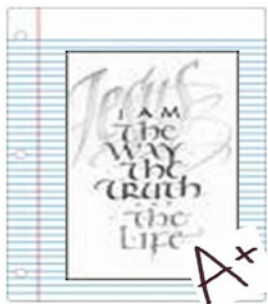


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# St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

September 14, 2009

## Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

### This Week :

Monday, 9/14: M. Wronski,  
C. Treaster, S. Branigan

Tuesday, 9/15: G. Caraher,  
M. Tarantino, J. Clements,  
C. Gral

Wednesday, 9/16: K. Hamrin,  
A. Swain, H. Barry

Thursday, 9/17: V.  
Schoshinski, W. Lippe,  
R. Weber, K. Pham

Friday, 9/18: No Lunch - 11:30  
Dismissal

### Next Week:

Monday, 9/21: K. Gomez,  
J. Lamont, T. Desing,  
C. Treaster

Tuesday, 9/22: N. DeGuire,  
M. Buettner, M. Cushman,  
K. Karoly

Wednesday, 9/23: K. Hamrin,  
J. Post, T. Chick, J. Greene

Thursday, 9/24: L. Reilly,  
L. Hansen, A. Swain

Friday, 9/25: S. McNally,  
R. Ferrera, C. Seiden

## This Week At A Glance...



- Tuesday 9/15: All School Mass: 8:30 (Cervelli)  
H&S Welcome Back Coffee for K4-3rd Grade  
Parents - After Mass - Fran Center  
Falls Sports Orientation - 5-8th Grade Parents: 7:00
- Wednesday 9/16: Magazine Tally #2
- Thursday 9/17: Ladies of Charity Clothing Drive: 8:00 - Parking Lot  
SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library  
8th Grade Parents Meeting: 6:20 - Mrs. Bond's Room  
Parent Orientation - 6-8th Grade: 6:45
- Friday 9/18: Early Release (Staff In-Service): 11:30
- Saturday 9/19: Auction Kick Off Party

## Coming Up Next Week...

- Tuesday 9/22: All School Mass: 8:30 (Shumaker)  
H&S Welcome Back Coffee for 4-8th Grade  
Parents - After Mass - Ministry Center
- Wednesday 9/23: Magazine Tally #3
- Thursday 9/24: Market Day Pick Up  
SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library  
Safeguarding All of God's Family  
Training Session - 7PM
- Friday 9/25: Group Homeroom (Uniforms) Pictures  
8th Grade Cookie Dough Sale - Orders Due

*From The  
Principal ...*

I beam when St. Monica School receives high praise. When alumni and their parents contact me and express how well the high school transition has gone, it is a moment to celebrate. And when our solid academic and faith reputation among the Archdiocese Catholic Schools is talked about and recognized, we take a moment to appreciate the praise.

Catholic schools are distinct places of learning, each one with its own special characteristics and programs. At St. Monica School, we take pride in our vision for continued improvement. Every content area is reviewed for quality. Each year we strive to do what is best for our students so that the message of faith, compassion and understanding is embedded in our children's daily lives.

This year we have embarked on a number of new initiatives. Our junior high math program now offers a three-tiered approach to content. Pre-algebra, algebra and our high-level algebra, recognized by Dominican High School as automatic placement in their geometry program, is underway and going strong.

We have expanded our seventh grade Spanish class providing students with the opportunity to take hold and learn needed skills before their eighth grade high school placement testing. During students' eighth grade year, we hope to see more foreign language content being mastered.

In guidance, we have expanded our safety and drug and alcohol program to fourth grade (safety focus in fourth) with the junior high classes having two visits, formerly one, on drug and alcohol awareness. The newly appointed Whitefish Bay Safety Officer will be instrumental to this process. Our guidance classes will continue to reinforce this subject matter.

This year's focus for our teachers in-service is reading and language arts. PALS and whole group QRI informal assessments will be administered to students to strengthen instructional practice.

Our Religion Task Force will again meet to oversee the development of Catholic faith instruction and continuity of our religion classes.

Quality faith formation and academic success must be celebrated and sustained!

Have a wonderful school year.  
Maria Schram

**Reminder:** Parents are not to park in front of school and leave cars unattended during morning student drop-off.



**Picture Day!**

9/25 Group Homeroom Picture Day (Uniforms)

9/30 Individual School Pictures, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Pictures

Group homeroom pictures will be taken on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We will also be taking the 8<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook cover shot on that day. Individual school pictures for grades K4 through 7th grade will take place Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Watch for an order form in today's Monday folder. These forms are for grades K4 through 7th only. Extra copies are available in the school office. This form needs to be completed, with payment enclosed, and returned with your child(ren) **on picture day (9/30)**. Please remember to send a separate envelope and payment for each child. 8th Grade Girls will also be photographed on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. 8th Grade Boys will be photographed on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. 8th graders will receive a different order form and proofs within a week after their shoot date. Any questions please call Karen Poellmann at 332-8949.

Home & School

Co-Presidents Scoop

Barbara Diamond & Kate Neitzel

The school year is off to a great start!

**KINDERGARTEN PARTY:** A big thank you to our hosts, Tina & Mariano Luna and Sheila & John Taphorn along with all those who helped to make this year's Kindergarten Party such a warm and welcoming event!

**HOME & SCHOOL WELCOME BACK COFFEE- GRADES K4-3:** Please join us after mass on Tuesday for coffee, treats and conversation in the Franciscan Room (this is a location change). Little ones are welcome.

**MAGAZINE SALE TALLY #2:** Please turn in your magazine sale orders on Wednesday! This important fundraiser brought in over \$14,000 to Home & School last year. We thank our leaders, Kathy Gomez, Denise Grogan & Stephanie Dragani and their tally helpers: Kathleen O'Dell, Ann Pencak, Ceil Bradford, Trish O'Brien, Laura Regan, Kelly Karoly, Amy Cade, Norma Herbers, Lisa Nelson, Jenny Post, Denise Phillips and Karen Poellman.

**CLOTHING DRIVE:** **This year, the need for clothing for school-aged children is greater than ever!** *Please* consider donating any gently used clothing that is clean and in good condition to **the Ladies of Charity Clothing Drive this Thursday**. You can just drive up and drop off in the parking lot from 8:00-8:15 am. Look for the sign! If you have a donation, but can't make the drop-off time, please contact Amy O'Connor at [woconnor2@wi.rr.com](mailto:woconnor2@wi.rr.com) or 414.964.7499. She will be happy to take donations at her home.

**AUCTION KICKOFF PARTY:** Grab your donor form and come to this *casual* and *fun* event on Saturday the 19th! Don't worry if you don't have your form filled out...bring it along and get ideas there. Consider bringing a bottle of wine for the "Brown Bottle Grab"! RSVP to Nancy Weas at [nweasinwfb@aol.com](mailto:nweasinwfb@aol.com).

**H & S VOLUNTEERS:** A huge thank you goes to Sue Devine for tallying all the volunteer forms and organizing our volunteers for the year. She did a great job and we are so grateful! It's not too late to volunteer! Forms are available outside the office. Don't forget, if you do any volunteering that involves contact with students, you must complete a one-time "Safeguarding God's Family" seminar, offered throughout the year. There is a session at St. Monica on September 24<sup>th</sup>. To Register online, go to: [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org), scroll down and click on "Safeguarding All of God's Family (formerly known as VIRTUS)". Click "events" and find the session listed under September 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Monica's. Follow the prompts to register for this session. You may attend any session listed at any parish if this one is not convenient for you. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Cofta or Mrs. Lynch in the school office.

Have a great week and enjoy this beautiful September weather!

Peace,

Barbara & Kate

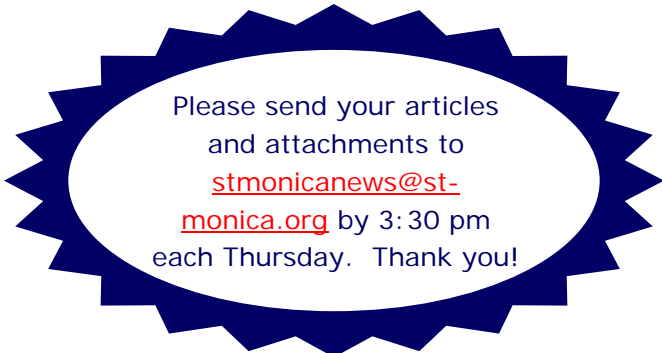
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**Save the Date!**

Please see the attached flyer for our 2nd Annual High School Recruitment Fair Oct. 6th 7:00-8:30pm in Donovan Hall.

All families welcome!



**Development****Corner****Tom Mlada****2009-2010 Parent Reference List**

I am currently in the process of developing the "Parent Reference List" for the 2009-2010 school year. For those of you unfamiliar with this list, it is one I prepare at the outset of each new school year and distribute to prospective families as part of the "official" SMS information folder. Over the years, this list has proved very popular with prospective families. To get a fellow parent's perspective, these families can simply pick up the phone and make a few phone calls to school parents on the reference list. Last year's list included the names of over 80 school families!

As I work to prepare the 2009-2010 "Parent Reference List," I would like to invite any school family that is currently not on this list to join it for the new school year. To do so, **please give me a call (332-3660 ext. 123) or send me an e-mail (tmlada@st-monica.org)**. Whether you are new to SMS or you are a "veteran," your perspective as a St. Monica School parent "ambassador" can make a real difference! THANK YOU!

**Milestones Update**

In these first few weeks of the new school year, I have received several phone calls inquiring about the programming hours of Milestones, our onsite before and after-school childcare provider. I thought I would take a moment to clarify that information for everyone.

Once again this school year, Milestones has committed to offer programming from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. We are grateful for this continued full-day commitment from Milestones, which clearly demonstrated their dedication to working as partners with our school community. And, for those of you are utilizing Milestones, I thank you for the trust you have placed in them; as I know you would attest, the Milestones staff members assigned to our school community are outstanding and the peace-of-mind in knowing children never leave the school building is priceless!

I believe such onsite childcare programming is a necessity in order for our school community to continue with annual enrollment stability and growth. Especially now in this changing economy, we must be able to meet the needs of dual-income families who desire convenient, high-quality, and affordable onsite childcare programming options. For those with children in our K-4 and K-5 half-day and extended-day sessions, such childcare may be an absolute necessity. In this way, I believe we continue to demonstrate our commitment to the education of all children.

With this in mind, should your family require childcare programming, even if only for two or three days per week, I ask you to consider Milestones as an option. Your support of and participation in Milestone's programming will help ensure the long-term success of our relationship.

Have a terrific week!

Tom

**New Family Potluck Lunch and Open Gym:**

Sunday, Sept. 27, 11:15-2:00 p.m.: Franciscan Room. All school families are invited to welcome and get to know our new school families with a potluck lunch (or brunch) and open gym event after the 10:15 Mass on Sunday, Sept. 27. If you'd like, drop off your dish in the Franciscan Room before Mass. The potluck will run from 11:15 to 2:00. While all SMS families are encouraged to attend, if your child has a new family in his or her grade, it would be great if you could make a special effort to come and meet the family. Dinnerware and drinks will be provided. If it's nice out, we'll let the kids play outside. Please bring the following to dish pass, according to your last name:

A-K: Salads -- fruit, vegetable, lettuce, pasta...whatever you'd like!

L-S: Main dish -- a plate of sandwiches, an eggbake, a crockpot of sloppy joes, a casserole... hot or cold -- keep it simple or get creative!

T-D: Desserts -- brownies, bars, cake, cookies, pie... need we say more?

This event is sponsored by the Multicultural Arts Committee. Questions?

E-mail Annemarie at [ascobey@hotmail.com](mailto:ascobey@hotmail.com)



## 8th Grade Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for all 8th grade parents in Mrs. Bond's room on **Thursday, September 17th at 6:20**. It is right before the junior high orientation. We will review our budget and provide a quick overview of the next two months. Kris and Margaret

## 2009 MAGAZINE SALE

Thank you for all the orders submitted last Wednesday. Congratulations to Mrs. Barry, Mrs Wong, and Mrs. O'Neil's classes, they earned a dress down pass. The next turn in day is this Wednesday. One order submitted earns a treat and one chance in the weekly raffle. Thanks for supporting your school.

Kathy Gomez  
Denise Grogan



**Market Day**  
A fundraiser like no other.

**Market Day** Market Day order forms are due in the school office by this Friday, Sept. 18th. Orders can be placed online until Monday, Sept. 21. Don't forget to order your after school snacks like fruit snacks, string cheese, granola bars or your gatorade for soccer practices and games. Did you know that St. Monica orders more gatorade through Market Day than other schools? Why not try some of the new items this year like peanut butter and jelly grahamwiches -- they are delicious! Check out the order form to see how you can earn a free car organizer -- it's great for storing all that sporting equipment! Pick up is Thursday, September 24th. As always, if you have questions please contact Marian Topp at 962-4729 or [the8topps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:the8topps@sbcglobal.net).



## After School Ice Cream Recess for BOB Kids:

Friday, Sept. 18, 11:30-11:50 on the playground. (Early dismissal day).  
Requirements to attend:



1. Divide your list by your three teammates. Highlight the 15 books each plans to read with a different color.
2. Read one BOB book and fill out a note card for it. (Title, author, 2 questions that start "In which book did...").

Parents who'd like to help are welcome! Supervision provided until 11:50. Questions? Annemarie at [ascobey@hotmail.com](mailto:ascobey@hotmail.com)

**THANK YOU** to Don and Christa Dedert for printing and binding our wonderful new 2009-2010 St. Monica School Directory.

## Interested in volunteering for Battle of the Books?

St. Monica is hosting the 12-school Invitational BOB tournament in April. We'll need lots of volunteers. To learn more about the Invitational and meet reps from the other schools, come to the Sept. 16 kickoff meeting, 2:00-3:00 p.m., in the library. If you can't attend the meeting, but would like to be involved with the program in some way (either large or small), email Annemarie at [ascobey@hotmail.com](mailto:ascobey@hotmail.com)



## **Starry Night Auction and Dinner Dance News**

**We are gearing up for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance Celebration!!!**

### **AUCTION KICK-OFF PARTY THIS SATURDAY!!**

Please join us for the ***Auction Kick Off Party***, Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 6:30-10:30 at the home of Doug and Nancy Weas - 4730 N Lake Drive in Whitefish Bay.

**Don't forget to RSVP to Nancy at: [nweasinwfb@aol.com](mailto:nweasinwfb@aol.com) or 414-967-0535**

Bring your auction donation, donor form, or come for donation ideas! All donations are welcome and appreciated! Please refer to the "Wish-list 2009" Attachment.

### **AUCTION TABLE**

The Dinner Dance /Auction table is now set up outside the office. Extra forms are on the table – Raffle, Donor, Advertising, Underwriting – as well as donation ideas

### **BROWN BOTTLE GRAB**

At the Dinner Dance this year, we plan to again host the "Brown Bottle Grab". Simply put, this will be a chance for you to purchase a bottle of wine wrapped in a brown paper bag. For the price of \$20, you will receive a unique bottle of wine. The wine could be worth much more than \$20, as we are asking families to donate unique and rare bottles of wine. To stock up our supply before the dinner dance, we ask that you donate a bottle of wine worth at least \$15. Once again, rare and more expensive bottles of wine are welcome. The donations can be dropped off at The Auction Donor Party at the Weas house on the 19<sup>th</sup>, or at Angela Sprau's house, 6061 N. Bay Ridge Ave. There will be a cooler out front for bottles should no one be home. Thank you!

### **AUCTION GATHERING DATES**

The first GATHERING is October 2 from 8:00 to 8:30 in the a.m. Please bring your completed donor form and your item (if possible) to the Ministry Center (the door across from Mrs. K's entrance)

Gathering Captain Jennifer Keough will be there to collect your donation. Thank you to Jennifer! There will be gathering dates on Wed. Oct 2, Oct 7 and the last one Oct 16. If you have an item that you cannot drop off please call Jennifer at 414.339.4789

### **FAMILY ADVERTISING**

The Auction booklet is a great way to recognize your 8<sup>th</sup> grader, sports team, or other special group. Tina Luna is happy to help you with design ideas and layout of your add. Please see the ad form attached to the weekly reminder.