

One Family in Christ

*Different Gifts,
Same Spirit*

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder December 15th, 2008

Lunch Duty:

This Week...

Monday 12/15: B.Perrigo,
L.Nelson, A.Strother

Tuesday 12/16: M.Wronski,
K.Campbell, L.Sather, J.Marino

Wednesday 12/17: K.Walton,
D.Phillips, D.Hangsterfer,

Thursday 12/18: J.Keough,
M.A.Sendik, M.Tarantino,
R.Rietbrock

Friday 12/19: J.Boettinger,
C.Flemma, S.Ruppelt

Next Year :) ...

Monday 1/5: K.Long, A.Lovell,
T.Soleski

Tuesday 1/6: L.Clappier,
J.Swietlik, L.End, M.VanDyke

Wednesday 1/7: Devereay,
M.Hennelly, A.Swain,
G.McBride

Thursday 1/8: L.Reilly,
M.Flaherty, A.Erpenbeck

Friday 1/9: T.Luna, T.Clark,
K.VanLoon

This Week...

Monday 12/15: 2nd Quarter Progress Reports

Tuesday 12/16: 8:30am *All School Mass*

Wed., 12/17: Christmas Concert (Gr. 1-8) 7pm

Thursday 12/18: Ladies of Charity Clothing Collection

Market Day Pick-Up 3-4pm (Donovan Hall)

Scrip Sale 3pm

SBC Mtg. 6:30pm

Friday 12/19: **No Uniforms!** *Wear Christmas colors!!*

Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten Christmas Program

Looking Ahead...

Monday 12/22: No School...Christmas Vacation Begins

Sunday 1/4: Donut Day (4th Grade)

Monday 1/5: School Resumes

Tuesday 1/6: 8:30am All School Mass (Bond)

Thursday 1/8: Home & School Mtg., 8:30am

Scrip Sale 3pm

SBC Mtg., 6:30pm



Advent is here....

Advent is a road, a way, a symbol of the heart of the Christian life and vocation. We live in that intermediate time between the first and the second comings. We are to be changed by the first and to prepare ourselves- and the world- for the second. During the process- He continues to come to those who make themselves ready.

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear St. Monica School Families,

The entire staff joins me in extending well wishes to you and your family for a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Maria Schram

Co- Presidents Scoop...

Many thanks to all of you for your contributions to the *Teacher Christmas Fund Appeal!* Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you to Norma Herbers and Jennifer Lamont, who have been tireless in their efforts to make sure our SCRIP needs are met! God bless them for their hard work, and thanks to all who support this excellent program!

Thank you also to Judie Reynolds and Carola Gulick who have been busy coordinating the Christmas Eve Liturgy program. This is a wonderful tradition....we hope to see you there!

This is the time of year we are reminded of our many blessings at SMS. We are so fortunate to have a community of volunteers who give their time and talent to St. Monica...thank you to all of you who contribute in so many ways!

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2009!

Karen and Kathy

Development Corner

Calendar Year-End Annual Fund Reminder

Believe it or not, we are now only 17 days away from the end of calendar-year 2008!

While the Annual Fund campaign does run from July 1st – June 30th, many donors prefer to give before the end of the current calendar year so as to take advantage of the tax deductible benefits of their gift. If you would prefer to contribute before calendar year-end and have yet to do so, please consider doing so now. Gifts of stock are also accepted. Please remember, **Annual Fund gifts are 100% tax deductible, while tuition expense is not**; as such, the Annual Fund helps make a Catholic education affordable for all – and offers a tax benefit in doing so!

Already, a number of school families have pledged or contributed to this school year's campaign, and to all of you, I say thank you! With nearly all of you giving at the same level or at a higher level than last school year's campaign, I am confident we can be successful in meeting our budgeted need of \$165,000. That said, we have a long way to go, and if we are to get there we need 100% school family participation – hence, why I ask for your support. **Please remember all gifts do make a very positive difference!**

My sincere gratitude for the overwhelming generosity and support you as SMS parents continuously provide.

Christmas Thanks!

With Christmas just one short week away, I'd like to take this opportunity to pass along my very best wishes to you and yours for a day- and a season- of health and happiness, peace and prosperity. As you gather with family and friends, may you rejoice in the abundance of God's blessings.

I also want to take a moment to once again offer a heartfelt thank you to all of our school families for making all of the school's Development efforts so successful. Whether it is your generosity in giving to the 2008-2009 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.

Thank you for all you do to make St. Monica School so Exemplary and such a community in every sense of the word!

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

Tom

What's Happening Around School?

Christmas Pageant

St. Monica Home and School will be sponsoring a pageant prior to the Christmas Eve Liturgy. The pageant will begin promptly at 4:45 p.m. If you plan to attend, you might want to participate in some of the following traditions that help make this Mass more family-oriented and a festive welcoming of the Christmas spirit:

Layette Collection

Layette items will be collected for the Christ Child Society by the St. Monica Society.

Host of Angels

During the pageant, one of the lectors will invite all children in attendance to come forward. The children will be asked to sit in the sanctuary and listen to the rest of the performance.

Ringling of the Christmas Bells

A long-standing tradition at St. Monica is to "ring in Christmas" at the end of the liturgy.

Questions? Please call Judie Reynolds at (414-365-1440) Carola Gulick (763-0278)



The annual St. Monica Christmas Concert is this Wednesday night, December 17! Please don't forget that your child/children need to arrive in their homeroom at 6:40 p.m. Please plan to enter through the column doors. We are looking forward to a wonderful night of music that is sure to put everyone in the Christmas spirit! Thanks for supporting our students' hard work and preparation!

Starry Night Auction and Dinner Dance follow up:

Lost and found- During clean up at the dinner dance the following items were found:

- 1 Silver hoop earring
- 1 pair of gardening gloves
- 1 wooden table top easel with the word Fredrix on it

Also, 3 items did not get bids during the silent auction they are:

- Eleta Salon tanning sessions
- Trinity Irish Dance Lessons
- Adventure Rock Climbing package

We also have some Asian purses left over which would make great stocking stuffers for Christmas.

Please call Julie Karnes at 414-967-1053 to claim or purchase leftover items. Thank you

School Board Committee Meeting....

Please note the School Board Committee will be holding their monthly meeting this week Thursday at 6:30 pm in the School Library. All are welcome to come and hear what is going on in the school. A meeting agenda is attached. To find out more of what we've been talking about so far this year, see our minutes which will be posted on the school website this week. Bob Jablonowski and Arthur Phillips

There is still time to purchase SCRIP for your holiday shopping.

Our **last Holiday Sale** will be held this Wednesday, December 17th before the **Christmas concert (6:15 pm- 7pm)** by the elevator entrance and we will have one more of our **regular Thursday Inventory Sale** before Christmas break which will be held outside the Library on **Thursday, December 18th**.

The **last pick up day for the calendar year** will be **December 18th**. Standing orders will restart on **January 2nd** for pick up on **January 8th** that includes both weekly and monthly standing orders.

Additional orders to be picked up on January 8th must be placed by email to normaherbers@earthlink.net by **January 2nd**.

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP!!

We now have **Highland House in Mequon in \$10 denominations with a discount of 20%. These are available



Shop Green This Holiday Season and Beyond

Want some awesome gifts that give back to St. Monica and are kind to the earth?

Then www.greenraising.com is your answer.

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You buy great items that are better for the earth and you, and 25% of sales will go to St. Monica Parish & School to help support our environmental programs, like natural lawn care, green cleaning products, etc.

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FALL FOOTBALL: A group of Marquette High Alumni are conducting a feasibility study in an effort to start a junior hilltopper program for boys entering 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade for Fall 2009. Depending on player interest levels, they are looking to have two teams for each grade with two practice facilities, one to accommodate the west side (Greenfield Park) and one to accommodate the east side (Brown Deer Park). If you are interested, please email the jr.hilltoppers@yahoo.com by December 20th.

See the attached flyer for more details.

Please send your articles and attachments to stmonicanews@st-monica.org by Thursday, at 3:30pm. Thanks!