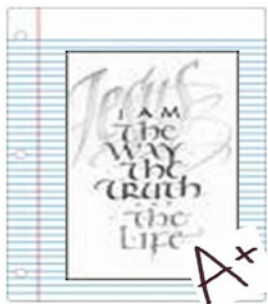


Teach us the Wisdom of God



St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

November 23, 2009

Lunch Duty Schedule:

11:00–1:15 pm

This Week :

No Lunch This Week.

Have a Great
Thanksgiving!



Next Week:

Monday, 11/30: L. Nelson,
T. O'Brien, K. Poellmann,
M.A. Sendik

Tuesday, 12/1: A. Kachelski,
A. Pencak, C. Dedert

Wednesday, 12/2: C. Kuske,
A. Sprau, M. Kiefer,
Prasanthi C

Thursday, 12/3: S. Hayes,
D. Hangsterfer, A. Selep

Friday, 12/4: M. Van Dyke,
N. Nolan, S. Taphorn

This Week At A Glance...

- Monday 11/23: •11:30 Dismissal
•SCRIP Sale: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
•Conferences: 1:00pm - 7:00pm
•Book Fair: 1:00pm - 7:00pm - Library
- Tuesday 11/24: •NO SCHOOL
•Conferences: 12:00 Noon - 7:00pm
•Book Fair: 12:00 Noon - 7:00pm - Library
- Wednesday 11/25: •NO SCHOOL
•Conferences: 8:00am - 12:00 Noon
•Book Fair: 8:00am - 12:00 Noon - Library
- Thursday 11/26: •NO SCHOOL—Happy Thanksgiving
- Friday 11/27: •NO SCHOOL—Happy Thanksgiving



Coming Up Next Week...

- Tuesday 12/1: •All School Mass: 8:30 (Dooley)
- Wednesday 12/2: •8th Grade Coffee Sale Delivery
- Thursday 12/3: •Home & School Meeting: 8:15 - Ministry Center
•SCRIP Sale: 3:00 - Outside of the Library
- Saturday 12/5: •Advent Breakfast, Grades K4-1

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

CHRISTMAS FUND APPEAL: As Thanksgiving approaches, we are so thankful to the wonderful staff of St. Monica School. Please check your home folder for a letter pertaining to the **Teacher Christmas Fund Appeal**. It will also be available as an attachment to this week's News. This St. Monica tradition honors and recognizes our teachers and staff for the fantastic job they do all year to help our children learn, live and love through Jesus. We encourage families to contribute to this Christmas Fund in lieu of purchasing individual gifts for the teachers and staff. The total amount contributed is divided among all the teachers and staff and they are each presented with a Christmas gift check. The teachers and staff are always so grateful for the generosity and kindness of our school families. Donations are due by Friday, December 11th. Please do not send your check to school with your child. You can send them to Beth Cafaro at 7721 N. Bell Road, Fox Point, WI 53217 or drop them off personally in Beth's envelope in the office in the Home & School box.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE: Christmas Fund appeal checks will also be collected at a **Christmas Coffee on Tuesday, December 8th** in the Library from 7:45-9:30. Spirit Wear will also be available for purchase (which makes a great Christmas gift!). Please join us to celebrate the season!

THANKSGIVING: Take this time of year to thank all your Home & School volunteer! Scrip chairs Norma Herbers and Jennifer Lamont's hard work and diligence have provided record sales. Peg Rolfs and our hospitality committee kept a healthy assortment of foods and beverages for all the volunteers to enjoy during dinner dance set up. They also provide the teachers with nourishment during conferences. Thanks for all you do!

ADVENT BREAKFAST: A reminder to the K4-1st Grade Parents, please join us at the Advent Breakfast Saturday, December 5th. It is a wonderful celebration as we await the birth of Christ! Reservations are appreciated. Please call Holly Strimaitis with questions.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!
Barbara & Kate

**Development
Corner
Tom Mlada**

WELCOME!

This past Wednesday, November 18th, we welcomed a new student into our school community! **Alexis Cecil** joined Mrs. Naleid's 7th grade homeroom. Alexis lives with her parents, Rich and Barb, in Milwaukee.

Welcome, Alexis! We are thrilled to welcome you and your family to our St. Monica School community!

Thank You!

As we all prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, I want to offer once again a most heartfelt thank you to all of our school families for making all of our school community's Development efforts so successful. Whether it is your generosity in giving to the 2009-2010 Annual Fund campaign or your help with our ongoing recruitment efforts, your support of the Endowment Fund or your willingness to serve on our numerous parent volunteer committees, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the role you play. I consider myself truly blessed to work with such fantastic people and to have the opportunity to make a positive difference for such an **Exemplary** school community.

Thank you for all you do to make the St. Monica School community all the amazing things it is!

From my family to yours, God's blessings this Thanksgiving and always.

Tom

SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM

Are you ready for the biggest shopping day of the year? Be prepared and stock up on SCRIP for your holiday gifts and decorations. In addition to our usual inventory, we will also have on hand SCRIP cards for iTunes, T.J. Maxx, Gap, Bayside Gardens, J. Crew and Brooks Brothers. Come visit us outside the Library on the following dates:

TODAY!! Monday November 23 from 1-4 pm

Thursday December 6 @ the H & S Meeting (8:15 am in the Ministry Center)

Thursday December 10 from 8-8:30 am and @ 3:00

Thursday December 17 from 8-8:30 am and @ 3:00

Tuesday December 22 from 8-8:30 am and @ 3:00

Our Order Deadlines will also shift a bit due to the holidays.

Orders Due

Monday November 23*

Friday December 4

Friday December 11

Tuesday December 22*

Pickup Dates

Thursday December 3*

Thursday December 10

Thursday December 17

Thursday January 7*

***includes monthly and weekly standing orders**

This holiday season, shop with SCRIP. Any questions, contact Jennifer Lamont (540-0186) or Norma Herbers (962-9193). **Thanks so much!**



Market Day

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the 8th grade class is extremely thankful to all families that have purchased through Market Day over the past 8 months. Again this month, we earned over \$200 to help offset expenses for their class trip. December order forms will go home on Dec. 1. However, there are some outside the school office and at the church entrances. Again, because of Christmas, pick up will be Thursday, Dec. 19th. Be thinking of what you might need to get you through the holidays. If you have any questions, please contact Marian Topp at 962-4729 or the8topps@sbcglobal.net. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving to you all!



Holiday Stroll Service Opportunity

On Friday, November 27th, we are recruiting 5th thru 8th grade volunteers to help man a "hot dog tent" for Whitefish Bay's Holiday Stroll. In concert with the Sunday school, we are hoping to find enough volunteers to cover shifts between 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Volunteers do not need to stay the entire night when signing up for a shift. In addition to hot dogs, we will be selling baked goods (which you are also welcome to provide) and soda. We are only doing this if we have enough volunteers. The proceeds will go to a mutually decided upon charity. Please help us if you are in town. It's a great way to add further meaning to the Thanksgiving weekend.

Please email dshumaker@st-monica.org if you are able to help.

Diane Shumaker

Attention all SMS students: Do you love puppy chow? Brownies? Chocolate covered pretzels? How cool would it be if you could eat these great treats, and help the people of Uganda?!?! Bring some cash on Monday, November 30, the day we come back from Thanksgiving break, to support the DSHA group raising money for Invisible Children. Puppy chow will be \$1 – other snacks will be 50 cents. Let's enjoy some sweets and help out our friends to the East!

Advent Breakfast

As you are waiting by the window...please take a moment to review the attachment for the Advent Breakfast invitation, K4, K5, 1st Graders and their parents are all invited to the lovely event. Held Dec. 5th in Donovan Hall at 9 am, tickets include breakfast, a short play and fun! \$6 per child, \$7 per adult. (Siblings are regrettably not able to come due to space constraints) Reservations will be due November 20th. We will be donating again this year to the Hope House of Milwaukee, kindly consider a donation even if you can't attend the event, many thanks. Contact Holly Strimaitis at hstrimaitis@wi.rr.com or Marti Wronski at marti.wronski@brewers.com



The multicultural committee would like to thank Jonathan Wong for an outstanding presentation on Uganda. Jonathan was in Uganda this past summer and fall. He used his pictures, videos, and experiences to enlighten our students. The students loved seeing all the animals, and found it interesting to see all the differences between a Ugandan school day and our school day here in Wisconsin. Thanks again, Jonathan, for sharing your experience with us!

Tryouts for Jr. Dukes Baseball Set

The new Whitefish Bay Jr. Dukes Baseball Club will be holding player evaluations for the 2010 season on Saturday, December 5th at the Leeson building in Grafton. Teams will be forming for ages U9-U14. To learn more about Jr. Dukes Baseball or to RSVP for player evaluations, go to www.jrdukesbaseball.org.

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