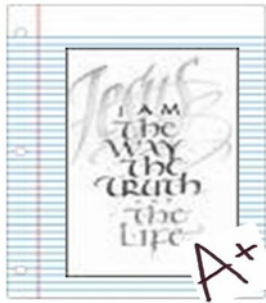


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# St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

October 5, 2009

## Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

## This Week :

Monday, 10/5: M. Longacre,  
T. Chick, A. Selep

Tuesday, 10/6: K. O'Dell,  
J. Post, M. Giese, T. Soleski

Wednesday, 10/7: K. Walton,  
K. Chase, K. Vincent

Thursday, 10/8: No School

Friday, 10/9: No School

## Next Week:

Monday, 10/12: K. Arndt-  
Hutson, C. Flemma,  
C. Treaster, C. Hutt

Tuesday, 10/13: A. O'Connor,  
M. Hines, M. Giese

Wednesday, 10/14: K. Kuesel,  
B. Diamond, J. Keough,  
A. Dern

Thursday, 10/15: J. Brennan,  
C. Dedert, M. Quirk, A. Olsen

Friday, 10/16: C. Bassindale,  
M. Lehrmann, J. Niswonger

## This Week At A Glance...



- Monday 10/5: • **Out of Uniform Day!** Packer Day/Wear Green and Gold  
• First Reconciliation Family Retreat (option #1)  
6:30-7:45 pm - Donovan Hall
- Tuesday 10/6: • **Wear with Uniforms Day!** Anti-Bully T-shirt  
• All School Mass: 8:30 (Dittman)  
• Rice Bowl Day  
• High School Recruitment Evening  
7:00 pm - Donovan Hall
- Wednesday 10/7: • **Out of Uniform Day!** Sports Team Day  
• Auction Items Gathering Day: 8:00 - Ministry Center  
• SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library  
• First Reconciliation Family Retreat (option #2):  
6:30-7:45 - Donovan Hall
- Thursday 10/8: • No School - Teacher Convention
- Friday 10/9: • No School - Teacher Convention

## Coming Up Next Week...

- Monday 10/12: • 8th Grade Gift Wrap Sale Ends
- Tuesday 10/13: • All School Mass: 8:30 (Naleid)
- Wednesday 10/14: • Early Dismissal: 2:30  
• 8th Grade Boys Picture Day  
• Auction Donation Forms Due
- Thursday 10/15: • Ladies of Charity Clothing Drive: 8:00 - Parking Lot  
• SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library  
• SBC Meeting: 6:30 - Library
- Friday 10/16: • Auction Items Gathering Day:  
Ministry Center - 8:00

## Starry Night Auction and Dinner Dance News



### Star Light, Star Bright, Please help Underwrite the 50th Starry Night!!

Underwriting is a great way to help the Dinner Dance bottom line and insure that whatever money the Auction makes goes directly to our school.

With a donation of any size, you will be recognized and thanked on the Underwriting page of the Auction booklet. Donations of \$250 and up will also receive an ad in the Auction Booklet, which can be used to advertise your business or for a personal message/salute to your favorite SMS student(s).

The deadline for recognition and advertising in the Auction Booklet is **October 16** and is approaching fast! Please take time to consider a gift to this year's 50th Anniversary Starry Night Dinner Dance.

Underwriting forms are available at the Dinner Dance link on the school website, and hardcopies are available on the table outside the school office. Please send all Underwriting questions and ads to Maribeth McNally, [mbmcnally@msn.com](mailto:mbmcnally@msn.com).

### 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 ad. Please see the ad form attached to the weekly reminder or download the form from the SMS website. The deadline to submit an ad is October 23.

### Starry Night Photos

Thank you to Starry Night Photo Chair Beth Cafaro for taking your children's photos. Starry Night Photos will be displayed on the staircase walls leading into Donovan Hall, on the evening of Dinner Dance. In the event that you are unable to attend Dinner Dance, Starry Night Photos will be sent home with your children on Monday November 16. Just as a reminder, the photos are \$5 and payment can be made thru your child's homeroom teacher.

### Donation Deadline is October 16<sup>th</sup>!

If the item you are donating is not available by then, just complete and return your donor form so that we know it is coming. Forms should be returned to the school office.

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 of the office.

Can't think of an item to donate to the auction? Gather some friends and throw a party! Charge a certain amount per person or couple and help make a great profit for the school.

Party ideas:

- Winter Paddle Tennis Party
- Gourmet Dinner Party
- Valentine's Cocktail Party
- Tea Party for daughters and Mom's
- Open Gym party for Dad's and son's
- Couples tennis/dinner party

Please drop off your item and/or donor form to Jennifer Keough outside the Ministry Center between 8:00 and 8:30. (Next Gathering Dates are October 7th and October 16<sup>th</sup>).

Pick your favorite restaurant and have your party there!



**Auction Angel Money**

If you pledged to donate AUCTION ANGEL money , please submit your check to the office with "AUCTION ANGEL" written on the check. If you forgot how much you pledged, please call Jennifer Keough at 414.339.4789

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THE AUCTION ANGELS AND DONORS SO FAR!

**Brown Bottle Grab Needs More Bottles!**

Please consider donating a bottle of wine for the auction. We need \$15 bottles of whites or reds.....maybe something you enjoy drinking at home. Angela will be available at pick up on October 7<sup>th</sup>, in the parking

lot, to collect any wine donations! Questions? Please call Angela Sprau at 414-962-3556 or e-mail to [asprau1@wi.rr.com](mailto:asprau1@wi.rr.com)

**Volunteers needed!**

More volunteers are needed for clean-up on Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> after the Dinner Dance. This is the perfect, time-limited volunteer opportunity. Give 2 hours or 4 hours and that's it! Please contact Jason Cook at 414.559.2342 or [jasonmichaelcook@hotmail.com](mailto:jasonmichaelcook@hotmail.com) to sign up.

**St. Monica's School Raffle**

**Grand Prize - \$5,000**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$1,000**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

In honor of the 50th anniversary there will be an additional prize for one lucky raffle winner at the dinner dance! A "Party at the Party!" We will draw one ticket and the winner's entire dinner dance table will receive a special surprise for the whole table! One winner only! Only raffle ticket buyers are eligible for this prize!

**Volunteer Appreciation**

Thank you to the following people who helped assemble, stuff and address the dinner dance envelopes. Lori Phillips, Sheila Stafford Mattix, Joyce Swietlik, Jenny Post, Maurita Jasper, Justo Banaag, Joanne Boettinger, Moe Tarantino, Mary Ann Sendik, Alissa Dern, Amy Cade, Marissa Klopp, Gretchen Caraher, Marti Wronski and Sissy Laudon.



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

The school year is running smoothly and we so appreciate the efforts of all our Home & School volunteers!

**MAGAZINE SALE:** Kathy Gomez, Denise Grogan and Stephanie Dragani did a great job with the magazine sale (thanks for the extra week!). We thank them and all their tally helpers for their help with this important fund raiser.

**DINNER DANCE:** The invitations are out (and they're beautiful ...thank you Lori Phillips!). Our chairs are so busy working toward the big night. As our first gathering day approaches, please consider filling out a donation form. Host a party with some friends, do a gift basket or use your imagination and come up with your own donation. These silent auction items are so important for the success of the auction!

Enjoy the short week and the long weekend!

Barbara & Kate



**From the desk of Mrs. Lynch:**

**LOST AND FOUND:**

If the mom who lost her keys last week is still looking for them, a set of keys WAS turned in to the school office.

In addition, a pair of children's glasses was turned in to the office. They have dark metal frames. Check with me if you think that either of these items might be yours/your family's.

Also, remember to stop at the bottom of the stairs outside of the gym/parking lot entrance and check the LOST AND FOUND area for missing clothing items, shoes, etc. Items not claimed will be donated to charity several times a year. We will post a notice in advance before these "clean-up" times.

Mrs. Lynch

**8th Grade Boys—Picture Day This Wednesday!**

10/14 8th Grade Boys Pictures

8th Grade Boys will be photographed on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> starting with early dismissal at 2:30 until around 4:00. 8th graders will receive an order form and proofs within a week after their shoot date. If you have any conflicts or questions please call Karen Poellmann at 332-8949.



**Development  
Corner  
Tom Mlada**

**The 2009-2010 SMS Annual Fund Campaign**

The week of October 12<sup>th</sup>, we will officially launch the 2009-2010 St. Monica School Annual Fund campaign. We will be reaching out to and appealing for support from all St. Monica School families, as well as SMS alum, parents of alum, other past parents, grandparents, and other friends of the school community. More to come on this next week...

Today, I want to take just a moment to offer my genuine gratitude to all school families who so generously supported our efforts last school year during the 2008-2009 Annual Fund campaign. In large part due to your tax-deductible gifts, the 2008-2009 campaign closed on June 30<sup>th</sup> with a final total committed figure of over \$170,000. Given the challenging economic conditions in which the campaign was conducted, your support and your investment in our school community was especially inspiring - and I thank you.

The Annual Fund campaign, in representing about 8% of the school's operational budget, serves our school community in so many important ways: reducing tuition expense by nearly \$500 per student; helping to compensate school staff; providing resources for technological and classroom needs; and much, much more. Needless to say, I appreciate all our school parents do in so actively participating in and supporting the campaign's efforts! We celebrate you and we are grateful for you - for your presence here, the many talents and gifts you share, and the amazing difference you make.

In January, we will host our annual 'Annual Fund Party' to celebrate the success of our Annual Fund campaign efforts and to thank all our campaign investors, regardless of the size of their gift, for their past and continuing support. I will look forward to seeing you all then!

And, I'll be back next week to invite you to learn more about the importance of the Annual Fund and to consider a gift to the current 2009-2010 school year campaign. I'm excited for the opportunity to invest in the mission of St. Monica School this new campaign presents - and I know you'll join me in embracing it!

**Autumn Potluck Brunch**

Just a note of thanks to those school families who joined us on Sunday morning, September 27<sup>th</sup>, for our Autumn Potluck Brunch. The event, open to all school families, also featured open gym activities. These potluck brunch (or dinner) events are sponsored by the SMS Multicultural Arts and Recruitment Committees and really are wonderful opportunities to share some food, fun, and fellowship with other school families in an informal setting. They are truly a great celebration of the closeness of our school community.

We will have our second and final Potluck Brunch of the 2009-2010 school year in March. I'll be sure to remind you all about it as the date approaches. Hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful week!

Tom

**High School Recruitment Fair**

Parents: Please see the attached flyer for information on the High School Recruitment Fair Oct. 6th in Donovan Hall, 7:00pm-8:30pm. Please call the office with any questions.



Look for the new "Athletic Events" section in this week's Weekly Reminder. We are excited to now have this section as a regular feature. Please take time to note the event times and come out to support our student-athletes!


**Battle of Books Prizes Needed**

Our Battle of Books kids earn a prize for every three books they read. The prize basket is in the library. Parents of BOB kids are welcome to drop off small prizes (school supplies, hair bands, tiny toys, fun gadgets) in the basket in the school library. Try the dollar store. Used items welcome, too. (Recycle!)









**ATHLETIC EVENTS  
THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, 10/7/09**

 CC, starting at 4pm at Steffan Middle School

**Saturday, 10/10/09**

-  5th grade VB, 9am at St. Robert
-  6th grade VB, 10am at Catholic East
-  6th grade VB Red, 10am at Holy Family
-  7th grade VB, 12pm at Holy Family
-  8th grade VB, 11am at St. Monica
-  8th grade VB Red, 12pm at St. Monica



**Rice Bowl Day**

Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a man who dedicated his life to the poor and oppressed. Each fall we celebrate a Rice Bowl Day close to his Feast Day. This year it is Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> where we begin the day with Mass and continue our awareness throughout the day. Students will eat a simple lunch of rice, bread, a slice of cheese and water

as an acknowledgement of their solidarity with the poor of our world. Again, we would love 100% participation from everyone in our St. Monica's family. Children participating should bring at least \$2.00 in an envelope. This money will be distributed to a group that has an ongoing need. This is not to be deducted from their lunch account. Please do not send any treats with your child that day. It is an important message for them to understand and unless there is some medical reason for them not participating, it is an opportunity for growth.

--- Diane Shumaker, Coordinator of Religion

**Magazine Sale Update**

Thank you to all who submitted orders. The Magazine Sale raised a little over \$12,000 for Home and School. We are still accepting orders and they will count towards prizes and dress down passes. You have until Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> to submit orders. All orders received to date have been processed. Thank you.



**SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM**

Due to the shortened school week, the SCRIP Inventory Sale will be on WEDNESDAY at 3:00. All **monthly, weekly** and single orders will be available for pick-up at that time.

**Attention H & S Chairs:** If you have a small event where you will be serving beverages and snacks, please stop in the office. We have a small inventory of cards available that you can take right away. For larger events, we kindly ask that you plan ahead as best as you can and order SCRIP whenever possible. With planning in full swing for Dinner Dance, please use SCRIP. It is a great time to make fast profits.

**For COSTCO shoppers,** please consider paying with American Express pre-paid cards. (VISA pre-paid cards are not accepted.)

The new VISA pre-paid cards are great to use to pay for expenses that you weren't able to plan ahead for or SCRIP cards are just not available. For families who have used these already, they have commented that they are somewhat challenging to use at restaurants. When the card is swiped, it allows for a 20% gratuity. If you don't want to leave a tip or maybe the tip was already included in the price, the gratuity amount does go back on the card however this takes place a few days after the transaction.

**Thanks for supporting SCRIP!**



**2009 GIFT WRAP SALE**

You've made your list, checked it twice, but forgot to buy gift wrap!?! Don't get caught in the holiday panic this year! Order all the wrapping supplies you need through the annual Sally Foster Gift Wrap Sale. The easiest way to order is to go to [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com). Our School/Group Account number is 0305920. This important fundraiser will help defray the costs that are incurred as part of the 8th grade experience and class project. Sale ends October 12th. Questions? Please contact Norma Herbers or Jennifer Keough.



**Monthly Theme**

Each month we will highlight a theme expressing our Catholic Identity and connecting it with our anti-bullying program. The theme for September was the Archangels. Several announcements were made regarding our three special angels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, and how they are protectors, messengers and healers. Individual activities were also held in the classrooms. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Archangels, students wore either their anti-bullying shirts or red to signify unity.

A group of students, who were nominated by their peers, were introduced at Mass as a part of the Anti Bullying program. These students were chosen to be role models and to help us eliminate bullying behavior at St. Monica. Please pray for them as they exemplify some of the characteristics of the archangels such as courage, integrity and right judgment. The theme for October is St. Francis of Assisi, protector of all living things and champion of the poor. We will wear our anti-bully shirts or red again at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Rice Bowl Mass.

– Diane Shumaker



**Cross Country Results**

Our girls and boys competed in the Glen Hills Invite this past Wednesday.

Will Coffey and Jake Zehms, along with St. Eugene teammate John Sherman all finished in the top 10 (of more than 100 boys) to lead the combined 5th-8th grade St. Monica/St. Eugene boys team to a 3rd place finish out of 7 teams.

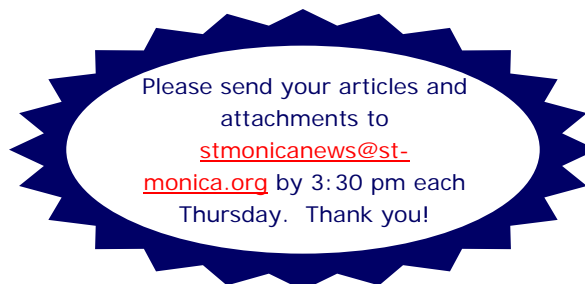
Sara Coffey ran a very smart, strategic race and won the entire girls 5-8 division (about 100 runners), leading the SMS girls to a 4th place finish out of 7 teams.

**First Reconciliation Update**

Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in both the day school and Sunday School received *First Reconciliation Family Retreat Forms* two weeks ago via email and take home handouts.

Forms were due October 2 to the Ministry Center. All 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and at least one parent must attend a retreat in order to "adequately prepare their children for the sacrament of Reconciliation" – *Archdiocese of Milwaukee*. Family preparation materials will be handed out only at the retreats.

Families should choose one of the following retreat options: Wed., Oct. 7, from 6:30 – 7:45 PM **OR** Sun., Oct. 11, from 3:30 – 4:45 PM. (Please note the date change from the day school calendar due to the Packer –Viking Game on Oct. 5.) Both retreat options will be held in Donovan Hall. Thank you. Questions can be directed to the Ministry Center at 964-8780.



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