

One Family in Christ

Different Gifts,  
Same Spirit

# St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

November 17th, 2008

## Lunch Duty

Monday 11/17: M.Wronski,  
C.Bassindale, M.Kuhn  
J.Marx

Tuesday 11/18: K.Chase-  
Hubbard, V.Schoshinski,  
M.Flaherty

Wed., 11/19: A.Lovell,  
R.Ferrara, C.Kuske

Thursday 11/20:  
J.Henrichs, J.Lippe, M.Giese

Friday 11/21: Tricia Harris,  
J.Lamont, B.Diamond

### *This Week...*

- Tuesday 11/18: Mass 8:30am Gr. 1-4 (Schmidt)  
Prayer Service Gr. 5-8 (Shumaker)
- Wed., 11/19: Nourishing Family Faith Series 7pm Donovan Hall  
Cub Scouts Pack Mtg.
- Thurs., 11/20: Scholastic Book Fair (Nov. 20-26)  
Scrip Sale 3pm;  
Market Day Pick-up 3-4pm Donovan Hall  
Clothing Collection

### *Looking Ahead...*

- Monday 11/24: 11:30am Dismissal; Conferences 1-7pm  
Scrip Holiday Sale 1-7:30pm
- Tuesday 11/25: No School – Thanksgiving Break Begins  
Conferences 12-7pm
- Wed., 11/26: Conferences 8am-noon

## Home & School Co Presidents' Scoop

Please check your home folder for a letter pertaining to the **Teacher Christmas Fund Appeal!** This St. Monica tradition honors and recognizes our teachers and staff for the fantastic job they do all year long helping our children learn, live and love through Jesus. Each year, families contribute to this Christmas fund in lieu of purchasing individual gifts for the teachers and staff. The total amount contributed is divided amongst 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 5, 2008. 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. We will also be collecting these contributions at a Christmas Coffee on **Thursday, December 4** in the Franciscan Room, from 8:00-8:30 a.m., followed by our H&S meeting. Please join us!

Home & School would like to thank everyone who supported last week's Auction and Dinner Dance.

Our chairs, Kelly Vincent, Julie Karnes, Alissa Dern, Juliet Kersten and Michelle Hines and all of our volunteers did a spectacular job! They worked nonstop, morning to night to make this event a starry evening to remember. This is a tremendous amount of work. God bless each of them! This is our largest fundraiser of the year and it looks like we reached our goal! Thank you for your support.

Our hospitality committee has been quite busy in recent weeks and we would like to express our gratitude to them for all their work. During set-up of the Auction Dinner Dance, Joanne Boettinger, Kathleen Comiskey, Carrie Eck and Kerry Sinsky organized and kept a healthy assortment of foods and beverages for all the volunteers to enjoy. The hospitality committee will also be providing a buffet dinner for all the teachers during teacher conferences this afternoon and evening. This allows teachers to grab a quick bite to eat in between conference meetings and have something to snack on throughout conference time. The teachers greatly appreciate this. Thank you again Joanne, Kathleen, Carrie and Kerry and to all those who provided snacks.

Please remember to purchase coffee for the 8th grade coffee sale.  
Enjoy your week! Kathy and Karen

## Development Corner

### Reminder re: 2008-2009 Art Club

Just a final reminder the first meeting of the 2008-2009 SMS Art Club will be today (Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>) from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Art classroom. The theme of this first session will be "Christmas art activities from around the world!" Children around the world celebrate the Christmas holiday in many different ways. In this Art Club session, students will do activities focused on the traditions and spirit of Christmas. Art pieces will be taken home before Christmas!

If your child is signed up to participate in today's session, please instruct him/her to come immediately to the Art classroom after school today. We will begin with a small snack and then begin with club activities.

There will be two additional sessions of the Art Club this school year: on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for additional details about these upcoming sessions in future editions of the *St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder*.

Any questions or need for additional information, please contact either Mrs. Miller ([smiller@st-monica.org](mailto:smiller@st-monica.org)) or me ([tmlada@st-monica.org](mailto:tmlada@st-monica.org)).

### Initial Appeal for 2008-2009 Annual Fund Campaign

This week, all school families will receive an Annual Fund campaign pledge card and return envelope in the mail. Please prayerfully consider a **tax-deductible gift** to this school year's campaign. An important note: the campaign runs until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, so you need not give now (you can submit a pledge at any time). And, don't forget, you can even contribute via credit card on the school website and enjoy your card rewards!

By the way, if you're unfamiliar with the Annual Fund (likely because you are new to SMS!), please take a peek at the summary sheet entitled "**St. Monica School Annual Fund Basics**" I've included as an attachment to today's *St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder*. And, as always, I'd be happy to speak with you to answer any questions you might have regarding this important campaign.

### Gift Match Reminder

Please remember that you can **DOUBLE** your contribution to the Annual Fund campaign – **at no additional cost to you** – through your employer's gift matching programs. Many local employers offer this terrific program; it only requires a moment of your time to submit the form provided by your employer. This is a very simple way to help St. Monica School.

If you are uncertain as to whether or not your employer offers a gift-match program, you can contact your Human Resources department. Or, if you prefer, simply take a peek at the attachment to today's *St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder*, where you will find a complete listing of employers nationwide with gift-match programs in place.

If you have any questions or I can be of any help, please contact me at (414) 332-3660 ext. 123 or [tmlada@st-monica.org](mailto:tmlada@st-monica.org) and I will happily assist!

As always, my genuine gratitude for all you do and all you give to make St. Monica School the Exemplary community of faith education it is.

Tom

## What's Happening Around School?



**Coffee & Hot Chocolate Sale** St. Monica 8th graders are selling Stone Creek Coffee and Hot Chocolate. Today, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> is the last day they will be accepting orders. Please contact an 8th grader or see the order form in the school office! Please help our 8th graders raise funds for their mission trip to South Dakota in the spring!



**YOUNG SINGERS NEEDED!** The Christmas Children's Choir is starting!

ALL PARISH CHILDREN, grades 2-6, who like to sing, are invited to form the annual St. Monica's Christmas Children's Choir. We learn Advent and Christmas music and sing at some 5 pm Saturday Liturgies and at the 5 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy. Rehearsals will be held on Saturday mornings from 9 - 10 am in the choir loft at the back of the sanctuary.

THE FIRST REHEARSAL WILL BE SATURDAY, NOV. 22. Parents, bring your child to the choir loft and pick them up at the north elevator entrance. One parent volunteer will need to stay during the rehearsal. Questions? Call the Director, Karylmary Lucey. 332-2804.



**SMS SCRIP REWARDS PROGRAM** Many businesses are offering larger discounts for the Holiday season including **Zappos.com** (8%); **Dell** (4%); **Lands' End** (17%); **Dick's Sporting Goods** (8%); **Bath & Body Works** (18%); **Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic** (11%); **Staples** (10%); **Kmart** (10%); **Sears** (10%); **Macy's** (12%). Hurry and take advantage of the savings! Many of these offers are for a limited time. Come shop with us this week. Order forms are located in the office or visit us on Thursday at our regular Inventory Sale from 3-3:30 pm. **Don't forget our next Holiday sale will be held on November 24<sup>th</sup> during conferences. SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL- BUY SCRIP!**



**Market Day- Today, Monday, Nov., 17th is the deadline for orders!** Pick one of those great Thanksgiving desserts and the 8th Graders will earn more dollars towards their trip to South Dakota. Check out all the great choices online, [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) -- extra order forms are available outside the school office. Please turn your forms in to the office, or order online by noon. Pick-up is Thursday, November 20th in Donovan Hall, 3:00-4:00PM



**Box tops for education update:** Thank you to all who have collected and turned in box tops for education so far this year. A mailing posted October 31st will net the school \$564. Congratulations everyone and please keep clipping, saving and sending in ALL your box tops. Our next mailing will be at the end of March. For further information visit the box tops for education web site at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) ~Carol Bork (228-8006)



**Winners of the Teacher Treasures** should contact their teachers soon to make arrangements for the any of the special events. Any questions, call Sheila Taphorn 964-7465 or [smtaphorn@gmail.com](mailto:smtaphorn@gmail.com) **Please see attachment!**



**A NOTE FROM THE AUCTION TREASURER** All expense reimbursement requests related to the Dinner Dance and Auction are due by Thursday, November 21. Please address them to Sue Devine and drop them off in the auction mailbox located in the school office. Please be specific as to what the expense was for. Contact Sue Devine [sdevine1@wi.rr.com](mailto:sdevine1@wi.rr.com) or 414-247-2025 with any questions.



**PLEASE PICK UP ITEMS FROM THE AUCTION!** There are gift certificates, props, and some items left that need to be claimed. Please contact Julie Karnes 967-1053 or Kelly Vincent 332-9443 for more information. Thank You!!



**St. Monica Students Add up to Winners at Marquette High School Math Contest**

The following 7th and 8th graders confidently participated in Marquette University High School's Math contest this past October 12th:

Meghan McBride, Jacob Scobey-Polacheck, Ellie Mattix, Mary Grace Grogan, Morgan Phillips, Ryan Devine, Andy Chandler, Chas Muth, and Eddie Pencak. Jacob's score was so high, he received a Medal!

Our students took the same difficult test that high school Algebra students took, and did a great job representing our school. They also watched a video on computer animation using math, entitled "The Music, Art, and Math of Animusic".

Congratulations to all of these very smart 7th and 8th grade students!



**Battle of Books Parents:** The kids are reading and we are getting low on prizes in the library. If you have time, drop off some small items-- notepads, hair clips, race cars, novelty pens, bracelets, small organizing baskets, tiny stuffed animals. Items need not be new-- save landfill space and recycle.

Thank you.



**Mrs. Wade's Fifth Grade Parents:** Mrs. Wade's class has been chosen to do the play "The Baby is Coming Soon" for the Advent Breakfast on Saturday morning, Dec. 6. Your child will need to be available on this morning. Children received notes to bring home a week ago. If your child will not be able to attend please email Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck, [ascobey@hotmail.com](mailto:ascobey@hotmail.com) so his/her part can be given to someone who will be there. This note also discussed the need for each child to provide his or her own costume-- but now we have found some relatively reasonable costumes to purchase with Home and School funds. If you'd like for your child to have one of these costumes, please e-mail Annemarie by Wed. Nov. 19. That's when the order is being placed. We are still very happy to have parents make a costume, though, as that will save the school money and give more variety to the costumes on stage.

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