



St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

May 18, 2009

Lunch Duty:

11:00 am-1:15 pm

This Week ~

Monday 5/18: S. Taphorn,
M. Longacre, C. Shields,
M. Lehrmann

Tuesday 5/19: M. Hines,
O. Castellanos, L. Gronski

Wednesday 5/20 :
J. Reynolds, A. Whitney
S. Hellman

Thursday 5/21: A. Pencak,
J. Laskowski, O. Castellanos

Friday 5/22: No Lunch

Next Week ~

Monday 5/25: No lunch
Tuesday 5/26: M. Cooper,
M. Vartanian, B. Perrigo,
M. Wronski

Wednesday 5/27:
M. Vartanian, S.McBride,
A. Cyganiak, M. Halaska

Thursday 5/28: T. O'Brien,
B. Drolet, M. Topp,
S.Ghilardi

Friday 5/29: N. Flemma,
J. Kersten, M. Kuhn,
A. Sprau

This Week...

Tuesday 5/19: 8:30 am Mass, Grades 1-4 (Barry)
Prayer Service, Grades 6 & 7 (Rice)

Wednesday 5/20: 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 390 Meeting (Donovan)

Thursday 5/21: 3:00 SCRIP sale
Ladies of Charity Clothing Collection

Friday 5/22: 11:30 Dismissal (Staff In-service)
Wear "anti-bully" t-shirts with uniforms!

Next Week...

Monday 5/25: No school - Memorial Day

Tuesday 5/26: 8:30 am Mass, Grades 5-8 (Weckwerth)
Prayer Service, Grades 1-4 (Bradford)

Wednesday 5/27: 1:00 pm Awards Assembly
2:30 Early Dismissal

Thursday 5/28: 3:00 SCRIP Sale
3:00 Market Day Pick-up (Donovan)

Co-Presidents' Scoop



Variety Show 2009 was a hit! We are truly grateful to Mary McBride and Marina Kuhn for co-chairing this wonderful tradition for SMS. It takes months of preparation to stage this event, and we are appreciative of your leadership. We'd like also to extend a big thank you to all the class directors & their helpers, the eighth grade parents, and the staff at Dominican High School, for their time and dedication! The kids and teachers/staff did a great job!

Have an enjoyable week,

Karen and Kathy

THE STOCK MARKET SIMULATION

7th & 8th Graders - St. Monica 2009

This Internet-based game consists of a 10 week buying and selling period, followed by a math project. Each team (20 total) starts with \$100,000 and through use of the Internet, newspapers, TV, radio, and interviews, chooses stocks and mutual funds to buy/sell/short sell/short cover/buy on margin. Obviously, they try to make money, although sometimes, like in the real world, they end up losing money!

From the evaluations, our students are surprised by what they learn while "having fun" - technology skills (use of the computer to research, create spreadsheets, including interest lost or gained, stock splits, dividends, etc.), social studies (background info. on our free-enterprise system, the stock market, and world economics), language arts skills (journaling and critiquing, using creative writing/grammar/spelling skills), social interactions (working together as a team, working out differences).

St. Monica "rocked" the Stock Market Game! One of our teams took 1st place in the Regional Ranking (Southeastern WI), 1st place in the State Junior Top 50 (elementary & middle schools throughout the State), and 3rd place in STATE, against all high schools! This team consisted of four 8th grade boys: Quinn Mooney, Jack Duval, Pat Tighe, and their captain Charlie Swain. In 10 weeks they made a profit of \$36,952.07!! Without divulging too many of their secrets, they followed the "rule" to buy low/sell high, and when a stock they researched and bought, went up in value, they immediately sold for a profit. This took a lot of time and effort, and daily watch of their stocks and the Stock Market. They also bought on margin, which took advantage of their entire portfolio. Some teams short sold and short covered, which might have been good in this Bear Market, but it didn't pan out.

We also had two 7th grade teams place 3rd and 4th in the Regional Ranking (Southeastern WI) and in the Junior Top 50 (elementary/middle schools in State). The 3rd place team consists of: Michael Hangsterfer, Eddie Pencak, Andy Chandler, and Ryan Devine. They made a profit of \$18,966.70. The 4th place team consists of: Aviah Stillman, Sara Coffey, and Kathyne Keough. They made a profit of \$13,858.31 in 10 weeks.

The "Game" was played totally on-line. The students used our traveling lap-tops and the Computer Lab on a weekly basis to buy/sell/research/journal.

Mr. Eck came to SMS to speak to the Junior High about the Stock Market. He spoke on our free enterprise system, commodities, how to pick stocks, the Market and the affect of our "troubled" economy. He engaged our students in lively conversations. Thanks to Mr. Eck for making this "come alive"!

All of the teams created a project reflecting their progress throughout the 10 weeks. Their project consisted of their portfolios, journals, spreadsheets, graphs, and research. They can be seen in the Jr. High Math classrooms.

Through this project, our students learn many life skills. You may want to "pick their brains" for a hot stock tip - many of these groups made thousands of dollars in this 10 week period!

Development Corner

St. Monica School Celebrates 80 Years!

On Saturday, June 6th, the St. Monica School community will be celebrating 80 years of Catholic educational excellence by hosting an All-Class Reunion. If you as a current school parent **AND** a SMS alum (and there are a good number of you!) did not receive an invitation via mail, it's because I can only have you designated in our system as belonging to one group (and you are thus designated as a school parent and not an alum!).

So, with this in mind, I am attaching to today's Weekly Reminder an invitation for you to join us at the celebration on Saturday, June 6th! The event will not be anything overly formal or incredibly glitzy, just an opportunity to celebrate all the things that have made our school community Exemplary for 80 years- YOU as our alum being a big part of that!

Please consider joining us- your presence as alum AND current school parents will be an incredibly powerful testimony to the continued strength and success of St. Monica School. And, please help us spread the word- needless to say, being ever-mindful of my budget, I would appreciate the word-of-mouth (and e-mail forward) advertising to other school alums!

School Successes!

Over the course of any given school year, we as a school community have so many successes to celebrate. In the Mass bulletin this past weekend, I included a quarterly update of some of these recent student, staff, and alumni accomplishments. If you missed it or were out of the area this past weekend, no worries – I've attached a copy to today's Weekly Reminder!

Please spend a few moments to enjoy the wonderful news items about our Exemplary school community!

Reminder re: final Session of 2008-2009 Art Club

The third and final meeting of the 2008-2009 SMS Art Club will be on **Tuesday, May 26th** (please note the date change) from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Art classroom. **This final session is open to all students in 1st – 5th grades.** Sign-up is first-come, first-serve and is limited to 25 students, so don't delay! The cost per student is \$15; please make check payable directly to Sue Miller (SMS Art teacher). The theme of this final session of the school year is "Recycle Into Art." Students will enjoy "earth friendly" activities; they will use materials which can be made into wonderful works of art, including "Stepping Stones" for the garden.

If your child is interested in participating, or if you have any questions about the session, please send an e-mail to Mrs. Miller at: smiller@st-monica.org.

Have a wonderful week!

Tom

Yearbook Photos

If you have any photos that could be considered for the yearbook please e-mail them to Tina Desing at tdesing@wi.rr.com or Kathy Gomez at Kathygomez1996@hotmail.com.



Yearbook Order Forms

Yearbook order forms are coming home today. If ordering, please return order form and check for \$12 to the school office by June 1st. All yearbooks will be available for pick up on registration day. Questions? Please call Tina Desing(332-0001) or Kathy Gomez(962-5516).

It's that time of year again! Get a jump start now on next school year by ordering school supplies through School-Pak. School-Pak conveniently pre-packages our teachers' requested school supplies for each grade, so you don't have to shop all around and store the supplies over the summer. In addition, with your School-Pak order, you receive personalized labels, special "Money from Home" envelopes, and a "Note from Home" pad. Last but not least, School-Pak returns a percentage of sales to our school; so your order benefits St. Monica!

Take advantage of School-Pak's convenience by ordering online at <http://www.schoolpak.com/shopdisplayproducts.asp?id=1005&cat=St%2E+Monica+School>

Order anytime from now until **June 15** for free school delivery and a 7% discount (you may also opt to pay for home delivery). You can still order between June 16 and July 31 but you must pay for home delivery or pick up at School-Pak's warehouse. No orders are accepted after July 31.

If you have questions, please contact Natalie Nolan (967-0643).

4 th grade Parents

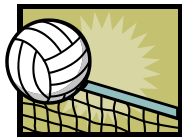


St. Monica's Sports Information Night

May 20th 7:00 * 7:30 in the Franciscan room.



In an effort to help parents understand and prepare for your son or daughter's participation in the 5th grade athletic program at St. Monica.



If you will not be able to attend and would have additional questions,

Please contact Mike Bradford, Athletic Director, Ph # 332-3660, ext. 113, or e-mail mbradford@st-monica.org

Farewell to the Class of 2009

Please join us in celebrating this year's 8th Grade class! In these last couple of weeks before graduation, we'd like to acknowledge and have a bit of fun with our graduates. When you're at school, enjoy the "diplomas" on display outside the school office and learn a little something about the SMS Class of 2009. Also, challenge your detective skills by trying to identify "who's who" on the Baby Picture Board in the Junior High display case. Then see if you're right when we add the names next week. We wish all the best to this year's class and much success as they continue on their journey to high school.



Martha Ministry

The St. Monica Martha Ministry provides meals to individuals or families in our parish on an as needed basis due to sickness, injury or even the joy of a new baby. Any parishioner can contact the parish office or Marian Topp, 962-4729 or the8topps@sbcglobal.net with the name of a parishioner who might be in need. If you would like to be a member of the Martha's please contact Marian to get set up. For those who have been set up, please make sure that you have finished registering on the website so that you receive the e-mails regarding the needs. As always, if you have questions please let us know.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Come to the uniform resale on June 8th and 9th in the school library from 8:30am-3:00 pm. Find great deals on used uniforms for boys and girls.

If you have used uniforms to sell please bring them to the school library on the days of the sale. Just a reminder that there have been some changes to the uniform policy for the next school year. Please pick up your money in the school office by June 11th. Unclaimed proceeds will be donated to Home and School. If you prefer –you may pick up your personal items prior to the end of the sale on the 9th by 2:00–otherwise items will be held over for the resale at the 2009-2010 registration.

Any question please contact Amy Strother-962—8043 or Gina Chiappa-332-1929.

Please contact Amy or Gina if you are able to volunteer time to assist during the sale!

THANK YOU!

Market Day

May and June are the last two months for Market Day. Make sure you get all your grilling items for the summer. Don't forget graduation parties, tailgates and Father's Day. If you place an order for \$35 this month you receive four free quarter pound hamburger patties. Also, don't forget the cafeteria will be closing soon and you will need to send a bag lunch to school. Market Day offers great lunch items including pbj sandwiches, string cheese, pretzel bags, fruit snacks, fruit cups and gatorade. On line orders are due May 25 while orders dropped off at the school office must be in by Friday, May 22. Remember, May 22 is an early dismissal day (11:30 a.m.). Please contact Marian Topp, 962-4729 or the8topps@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions. We can also make special arrangements for pick up of you can't get there on time.



SCRIP: The countdown is on- Only 5 days left to earn tuition credits for the 2009/2010 school year.

The last orders will be accepted on May 22 with a delivery of May 28.

Maximize your tuition credits by placing a weekly order or visit us at our weekly inventory sale
on Thursdays at 3 p.m.

For our Inventory Sale Shoppers, we are beginning to reduce our inventory to get it down to zero by the end of May. If there are SCRIP cards you usually purchase at the weekly Inventory Sale and are counting on their availability, please consider placing an order to avoid any inconvenience or disappointment.

Visit us at our Inventory Sale on Thursday at 3 pm. We still have several SCRIP cards available.

LOOKING AHEAD—As of May 31st, a new year begins. Get a jump on next year by setting up a **monthly standing order** this summer! Any questions, contact Norma at normaherbers@earthlink.net

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

by Thursday, at 3:30pm. Thanks!