

One Family in Christ

*Different Gifts,
Same Spirit*

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder January 12th, 2009

Lunch Duty:

This Week:

Monday 1/12: J.Karnes,
C.Kuske, A.Cyganiak,
K.VanLoon

Tuesday 1/13: J.Tighe,
T.Soleski, V.Schoshinski,
S.Foley

Wednesday 1/14: M.Regan,
Amaya, D.Phillips, M.Meyer

Thursday 1/15: J.Henricks,
S.Ghilardi, J.Sherburne

Friday 1/16: K.Adank,
J.Clements, A.Cade

Next Week:

Monday 1/19: C.Kuske,
M.Garwood, B.Sinsky, K.Sinsky

Tuesday 1/20: K.Heil,
T.Desing, M.Meyer

Wednesday 1/21: E.Neiser,
A.Erpenbeck, A.Murphy

Thursday 1/22: N.Weas,
B.Drolet, K.Karoly

Friday 1/23: K.Stimaitis, Tom
Harris, J,Laskowski

This Week...

Tuesday 1/13: 8:30am Mass Gr. 5-8 (Shumaker)
Prayer Service Gr. 1-4 (Kuhnmuench)
4th Grade Round Table 6:30pm

Wed., 1/14: 2:30pm Early Dismissal

Thursday 1/15: Forensics Lunch 12-12:30 for Junior High
(Franciscan Rm)

Scrip Sale 3pm

Ladies of Charity Clothing Collection

Sunday 1/18: 4th Grade Donut Day(after 10:15am mass)

Looking Ahead...

Tuesday 1/20: 8:30am All School Mass (Multicultural Team)

Wed., 1/21: 7th Grade Parent Meeting

Cub Scouts Pack Mtg.

Thursday 1/22: Scrip Sale 3pm

Friday 1/23: Sr. Kindergarten Circus

Sunday 1/24: Catholic Schools Week

Open House

Spaghetti Dinner

A Prayer for the New Year...

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance."

-Anonymous

Co-Presidents Scoop

Many thanks to Beth Cafaro, H&S Treasurer for handling the many donations for the Teacher's Christmas Fund Appeal. We appreciate your time during the busy holiday season!

Just a reminder that if you need to change your scheduled Lunchroom Helper date with another person, please contact one of the Lunchroom Coordinators (Joanne Boettinger or Laura Reilly) so they can update the lunchroom schedule. There is no charge if you find a sub on your own. A sub list is available in the office for someone needing to make a change, but are unable to find their own sub. If you are unable to switch your date with another person, please contact Debbie Lynch for assistance. **The cost of a sub is \$50 made payable to Home and School.**

Upcoming events include Catholic Schools Week, which begins January 25, and Rocky's Lunch which will take place February 12 and 13. Please watch the St. Monica News/Weekly Reminder for important information for both events.

SMS Raiders Spiritwear is available for your purchase! There are two tables (one outside the main office ,and one outside Tom Mlada's office) which display the items being sold. This is a great idea for Catholic Schools Week! Call Barbara Diamond with any questions @ 963-9113.

Have a great week!
Karen and Kathy

Development Corner

Reminder: Registration for 2009-2010

Just a reminder that the open registration timeframe for Junior and new Senior Kindergarteners and all current school families for the 2009-2010 school year continues through Friday, January 30th. If you have yet to do so, please return your registration forms via mail or come to the school office to register. With a number of our grade levels at or very near capacity, we appreciate your response in helping us as we plan for the upcoming school year and seek to welcome new school families!

Letter from Archbishop Dolan

As an attachment to today's Weekly Reminder, you will find a letter from Archbishop Timothy Dolan. 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 faith-based 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!

Annual Fund Giving: Calendar Year-End 2008

This past week, I received several phone calls from parents wishing to make a gift to the 2008-2009 Annual Fund campaign that would still be applicable to calendar-year 2008 (for tax-benefit purposes). If you wish to do so, please simply be sure to date your check (made payable to St. Monica School) December 31st, 2008. We can then use that date on the necessary letter for income tax purposes and for your charitable contribution records. Please note, we are very limited in how long into January we can accommodate such calendar year-end requests. And, as always, please know that you can offer a tax-deductible gift at any time prior to the close of this school year's Annual Fund campaign on June 30th, 2009.

Any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me. As always, I thank you all so very much for your generosity in supporting the Annual Fund campaign!

Have a great week!

Tom

What's Happening Around School?



Battle of Books After School Sledding/Ice Skating Event!

Friday, January 23, after school til 5pm, Requirement: 5 notecards filled out on chart in library before Friday. Grab your skates or sleds and dress warm, then meet at the Scobey-Polacheck house for some Battle of Books sledding and ice skating (small hill and very frozen pond behind house.) 6821 N. Neil Place, Glendale (just west of the intersection of Green Tree and Green Bay). If you'd like to bring a treat to share, that's great. Call other BOB kids to carpool. We have some extra skates/sleds if you don't have any. If temperature with wind chill is below zero, this event is cancelled. Parents and siblings of BOB kids welcome to join the fun, if they wish. Questions or to volunteer to help supervise, email Annemarie at ascobey@hotmail.com.

Attention all junior high students! We will have a kickoff lunch for forensics team Any one interested in learning more about this club at St Monica's please join us in the Franciscan room during your lunchhour Questions call the coach. -Anne Rice 737-2498 (The Mom)

THANK YOU...On behalf of Jenn Cofta, our school office assistant, and myself, I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all of our wonderful St. Monica School families for their Christmas gifts.

I know that we both feel the same in expressing our gratitude, for the gifts you have given us, yes, but even more so, for the opportunity to be able to work in such a great environment here at St. Monica's. It is a joy to come to work every day. (Ok, hard work and all, but still a joy!)

Each year I have worked here I am shown more examples of the kindness and generosity of our school families, not only in every day gestures, but especially in time of need. Whether it is a family loss or hardship or a community need, time and time again, I witness offers of help given freely and without reservation or expected return. Your volunteer spirit is amazing as well, as is the welcoming atmosphere you extend to newcomers and guests as they become a part of the St. Monica community.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. It is a pleasure serving you as the school administrative and office assistants.

Sincerely,
Debbie Lynch
Jenn Cofta

ATTENTION all 7th Grade parents. We are having a parent meeting on Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 in the Franciscan Room. We will be discussing our 8th grade year including our trip and fundraisers. Any questions, contact Margaret Quirk or Kris Mellin.



ANTIQUÉ SHOW BAKERY

The poems are back, It must be another year, To be reminded to donate some bakery cheer! Mark your calendars for the *Antique Show Bakery!* Please, help us make this year's Antique Show Bakery a success! We will need your donation for a bakery item and/or time as a volunteer in the bakery. All baked contributions will be accepted on Friday, February 13th; Saturday, February 14th or Sunday, February 15th. Watch for volunteer shift forms to come home in the next few weeks.

Questions? Kristin Kuesel 906-0344 or Jen Deslongchamps 906-9969

It's Variety Show time!!!

Our theme this year is Don't Stop Believin' by Journey. We are looking for directors for each class and have a pool of ideas to inspire you! Please email Marina Kuhn @ mkuhn2@wi.rr.com or Mary McBride @ mary@espwi.com if you are interested in directing your son/daughter's class or if you would like to help out.

We have an informational meeting on Thursday, January 22nd @ 2:30p.m. in the Franciscan Room. Looking forward to another exciting show!

-Marina Kuhn (559-3910), Mary McBride (403-7507)

Fourth Grade parents are invited to attend a roundtable discussion Tuesday, January 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Franciscan Room. Classroom teachers Mike Bradford and Patty O'Neil, Academic Support teacher Meg Nelson and Maria Schram will all be present for an informal discussion of the agenda items attached. Please join us.



Basketball Photos Needed!! I would like to add pictures of the current teams to the athletic bulletin board. If you have pictures of any of teams at practice, outings together, games etc. please send them to the office in an envelope marked Nancy Wolf or email them to me at nwolf6@att.net. I will pass the pictures on to the memory book chairs also.

Hark! Calling all angels and shepherds and all those who celebrated in the birth of baby Jesus! If you have any Christmas costumes from the Christmas Eve Pageant or the Advent Celebration, please call Karen Potter (967-0090). Please return them as soon as possible! We want to be sure to collect all of them and keep them in good condition for future use. Thank you so much!

Take a look

...at the Teacher/ Staff feature board located between the school office and clinic. The 8th grade class has been working hard interviewing our faculty and staff so we can all get to know them a little better. These award winning interviews are by Ellen Erpenbeck, Caitlin Gronski, David Tighe, Andrew Kuhn and Evan Marie Grogan.



4th Graders Hosting Upcoming Donut Day!

On **Sunday, January 18th**, the 4th graders from both the day school and Sunday School will be hosting **Donut Day** in Donovan Hall after the 10:15 Mass. Come for fellowship and treats.....and help us celebrate Fr. Jerry's birthday!

SCRIP

Wow. We had a fantastic Holiday Season for SCRIP. Thank you to all who supported it. Total sales topped off at \$418,879. 70 families earned tuition credits totaling \$14,031 and H&S's profit was \$8,400. We have about 130 families participating in SCRIP and the sky's the limit for tuition credits!

As we reserve our children's spots for the next school year, think of the savings SCRIP can bring when your tuition bill is due. Now is a great time to join! Any questions, contact Norma at normaherbers@earthlink.net or stop by on Thursday from 3:00-3:30 pm at our

Help the 4th graders clothe children in need this winter season by donating gently used pants & jeans (sizes toddler to teen), new or gently used thermal mittens and gloves, scarves, and winter hats. The student's service project is a clothing drive for the Ladies of Charity. Donations can be dropped off in the bins provided in the church lobbies or bring them to our January Donut Day, where students will be sorting clothes at their Charity of the Month table. Thank you! Contact Peggy Porter, Director of Child Ministry, with questions (964-8780, x128).



Multicultural Arts Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 6:30-8, Franciscan Room. Childcare available \$2 per child (max. \$5 per family) in Milestones room. The Multicultural Arts committee is a group of parents committed to building a St. Monica School community that values all cultures. New parents are always welcome.

Agenda:

1. Planning Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Mass-- Jan. 20
2. Chinese cooking classes: Co-chair Machel Brown reports.
3. Culture of Focus: Upcoming events-- report from Mrs. Schram
4. Recruitment at All Saints parish in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week
5. How is St. Monica doing as a welcoming school?

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Home & School 2008~09

Planning is beginning for next year! If you are currently a Home & Chairperson, please let us know asap whether you would like to continue in your current role.

If you have not done so in the past, **please consider volunteering for a Home & School chair position.** If you have been one of our dedicated chairpersons, you may want to try something new! We would appreciate knowing any interest you may have in chairing one of our committees and *we will do our best to accommodate your interests and requests.*

Home & School Chair positions include:

- Art for Youth
- Babysitting
- Advent Breakfast (formerly Breakfast with Baby Jesus) – 2 chairs
- Bulletin Board
- Catholic Schools Week
- Christmas Eve Liturgy
- Christian Formation
- Clinic – 2 chairs
- Computer Lab
- Enrichment – Middle School
- Enrichment – Lower Grades
- Recruitment Committee – 2 to 3 chairs
- Gym Uniforms
- Hospitality – 2 or more chairs
- Kindergarten Party
- Library
- Lunchroom – 2 chairs
- Magazine Sale – 2 chairs
- Memory Book – 2 chairs
- Picture Day
- Multicultural Arts – 2 chairs
- Publicity/Marketing
- Rebate Coordinator
- Registration Day – 2 chairs
- Rocky's Lunch – chairs
- Room Parent Coordinator – 2 chairs
- Safety Services – 2 chairs
- H & S Secretary
- School Board Delegate
- School Calendar
- School Directory – 2 chairs
- School Pak
- Scrip – 2 chairs
- Sunshine Committee
- Treasurer
- Uniform Resale
- Variety Show – 2-4 chairs
- H & S Vice President – 2 positions
- Volunteer Assignment Coordinator (runs January to January)
- Volunteer Responsibility Coordinator
- Weekly Reminder

Please contact Barbara Diamond bbdiamond5@att.net (414.963.9113)

Or Kate Neitzel katen@wi.rr.com (414.906.1472) to volunteer or with any questions

We thank you for all you do!! Our very dedicated, generous volunteers help to make St. Monica School what it is.

Please send your articles and attachments to stmonicanews@st-monica.org by Thursday, at 3:30pm.

Thanks!