Thomas More High School in Milwaukee is sponsoring a Middle School Boys Winter Cavalier Soccer Camp on Saturdays January 21 and February 4th, 11th, and 18th at St. Thomas More High School, 2601 E. Morgan Ave in Milwaukee. The camp runs from 3 PM to 5 PM. The first hour of each camper's day will involve emphasis on technical ability such as passing, first touch, shooting, dribbling, etc. The second hour will consist of small group soccer games. A separate session specializing in the development of goalkeepers will be held for any goalkeepers attending the camp.

For more information, contact Kevin Dineen, More's varsity coach at 414-581-8660 or email at kdi-noon@tmore.org. A limited number of camp applications will be available on the bulletin board outside the St. Monica gymnasium. The fee for the camp is \$40 and is due by January 16.



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

by 3:30pm each Friday. Thank you!