



St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

March 30, 2009

Lunch Duty:

11:00 am~ 1:15 pm

This Week: ~

Monday 3/30: J. Laskowski

J. Sherburne, M. Longacre

Tuesday 3/31: M. McNally

A. Dern, M. Hennelly

Wednesday 4/1: A. Noonan

S. Ruppelt, C. Skowronski,

R. Ferrara

Thursday 4/2: C. Cirulis,

K. Rietbrock, D. Hangsterfer

Friday 4/3: K. Kuesel,

S. Devine, M. Van Dyke

Next Week ~

Monday 4/6: M. Peterson,

S. Zehms, K. Winfrey

Tuesday 4/7: A. Pencak,

A. Whitney, N. Lasky

Wednesday 4/8: J. Stock,

J. Martinez-Ortiz, M. Giese

Thursday 4/9: No School

Friday 4/10: No School

This Week...

Tuesday 3/31: 8:30 am All School Mass (Wade)

“See Us In Action” Day

Thursday 4/2: 8:30 am H&S Meeting– Franciscan Room

*AGENDA ATTACHED

3:00 SCRIP Sale

6:30 SBC Meeting—Library *AGENDA ATTACHED

Friday 4/3: 2:00 pm Spring Showcase - Donovan Hall

Next Week...

Sunday 4/ 5: Breaking Bread Day - 1st grade

5:00 pm - Seder Meal for First Communicants

Donovan Hall

Tuesday 4/7: 8:30 am All School Mass, celebrating Chinese &

Hmong Catholic Culture, with Fr. Paul

Wednesday 4/8: End of 3rd Quarter

Thursday 4-9 : No school –Holy Thursday

Friday 4-10: No School– Good Friday



Are you interested in becoming a member of the SMS School Board Committee?
Please [click here](#) for more information.

Co-Presidents' Scoop



Many, many thanks to Maribeth McNally and Peg Rolfs who organized and served the delicious teacher appreciation dinner last week! We are grateful for your commitment to H&S and appreciate your time in planning this event.

Please join us at our next H&S meeting, this Thursday April 2, at 8:30 am in the Franciscan Room. The agenda is attached. If you are on the agenda and are unable to attend the meeting, please submit a report to Kathy at kabob@wi.rr.com. If you are in need of babysitting, please let Karen know at d-pottet@sbcglobal.net.

Remember to complete and turn in the volunteer forms for the 2009-10 school year as soon as possible! Our Co-Vice Presidents Barbara Diamond and Kate Neitzel are anxiously awaiting your replies!

Enjoy the week,
Kathy and Karen



Please check out this important information from Mrs. Stewart and the Guidance Department. Thank you!
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SCRIP- **SPRING 2009 Schedule Changes**

Plases note the following changes:

Wednesday 4/1 Electronic transfers for 3/27 orders will occur

Thursday 4/2 3:30 pm Orders for pick-up on 4/8 are due

Wednesday 4/8 3:30 pm Orders for pick-up on 4/23 are due

***There will be no standing orders for the week of 4/13**

Thursday 4/23 3:00 pm SCRIP Sale and order pick-up

Development Corner

Sleep-Under 2009: A Smashing Hit!

This past Friday evening, March 27th, the fifth-annual “Sleep-Under” event was held at St. Monica School. The event was the brainchild of several very creative St. Monica School parents who proposed the idea for an auction item at the Dinner Dance. A number of teachers, including Miss Mullaney, Mr. Bradford, Mrs. Klaas, Ms. Schmidt, Mrs. Kuhnmuensch, and Mrs. Miller were joined by Mr. Dawkins and me in helping with the event. It was really a very fun and memorable evening, with the 75 or so 1st – 4th graders in attendance (along with some very helpful junior high students who helped with the night’s activities!) enjoying a sub and pizza dinner; arts and craft activities; gym games; a movie and popcorn; and a flashlight tour of the most “secretive spaces” in the school and church buildings (led by Mr. Dawkins!)! I really believe the kids had a blast – and the parents who arrived to pick them up at 9:00 certainly seemed to have enjoyed the three hours of freedom!

A very special note of thanks to Sheila Taphorn, Moe Tarantino, and all other school parents who helped organize the entire evening. Also, a huge thank-you to Kendall Richmond, father of 4th grader Nicholas and 8th grader Lexie, who very generously donated the sub sandwiches for all in attendance. These school parents did it all and created a memorable evening for all of the students and staff members involved. I certainly invite you to consider this auction item at next year’s Dinner Dance, as ideas are already being discussed for how to continue to build upon the success of this year’s event.

Annual Fund News

As we move into the month of April this coming week, the Development Committee and I are beginning preparations for the final “stretch run” of the 2008-2009 Annual Fund campaign. While the campaign does continue to progress, as of today only about 40% of school families have offered a gift or pledge. As school families, we all benefit from the Annual Fund campaign, so today I ask again for your support.

In today’s Monday folders, you will find an Annual Fund gift envelope. If you’ve yet to do so, please help make this important campaign a success by making your 100% tax-deductible contribution today.

Please know every single gift, in any amount, adds up to make a very positive difference!

As always, I thank you for your generous support of our Exemplary school community. God Bless!

Have a wonderful week!

Tom



You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby

Have you made your guesses which teacher/staff goes with each baby picture? We’ve added a few more pictures so take a good look one more time before we give you the names for each photo. You can see how many you guessed correctly by filling out the **“Guess the Beautiful Baby”** slips and putting them in the box located near the board. Encourage your kids to take a guess. Prizes will be awarded! The winners will be announced April 8th. If you have any questions please give me a call. Thanks. Karen Poellmann 332-8949.

What's Happening Around School?

Don't miss the 2009 Spring Showcase! It's going to be a great show with acts ranging from singing and piano to hip hop dance and gymnastics! The SMS band and 4th/5th Grade Chorus will also perform. We hope to see you there on Friday, April 3 at 2:00 in Donovan Hall!



Art Contest Winner

Ellie Mattix, Grade 8, took 2nd place in the Helen Mears Farnsworth art contest this week. The North Shore junior Womens Club sponsored the event and all entries were displayed at the Northshore Library. Ellie's "Fall Painting" will go on to the District judging. Congratulations Ellie!

Track News

There will be an informational meeting and workout on Thursday, April 2nd, for parents and students in grades 5-8, who are interested in joining the track team. We will meet in the gym after school from 3:30-4:30. Please be prepared to run! See you then!

Coaches, Sue Miller, Barry Diamond, Jim Gomez



Please join us for a special multicultural, mass on Tuesday, April 7. Fr. Paul will be saying portions of this Mass in Hmong to help us understand how this Catholic community celebrates their faith.

Green St. Monica Kicks Off April 21

Want to help all of us learn more about caring for the earth? Want to dig in the dirt and make St. Monica's green space even more beautiful? Want to help the St. Monica community be greener and healthier?

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 21st, 7:30 pm, Ministry Center Conference Room**, for the launch of **Green St. Monica**.

Our goal is increased environmental awareness, education and action in the St. Monica community. We'll also support the recent decision to use natural lawn care at St. Monica by coming together several times this next year to help beautify the grounds.

Questions? Want to get in the loop? We want your help and ideas. Contact Nikki DeGuire at nsdeguire@yahoo.com or 963-9023, or Sandy Hellman or Laura End.



Thank you St. Monica Parents for all you do for your faculty! We love every delicious morsel and treat you bring us. However, the faculty lounge has accumulated several of your dishes, platters and containers. We'd like to give them back, but not everything comes to us with a name on the bottom of the bowl, so we don't know where to send them.

If you brought a treat to school for the faculty or for a special event, please take a minute to stop in the lounge and see if any of the items on the side table belong to you. We need to use that table for 2009-2010 planning, ordering, and other business matters.

Any items not claimed before Easter Break, 4/8/09 will be donated to charity.

Mrs. Lynch



The Alash Ensemble, a Tuvan throat singing group, is appearing in Whitefish Bay on Monday April 6 at Bay Shore Lutheran Church, 1200 E. Hampton Ave at 7 p.m.. The performance is free, though donations are appreciated.

Alash, based in the Republic of Tuva in Central Asia, has won numerous international awards in Tuvan throat singing, a technique which allows vocalists to sing multiple pitches at one time. Ensemble members also play a variety of Tuvan traditional instruments, contributing to an overall musical experience that a Washington Post review described as "absolutely stunning." The group members were guest artists on a CD with banjo virtuoso Bela Fleck that won a Grammy as best pop instrumental this year.

Sean Quirk, the group's translator/manager, grew up in Whitefish Bay and is a St. Monica graduate. Quirk, who now lives in Tuva, was honored as a "Merited Artist of Tuva" by the President of Tuva for his work in promoting Tuvan music and culture.

If you can't make the concert, but would like to learn more about the music, please visit our Web site at www.alashensemble.com.

Shop Green This Spring



Want some awesome gifts that give back to St. Monica and are kind to the earth? Easter, Mother's & Father's Days, and graduations are all around the corner.

www.greenraising.com is your answer.

Check it out for gift wrap, candles, reusable tote bags, jewelry, water bottles, soap, lotion, gift sets, and all sorts of other thoughtful gifts.

You buy great items that are better for the earth and you, and 25% of sales go to St. Monica Parish & School to help support environmental programs like natural lawn care.

Just select St. Monica Parish & School as your affiliate at www.greenraising.com and start shopping! Thanks for helping

Drop in at CAMP DSHA during Easter Break '09

Looking for something fun to do during Easter Break?



Check out **Camp DSHA-Easter! Free** and open to **girls in grades 4th thru 7th grade**, *Camp DSHA Easter* offers **DSHA Around the World** on Wednesday, April 15 and **Movie Day** on Thursday, April 16. Explore world cultures and languages, and go on a scavenger hunt in the morning on **DSHA Around the World** day and earn the **Girl Scouts World Neighbors badge**. Discuss the book, "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World...One Child at a Time," (*book provided in advance*) in the afternoon. Travel by bus to the Majestic Theatre to see *Hannah Montana - The Movie* on **Movie Day**. Then return to DSHA for lunch, karaoke, and trivia games. Come one or both days. For details and registration, visit www.dsha.info and select the *Activities and Athletics* tab or call 616-2805. The direct link is <http://www.dsha.info/dnav/123/page.htm> . See you at Camp!