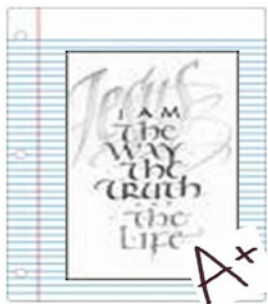


Teach us the Wisdom of God



St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

September 21, 2009

Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

This 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,
J. Clements

Next Week:

Monday, 9/28: K. Gomez,
J. Boettinger, J. Lamont,
M. Starks

Tuesday, 9/29: J. Post,
B. Cafaro, T. Balistreri

Wednesday, 9/30: S. Hayes,
K. Hamrin, C. Ortwein

Thursday, 10/1: L. Phillips,
S. Hayes, R. Schreiber

Friday, 10/2: N. Wolf,
H. Strimaitis, J. Niswonger,
S. Campbell

This Week At A Glance...



- Tuesday 9/22: All School Mass: 8:30 (Shumaker)
H&S Welcome Back Coffee for 4-8th Grade
Parents - After Mass - Franciscan Room
- 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
- Sunday 9/27: New Family Potluck and Open Gym: 11:15-2:00
Franciscan Room

Coming Up Next Week...

- Monday 9/28: 8th Grade Gift Wrap Sale Kick Off
- Tuesday 9/29: All School Mass: 8:30 (O'Neil)
- Wednesday 9/30: Individual Pictures: K4-7th Grade and 8th Grade Girls
- Thursday 10/1: Home & School Meeting: Ministry Center - 8:15
SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library
- Friday 10/2: Auction Items Drop Off Day: Ministry Center - 8:00

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

Home & School

Co-Presidents Scoop

Barbara Diamond & Kate Neitzel

The school year is off and running. It's hard to believe we actually have a full week of school!

AUCTION KICKOFF PARTY: Thank you to Nancy & Doug Weas for opening up their lovely home for our Auction Kickoff Party. Also, thank you to our 4th grade parents who helped out with drinks and food. Our chairs, Sissy Laudon, Jennifer Keough & Susan O'Connor along with Marina Kuhn and Renee Ferrarra have been working hard behind the scenes to put things in place for the big night. We thank you and all who helped make the party a success!

BROWN BOTTLE GRAB: Thank you to Angela & Jeff Sprau for chairing this fun event for the auction. If you weren't able to join us for the Kickoff Party, please consider donating a bottle of wine (\$15 or more) for the Brown Bottle Grab. Contact Angela at asprau1@wi.rr.com to donate.

WELCOME BACK COFFEE: Thank you to all those who joined us for the Welcome Back Coffee last week. We so appreciate you making the effort to be there. We also thank Peg Rolfs, Moe Tarantino and our hospitality committee for bringing treats. **Our next coffee is tomorrow (Tuesday) for 4th-8th grade parents in the Franciscan Room after mass.** Please make an effort to come, even for a cup of coffee. This is a great way to meet any new parents or catch up for a bit with parents you haven't seen. We appreciate your support!

MAGAZINE SALE: Thanks to all our tally helpers and to our chairs, Kathy Gomez, Denise Grogan and Stephanie Dragani. *This Wednesday is our last tally day.* Please remember to support this important fund raiser.

FALL POTLUCK & OPEN GYM: By far, one of the best events at St. Monica...fun, easy and casual. Please join the Multicultural Arts Committee to welcome our new families after mass on Sunday. The event is held in the Franciscan Room and the gym is open for the kids to run and play.

ST. MONICA NEWS & WEEKLY REMINDER: A big thank you goes to Tina Desing for taking over our weekly newsletter. It's a big task and she has done a great job! If you have any items to go in the news, please remember to email stmonicanews@st-monica.org by 3:30pm on Thursday.

As always, we are here for you to answer any questions you may have!

Enjoy the week!

Peace...

Barbara

&

Kate

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ART FOR YOUTH PRESENTER MEETING!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 8.15 a.m. - 9.45 a.m. IN THE ART ROOM, 2ND FLOOR; ALL PRESENTERS PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT & SEE ALL THE MATERIALS, FORMAT, AND PRESENTING IDEAS!

Even if you did not sign up and are interested, please come. Please call Debbie Hangsterfer, 414-228-4712 or Gerri McBride, 414-540-2392, with questions. Hope to see you!!



Starry Night Auction and Dinner Dance News

Many thanks to all of you who attended the Auction Kick-Off Party. We are off and running because of your generous donations. Thanks also to Doug and Nancy Weis for hosting this year's party at their lovely home.

You can still be an AUCTION ANGEL and help fund auction items. Just look at the boards outside the office and fill in your name to help complete Auction packages OR give a CASH donation labeled as "AUCTION ANGEL" we will put the money to good use funding auction items.

REMEMBER TO DONATE! Electronics, Sporting Goods, Theater, Concert Tickets, Vacation homes, Parties, Gifts of Time or Talent, Gift Certificates of all types. Look for ideas outside the office.

DONATION DEADLINE- IS OCTOBER 16! If the item you are donating is not available by then, just complete and return your donor form so that we know that it is coming.

FIRST GATHERING DATE: This Friday, October 2 between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. Drop off your item and/or donor form to Jennifer Keough outside the Ministry Center.

NEXT GATHERING DATES ARE: OCTOBER 2, OCTOBER 9, AND OCTOBER 16.

If you are looking for a way to support the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance but aren't sure how to participate in our school's largest fundraiser, or if you are looking to advertise your business in the 50th Anniversary Auction booklet, a donation to Underwriting is a great way to go! Underwriting helps to defray the costs of the event and donations of any size are very much appreciated. Higher level sponsorships include a business ad within the auction booklet, which is distributed to all school families and all attendees. The Underwriting Donor form is attached to the Weekly Reminder. Questions? Call or email Maribeth McNally, 964-6488 or mbmcnally@msn.com.

BROWN BOTTLE GRAB - Please consider donating a bottle of fine wine, rare vintages, unusual types - Please Angela Sprau at **414.962-3556** or asprau1@wi.rr.com to arrange a drop off.

St. Monica's School Raffle

Grand Prize - \$5,000

2nd Prize - \$1,000

3rd Prize - \$500

TICKET PRICES:

\$20 each

Buy 5 and get 1 ticket FREE along with a Dress Down Pass for *each* SMS child!

For tickets or more information call

Peg Rolfs at 414.332.7368 or Lori Phillips at 414.963.2155 or Gina Harris at 414.962.7332

Please make checks payable to St. Monica Home & School

Winner will be announced at the St. Monica Auction and Dinner Dance
November 14th, 2009

All tickets sold by October 16th will be entered into a drawing for a free "From the family of" Stick figure Personalized Memo Pad. Value of \$40.

Donated by Paper Celebration. Good luck!

**Development
Corner
Tom Mlada**

REMINDER: 2009-2010 Parent Reference List

As I outlined in last week's St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder, 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 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 contact me via phone (332-3660 ext. 123) or 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!

Autumn Potluck Brunch

The annual "Autumn Potluck Brunch and Open Gym" event will be held this Sunday, September 27th from 11:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Franciscan Room. All SMS families are invited to the festivities beginning immediately after Sunday morning Mass; brunch will begin around Noon. The event, sponsored by the SMS Multicultural Arts and Recruitment Committees, will feature food (and lots of it!), fun (with open gym for the kids!), and fellowship with other SMS families.

Please join us for this special school community celebration!

Help SMS by using GoodSearch.com!

What if St. Monica School earned a penny every time you searched the Internet or shopped online? Well, now we can!

[GoodSearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine (i.e. Google), and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results. I know a penny may not seem like much, but consider this:

- 1) we're talking a penny each and every time you do a search on the Internet- which, for some of us, can be a fairly large number over the course of a year!
- 2) we're talking about money that simply adds up over time- and you need not do anything you wouldn't normally do on the Internet!
- 3) we're talking about FREE money for our school community!

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter St. Monica School as the charity you want to support. That's it- it's that simple. I would suggest you bookmark the page as a "Favorite" so you can go back to it easily.

And, please be sure to spread the word! Every penny does add up to make a difference for our school community!

Enjoy this first week of Autumn!

Tom

2009 MAGAZINE SALE

With the orders turned in on the first two Magazine Sale Turn-In days, we are at approximately half of our \$15,000 profit goal. Please help us reach our profit goal by submitting your orders this Wednesday, September 23th, our last Turn-In Day of the year. You can order on-line too. Every subscription submitted will earn year child a treat and an entry in this weeks raffle. Your child can also help their class earn a dress down day. If 75% of your child's class turns in at least 1 order they will earn a dress down day. Remember St. Monica keeps 40% of every NEW or RENEWAL subscription. ALL SALES, BIG OR SMALL, COUNT. Thank you in advance for your support.



Please send your articles and attachments to
stmonicanews@st-monica.org by 3:30 pm
each Thursday. Thank you!

STMONICANEWS@ST-MONICA.ORG



Picture Day Update!

9/25 Group Homeroom Picture Day (Uniforms)
 9/30 Individual School Pictures, 8th Grade Girl Pictures

Group homeroom pictures will be taken on Friday, September 25th. We will also be taking the 8th grade yearbook cover shot on that day. Individual school pictures for grades K4 through 7th grade will take place Wednesday, September 30th. Order forms were sent home last week. Extra copies can be found in the school office. These forms are for grades K4 through 7th only. 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 30th. 8th Grade Boys will be photographed on Wednesday, October 14th. 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.

Starry Night Photos

Your child's or children's picture will be taken on September 30th (school picture day) to be posted at this year's dinner dance. In your Monday folder today will be an envelope to be used to collect money for these pictures. We are asking for a \$5/ per photo (aka per child) donation. Please remember to bring this money and envelope to school on September 30th so we know who is interested in purchasing the photos. That you in advance for your support!



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Library volunteers are reminded to attend an informational Coffee on Wed., Sept. 23 at 8:15 a.m. in the school library. We will briefly discuss how volunteers can keep the library running smoothly by shelving books and checking books in and out. Please come meet the other volunteers and our school librarian, Marianna Bruch as we embark on a new year filled with good books and a love for reading.



SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

If you are a new family or a family who has never tried SCRIP, come give it a try. Currently, we have 105 families participating in SCRIP, and 59 of those families are already earning tuition credits. This week alone, we had \$14,174 in sales, \$381 in H&S profit and \$257 in tuition credit.

Consider purchasing SCRIP for your grocery needs (Sendik's, Pick N Save), gas (BP), uniforms (Land's End), restaurants (CP Kitchen, Bruegger's, Chancery...) and with the Holidays around the corner consider purchasing SCRIP for hotels, Disney, Budget Rental Car and American Airlines. A full list of available vendors can be found at glscrip.com. *We also have Visa and American Express prepaid cards that can be used at many retailers.*

There are so many options available to use SCRIP. **Try it.** Support your school and earn tuition dollars at the same time. To get started, contact Jennifer Lamont (540-0186) or Norma Herbers (962-9193) or join us on Thursday outside the Library at 3 p.m. for our inventory sale.

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

