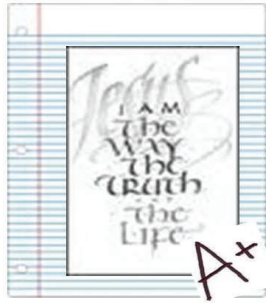


Teach us the Wisdom of God



St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

April 26, 2010

Lunch Duty Schedule:
11:00–1:15 pm

This Week :

Monday, 4/26: M. Hennelly,
J. Richter, B. Perrigo

Tuesday, 4/27: J. Marino,
S. O'Connor, N. Morris,
K. Richmond

Wednesday, 4/28: L. Regan,
L. End, S. O'Connor

Thursday, 4/29: J. Rusch,
S. O'Connor, M. Fuda,
K. Richmond

Friday, 4/30: S. Taphorn,
N. Wolf, T. Clark,
K. Poellmann

Next Week:

Monday, 5/3: A. Strother, D.
Grogan, S. Christenson

Tuesday, 5/4: K. Jablonowski,
J. Sherburne, S. Devine

Wednesday, 5/5: K. Chase, S.
Ghilardi, K. Nau

Thursday, 5/6: J. Rothenbach,
K. Fritsch, K. Nau

Friday, 5/7: L. Mitchell, N.
Nolan, K. Nau, K. Karoly



This Week At A Glance...

Tuesday 4/27: •All School Mass: 8:30 (Wade)
•Principals Coffee for all parents: 9:30am

Thursday 4/29: •SCRIP Sale: 3:00—Outside of the Library
•Market Day Pick up
•Sports Night

Saturday—Sunday, 5/1-2: First Communion

Coming Up Next Week...

Monday 5/3: •No School for 2nd Grade Only

Tuesday 5/4: •All School Mass/May Crowning:
8:30 (Shumaker)

Thursday 5/6: •Home & School Meeting: 8:15am—
Ministry Center
•SCRIP Sale: 3:00—Outside of the Library

Sports Night!

Mark your calendars for the Annual St. Monica Booster Club Sports Night. This always exciting event will take place on April 29th in Donovan Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm.

See the attachment to the Weekly Reminder for complete details.



DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE BUDGET??

Then come to the SMS library, Monday the 26th of April, that is TONIGHT!

Tom Eck will explain our budget from the past, to the present, and into the future!!

Any questions email Moe Tarantino
mmt@wi.rr.com

**Home & School
Co-Presidents Scoop
Barbara Diamond & Kate Neitzel**

What a busy week at SMS!

VARIETY SHOW: Each year Variety Show showcases not only our beautiful children, but the talents and time of our parent directors. Thank you to all who helped out with the show. From our wonderful chairs (Jennifer Keough, Kathy Jablonowski & Amy O'Connor) to the class directors and the chaperones in the balcony along with Denise Grogan's efforts in organizing ticket sales. All of our volunteers made for a great show!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: We had the Battle of the Books Invitational at St. Monica last week. Thank you to Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck, Kristine Cleary and Mary Drea for organizing this huge event and to Peg Rolfs and the hospitality committee for providing refreshments.

SCHOOL BOARD-BUDGET EXPLANATION MEETING: Tom Eck will meet with any school parents interested in gaining a better understanding of the School Board budget. He will focus on mainly on how the home and school fundraising funds are used, i.e. the priority list. The meeting will be held at 7pm tonight (Monday, April 26th) in the school library.

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE: Please plan on joining Maria Schram for her Principal's Coffee on Tuesday, April 27th at 9:30 am in the Franciscan Room. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and talk about any of your issues/concerns you may be having.

Have a great week!
Barbara & Kate

Order Your Variety Show DVD!

Here is your chance to watch the Variety Show at Home! Dave Vartanian will once again be taping the Variety Show. Use the attached form to order your DVD's and send into school office. Deadline for orders is Friday May 7th. Any questions: Liz Sather 352-2434

May Crowning

May Crowning will be held on Tuesday, May 4th at 8:30 a.m. This is an event that St. Monica School and community has participated in for many years, honoring Mary, our Blessed Mother. St. Monica School Children will arrive at school at the regular time. There is not a Mass on Tuesday morning. Students should bring a flower for Mary and a rosary so they can actively participate. Students should also bring a non-perishable food item. The flowers will be given to the Milwaukee Catholic Home. We are asking that students wear uniform blue or white in honor of Mary (the eighth graders will be in dress clothes and the second graders will be wearing their First Communion outfits.). Please join us for this special event.

Diane Shumaker



2010 Invitational BOB Results

St. Monica School hosted the 14-school Metro-wide Battle of Books Invitational last Wednesday. Two rounds of 17 battles took place, utilizing just about every classroom of the school. The event was attended by more than 300 guests. St. Monica fourth graders and sixth graders both competed and placed in the top three. Places were as follows:

Fourth Grade:

First Place: Stormonth, Fox Point

Second Place: St. Monica: Will Drea; Emma Laskowski, Audrey O'Brien

Third Place: Glen Hills, Glendale

Fifth Grade:

First Place: Holy Family, Whitefish Bay

Second Place: Bayside

Third Place: Notre Dame Middle School, Milwaukee

Sixth Grade:

First Place: St. Monica: Will Coffey, John Drea, Liam Scobey-Polacheck

Second Place: Lumen Christi, Mequon

Third Place: Bayside

Thanks to Peg Rolfs and Peggy Weber and the seventh grade for hosting the concession stand and to our Hospitality Committee for providing food for the 40 judges and volunteers. Thanks to the SMS staff for all their help.

Kristine Coffey

Mary Drea

Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck

2010 Invitational Coordinators

Basketball Season Survey

At the beginning of the school year, the Athletic Committee developed a Sports Program Evaluation in order to assess both the strengths and weaknesses of our athletic programs. We received valuable feedback from our Volleyball surveys given in the fall and now would like to receive the same valuable feedback regarding our BASKETBALL program. If your child participated on any of St. Monica's basketball teams, please take a moment to complete and return the attached survey. Alternatively, the survey can be completed on-line. Simply copy and paste the following internet address to your browser www.surveymonkey.com/s/PFNG6B7. Both methods allow you to complete the survey anonymously, if you prefer. While the survey will take just minutes to complete, your feedback is very valuable and does matter to SMS athletics. Thanks!



Multicultural Arts Meeting

If you have an interest in widening the perspective of St. Monica students beyond the borders of Silver Spring and Port Washington Road, this is the committee for you. We are dedicated to helping our students to learn about other cultures and value all people as children of God.

Meeting: May 5 (Cinco de Mayo) in the Franciscan Room. 6:30-7:45. Childcare provided. Margaritas and chips will be served.

Please email Annemarie to let her know if you're coming. ascobey@hotmail.com

Please send your articles
and attachments to

[stmonicanews@st-
monica.org](mailto:stmonicanews@st-monica.org) by 3:30 pm
each Thursday.

Thank you!

Items for Eighth Grade Trip

Our Eighth grade trip to South Dakota is around the corner. We are leaving on May 17th! Our Lakota friends are in need of dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, unused candles, phone cards and sundry items such as shampoo, soap etc. Please help us to help them! These items can be dropped off in Mrs. Shumaker's room (17)

-D. Shumaker

St. Joan Antida Multicultural Dance

Prepare to be moved and inspired by the St. Joan Antida High School multicultural dancers who will come to SMS on Wed., April 28 at 2:30. Parents are invited to see a tiered performance of middle Eastern, African and Hmong dance, along with a pictorial representation of Haiti after the earthquake. Parents are encouraged to come so that they may dialog with their children about the performance at home in the evening.

75 Turn Out for Soup with Substance

We had a tremendous response to our first attempt at offering the new 'Soup with Substance' ministry! 75 are involved, divided into 7 groups. All the groups have met for dinner and discussion at least once so far, and will complete their three dinners by the end of June. So far the experience has been very positive! As we expected, this is a wonderful blend of casual conversation, warm hospitality, and meaningful reflection on various aspects of our common faith. A special thank you to all hosts for graciously opening up your homes to allow this to happen.

We certainly hope to continue offering Soup with Substance in the future, perhaps a series of 3 dinners each fall and spring. This will of course depend on continuing interest, as well as the numbers of interested leaders and hosts.

If you are not participating in Soup with Substance this time, but would like to read the articles anyways, you can find them at www.cafestmonica.com/soup-with-substance. Click on the "Articles" link near the top.

**Development
Corner
Tom Mlada**

Dear St. Monica School Families:

As co-chairs of the 2009-2010 Annual Fund Campaign, we come to you today with a question:

If your son or daughter came home to you today with a 40% grade on a test or assignment, would you be concerned?

So would we.

With two months left in our 2009-2010 Annual Fund Campaign, that is unfortunately right where we find ourselves: only about 40% of St. Monica School families have made their tax-deductible gift.

To those of you who've already given to the campaign, we begin with a tremendous **THANK YOU** for recognizing the incredible value of the Annual Fund and choosing to invest in it with a tax-deductible gift. What a difference you make!

We know most of you have likely been there with us supporting the Annual Fund in the past, too. As a school community, we've been blessed throughout the years, enjoying a historical average across all our Annual Fund campaigns of about 80% school family participation. We have high expectations within our St. Monica School community, and frankly that's a very good thing. After all, greater expectations lead to greater achievements – and if we expect it of our children, we ought to expect it of ourselves, too.

We are proud to promote the Annual Fund campaign and our participation in it, because we believe in it and we benefit from it – just like all St. Monica School families. The Annual Fund campaign is a big part of what has helped make our school community Exemplary. **Every dollar of every Annual Fund gift is allocated to the operating budget**, meaning the following for all of us:

- more affordable tuition for every school family – the Annual Fund effectively reduces tuition expense by ***nearly \$500 per student***;
- the best teachers – we already have them, but the Annual Fund helps us compensate and keep them;
- the best instructional and technological resources – Annual Fund dollars provide them for our classrooms, our teachers, and our students.

In the past, we have come together to support the Annual Fund Campaign to ensure our school's record of excellence continues. We recognize your ongoing participation is voluntary, but we certainly believe – and hope you'd all agree – that a voluntary tax-deductible gift is preferable to higher tuition for us all.

If you've yet to make your tax-deductible gift, we need you to do so now. **Every gift is vital, whether it be \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, or more.** When our children see that 2009-2010 Annual Fund school family participation thermometer at the end of the campaign in June, let's have them see it at 80%, or 90%, or even perhaps 100%! WE ALL benefit from your investment in the campaign.

The time is now. We've got two months left to make this campaign a success – and we need you!

In advance, our heartfelt gratitude for your support, now and in the future.

Steve & Peg Rolfs Paul & Jennifer Deslongchamps
2009-2010 Annual Fund Campaign Co-Chairs

Pam Coleman Al Pacific Jim Gomez Sissy Laudon Tom Branigan Jennifer Clements
Angela Sprau Marti Wronski Steve Boettinger Paul Lang Andrew DeGuire Betsie Berrien
2009-2010 Development Committee Members

The following school families have given to the
2009-2010 Annual Fund campaign.
THANK YOU!

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| * Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bradford | * Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Gral |
| * Mr. and Mrs. Edward Devine | * Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ruppel |
| * Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Van Loon | * Mr. and Mrs. P. Shannon Burns |
| * Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rice | * Mr. and Mrs. Kevin C. Barry |
| * Mr. and Mrs. Denis Regan | * Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Balistreri |
| * Mr. and Mrs. Dan McNally | * Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chick |
| * Mr. and Mrs. John Herbers | * Mr. and Mrs. John Devereey |
| * Mr. and Mrs. David Christenson | * Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schwab |
| * Mr. and Mrs. James Callan | * Mr. and Mrs. Jon Cyganiak |
| * Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Swain | * Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Mehring |
| * Mr. and Mrs. Todd Duval | * Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Naffah |
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| * Mr. and Mrs. Paul Deslongchamps | * Mr. and Mrs. David Vartanian |
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| * Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Weber | * Mr. and Mrs. James Klopp |
| * Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Martin | * Anonymous school families (2) |
| * Emma Gillette and Samuel Halpern | |