

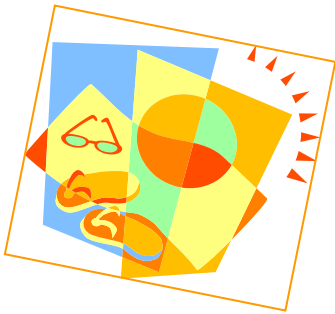
One Family in Christ

*Different Gifts,  
Same Spirit*

# St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder June 8, 2009

Next Week.....

**SUMMER VACATION!**



See you in September!

**This Week...**

- Monday 6/8: 8:30 am-3:00pm Uniform Resale (Library)
- Tuesday 6/9: 8:30 am -3:00 pm Uniform Resale (Library)
- Thursday 6/11: 8:30 am Variety Show Roundtable  
(Ministry Center)  
6:30 pm SBC Meeting (Library)
- Friday 6/12: Last day of school!  
Report Cards  
8:30 am All School Mass  
9:30 am dismissal  
9:30 am H&S End of the Year Reception

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL .....

Dear St. Monica School Families,

Another year has come to a close and it is with sincere gratitude that I write this last column for the school year. I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of our school program. There are so many people that make St. Monica School a great place: teachers, parents, and especially our students.

My pledge to you is one of continuous improvement. As I look ahead, there is much to do to continue our commitment of academic excellence and Catholic faith formation.

Enjoy a happy and safe summer! We look forward to seeing your children at the start of the next school year.

Sincerely,

Maria Schram

## Co-Presidents' Scoop



We have enjoyed our year as Home and School Co-President's! Thank you for supporting us and SMS! We are proud of our school families for sharing their gifts of time and talent with us.

Please join us on Friday , for a brief reception to celebrate the end of the school year. We will provide breakfast treats just outside the pillar door entrance, immediately following dismissal. (If it is raining, we'll meet in Donovan Hall).

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

God Bless You,

Karen and Kathy

### From the desk of Mrs. Lynch:

One final reminder: ALL TUITION, FEES, OVERDUE LUNCH BALANCES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Please, please, please, please, please.....take care of these obligations at this time.

Also:

Remember to check the lost and found area at the bottom of the gym stairs for your children's lost or missing items including uniforms, shoes, gym clothes, lunch bags, (Vera Bradley!), etc. Items not picked up will be donated or thrown out.

If you have sent medicine to the school office this past year, such as epi-pens, prescription meds, or other specific medicines, please stop in the school office on the last day of school to pick them up. Remember to check with your doctor about new prescriptions, immunizations, etc., for the 2009-2010 school year.

I can hardly believe the school year is coming to a close! The school office will be open daily through the end of June. Should you need to come to the office for any reason, please phone first, just to be sure that someone is in the office to let you in the building and help you. Some of the work I will be doing will take me away from my desk at times. As of now, I plan to be out of the office during the month of July, for some much needed time away, as well as to be able to let maintenance work their magic. We will be up and running again in early August. I will check my e-mail regularly: [dlynch@st-monica.org](mailto:dlynch@st-monica.org)

Mrs. Schram will also observe office hours through June and return early in August. She is best reached via phone or e-mail at: [mschram@st-monica.org](mailto:mschram@st-monica.org). Should you need to see her, it is advised to always call first, as her schedule involves meetings, appointments and seminars, as well as daily year end and August start-up responsibilities.

Watch for several items to arrive in the mail this summer. You will receive a letter in early August with classroom assignments and forms to be completed and brought to registration day, August 27th. You will also receive IMPORTANT correspondence from Tuition Management Systems. Please pay careful attention to these letters regarding enrollment fees, payment options, due dates and tuition amounts. If you miss this important information, you might end up being assessed late fees for missed deadlines, etc.

Finally, as always, I truly enjoy working here at St. Monica's. Thank you to everyone for all of your help and kindness. So many of you eagerly drop everything to roll up your shirt sleeves and jump right in when and where-ever there is a need. You are amazing!

I look forward to seeing everyone again in August and hearing of your summer adventures, whether you spend your days traveling around the globe, or on a blanket under a shady tree with a pile of good books!

Take care and God Bless,

Mrs. Lynch



Development Corner

**Final call: Whitefish Bay 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

As we now move into the month of June, our attention naturally begins to turn toward Summer. Hard to believe, but it is just a few short weeks away for SMS students!

The past six Summers, St. Monica School has been represented by a contingency of about 25-30 students in the annual Whitefish Bay July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. The fun and energetic group of students participating has spanned all grade levels. The kids have proudly walked the streets of Whitefish Bay in their St. Monica School colors. Despite the warm weather, I believe they have had a great time and served as wonderful ambassadors for our school.

This Summer, I would like to once again have a similar representation in the Fourth of July parade. I am in part beginning the appeal for participation now because this year the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday falls on a Saturday, and I anticipate many of you will be making plans to be elsewhere for the long weekend. If your family will be in the area that day and your children would be interested in participating, please let me know as soon as possible. I will again be limiting our numbers to about 25-30 students. Students of all grade levels are invited! Also, I would very much welcome you to walk along with your children; parent volunteers are always so helpful to have, especially with a group of students this size.

As always, I can be contacted at (414) 332-3660 ext. 123 or [tmlada@st-monica.org](mailto:tmlada@st-monica.org).

**Annual Fund Campaign**

The end of the school year also means the culmination of another Annual Fund campaign. Officially, the 2008-2009 campaign ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, so we have yet to finalize numbers. Regardless, I am proud to share with you today that despite the challenging circumstances of the past year, we will be successful in reaching our 2008-2009 Annual Fund campaign goal!

The success of this school year's campaign is once again due, in very large part, to the generosity and support of our incredible school families, so many of whom have contributed! **Each of these gifts is significant in helping us accomplish our important campaign goal.** My heartfelt thanks to every one of you who participated with a gift and invested in our school community's continuing mission! I am especially grateful for your support this school year; even in these most challenging of times, you demonstrated your commitment in so many generous ways to our school community!

Should you still wish to make a gift to this school year's campaign and help with our push to 100% school family participation, you may do so until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank You!**

I want to offer one final thank you to all of our school families for making all of the school's Development efforts so successful. Whether it is your help with recruitment or your participation in the Annual Fund, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the role you play in making SMS the very vibrant and successful place for all of us that it is. I consider myself so blessed to work with such fantastic people and to have the opportunity to make a positive difference for such an outstanding school community. Thank you all for all you do to help make St. Monica School the Exemplary school community it is!

I will be in the office for most of June and August, as well as two days per week during the month of July. So, if you need to contact me or you'd like to stop by for a summertime visit, please do so. I'm always ready to chat over a good cup of coffee!

My very best wishes for a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled Summer. God Bless!

Tom

Divine Savior Holy Angels High School (DSHA) senior and St. Monica alumna **Bridget Geygan** recently received the 2008-2009 Artistic Promise Award.

Divine Savior Holy Angel High School (DSHA) senior and St. Monica alumna **Catherine Quirk** was recently named the 2008-2009 Outstanding Senior Visual Artist.

Divine Savior Holy Angels High School (DSHA) sophomore and St. Monica alumna **Sarah Sinsky** recently received the DSHA 2008-2009 Dance Merit Award

Divine Savior Holy Angels High School (DSHA) junior and St. Monica alumna **Kelsey Quirk** recently won first place in her work in Photography at the Art Month Southeast Regional Show and advanced to the state level

Divine Savior Holy Angels (DSHA) junior and St. town, Monica alumna **Eleanor Christenson** placed 7th in the state for her score on the National French Test.

DSHA is proud to announce that St. Monica graduate **Sarah Sinsky** has been casted in the high school's fall production of "All Shook Up". This musical comedy based on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" tells the story of what happens when a guitar -playing rebel rides into a small Midwestern town , bring rock 'n' roll by the way of Elvis classics! Come see **Sarah** on the stage of DSHA's Hansen Family Fine Arts Theatre November 5-8th, watch [www.dsha.info](http://www.dsha.info) for show times. And tickets beginning in October.

### Exhibition Battle of Books Wednesday, 2:30

Parents are welcome to come watch the top 4th and 5th grade Battle of Books teams in an exhibition Battle this Wed. June 10, at 2:30 in Donovan Hall. This might be of interest to 3rd grade parents of children considering Battle of Books for next year. It will last a half hour.



Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders:

The Battle of the Books (BOB) list for the 2009-10 school year has been distributed along with a letter describing the program. Once school resumes in September, students may form teams of three with anyone in their grade. This is a difference from previous years, when students could only choose from among their homerooms. Teams may not form before the summer to ensure that all kids are really able to make the commitment, and also to give new students the opportunity to join. Students are encouraged to begin reading any of the books and filling out note cards over the summer, though. BOB is an optional program appropriate for medium to strong fourth grade readers and all fifth and sixth grade readers.

Adorers Needed

Eucharistic Adoration is held here at St. Monica's every Thursday from 8:30 am until 8pm in the Gathering Room. As the summer and vacation season approaches we could use additional adorers. If you are willing to commit to a half hour or hour time slot or to even be a substitute we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Amy at [amymikelovell@att.net](mailto:amymikelovell@att.net) or (414) 332-3253. You may also sign up on Thursdays during Eucharistic Adoration. All are welcome.

**SCRIP:**

**Now is the time for all SMS families to get started on a new year and banking your tuition credits. In case you have been out of the loop, SCRIP orders are being processed over the summer. It's easy to get started!!! Any questions, please call Norma at 962-9193 or Jennifer Lamont at 540-0186.**

**We are working on finalizing our numbers for tuition credits. Families should receive a letter in the next week telling them what their tuition credits will be for next year's tuition.**

**Congratulations to all SCRIP Families-**

**We have sold \$713,000 of SCRIP this year,**

**We have earned Tuition Credits of over \$27,000 and**

**We will make a contribution to H&S over \$8,400.**

**Several families still needed** to host Spanish high school students from Colegio Arcangel Rafael , Madrid, ([www.colegio-arcangel.com](http://www.colegio-arcangel.com)) from June 24 to July 23, 2009 (Students will be attending classes and field trips from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday thru Thursday).

Family must be English speaking, live in the Milwaukee metro area and have room in heart and home. (It is not necessary to have a high school age student in the family)

For more information, contact Mary Maug at 414 962-1974 or [mmaug@wi.rr.com](mailto:mmaug@wi.rr.com)

**Last Call For Memory Book Orders!**

Please have your Memory Book orders to the office by June 8th.



**VARIETY SHOW ROUNDTABLE**

Let's meet to discuss new ideas for variety show.

Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - after drop off in the Ministry Center.

8:30 AM

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Coordinator for the class of 2010/2011:** Anyone interested in assisting Kerry Sinsky as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade coordinator for the class of 2010/2011 (the current 6<sup>th</sup> grade class),

## **Market Day**

Order forms went home today. *Please note the change in this month's date.* Thanks to all who ordered Market Day in May. The June sale will be on June 18<sup>th</sup> - one week earlier than normal and will be the last sale for the summer. We will resume in September. Orders must be in the school office by Friday, June 12 or placed online by Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to order all your summer items...grilling needs for tailgating parties, Father's Day celebrations, snacks to take to the pool or picnics etc. Contact Marian Topp, 962-4729 or [the8topps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:the8topps@sbcglobal.net) with any questions or problems

## **Attention Afternoon Bus Route:**

Last Wednesday, Nate, the bus driver for the afternoon route received a thank you card from the afternoon route and a monetary gift. If you'd like to contribute to the gift, please give \$5 (or whatever you'd like) to Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck. Any extra money above the original gift amount will be passed on to Nate. If your child would like to make a thank-you card to Nate, they can give it to him directly the last week of school. Nate has been a great bus driver for St. Monica for many years and we are so fortunate to have him.



## **Attention runners-- grades 4-7!**

Cross country is a fun fall sport (Sept. and first half of Oct.) open to boys and girls in grades 5-8. Races are two miles long, through area parks. Practices start when school begins-- they will be three days a week from 3:30-4:30. We usually have four meets-- usually held after school on Wednesdays. If you think you might enjoy this sport, you'll be most successful if you run a few days a week over the summer, 1-2 miles each time. The team will be getting together a few times over the summer for some fun runs followed by a romp in the lake. If you'd like to know when these runs are, send your email to Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck (coach) [ascobey@hotmail.com](mailto:ascobey@hotmail.com) and you'll be put on a list to be notified. Parent helpers/runners always welcome!!

Thank you.



Please take a look at the Teacher/Staff feature board located between the school office and clinic. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has been working hard interviewing our faculty and staff so we can all get to know them a little better. Featured interviews are by Ellie Mattix, Quinn Mooney, Madeleine Long, Jacob Scobey-Polacheck and Kenzie Miller. Special thanks again to Ms. Rice and all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for all their hard work with this project.