

St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

September 8nd, 2008

Lunch Duty

- Monday 9/8:** C. Bradford,
K.Cleary, S.Banaag
- Tuesday 9/9:** T.O'Brien,
K.O'Byrne, M.McNally,
J.Niswonger
- Wednesday 9/10:**
D.Grogan,A.Scobey-
Polacheck, J.Niswonger
- Thursday 9/11:** N.Nolan,
J.Brennan, A.Sprinkman,
K.Nau
- Friday 9/12:** G.McBride,
B.Schwab, J.Niswonger

This Week...

- Tuesday 9/10:** All School Mass 8:30am (Rice)
- Wednesday 9/11:** Early Dismissal 2:30pm
Magazine Tally #1
- Thursday 9/12:** Welcome Coffee Gr. 1-3 Franciscan Rm.8:30-9am
Scrip Sale 3pm (Outside of Office)
School Board Mtg., 6:30pm
- Saturday 9/14:** Kindergarten Party 7pm –
Home of Joe and Marian Topp
Cub Scout Camp Out (See attachment for details)

From the Principal...

Dear St. Monica School Families,

At times during the school year parents may feel they need to speak to the teacher or principal concerning their children and school programs. We always welcome the opportunity to confer with parents and offer our services.

If you are concerned about a classroom situation, you should start with the teacher about your concern. The teacher has first-hand knowledge of the child's behavior and ability and the classroom program and expectations. You may call the office or leave a message by dialing their appropriate extension. E-mails are also an acceptable use of communication. I'm sure your child's teacher will inform you of their preferred method of communication. Please respect the teacher's busy schedule by setting up an appointment ahead of time. If you come unexpectedly, it is very likely that the teacher's afternoon schedule may already be full.

If your concerns are unresolved after speaking to or meeting with the teacher and you need to confer with me, please call for an appointment.

In order to preserve the continuity of instruction, classrooms may not be disturbed for personal messages to students unless there is an emergency. If a child needs directions for after school, please make those arrangements before school. You may also call the school office if absolutely necessary. We also ask that you please respect the teacher's lunch period and faculty lounge area.

Sincerely, Maria Schram

Home & School Co-President's Scoop

We hope the first week of school went well!

The magazine sale has begun! The first turn in date is the Wednesday. For more information on this important fundraiser, see page 4.

We will be hosting another Welcome Coffee this week. Parents of 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders are invited to stop in the Franciscan Room from 8-9:30 a.m. on Thursday. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce yourself to a new parent, or to renew old friendships. Younger siblings are welcome!

Saturday night Marian and Joe Topp will host the Kindergarten Party. This annual event is an opportune time for the Kindergarten parents to meet and socialize!

Please do not forget to RSVP to the Auction Kick-Off Party! This is a fun, casual evening and an excellent time to put your heads together with other parents, to come up with unique donations! It will be held on Saturday, Sept., 20th at the Laudon's.

Have a great week,

Kathy Jablonowski and Karen Potter

Development Corner

3rd Annual Diane Woodke Memorial Run/Walk

My sincere thanks to all school families who shared some time with us this past Labor Day morning for the 3rd Annual Diane Woodke Memorial Run/Walk. I know how hectic weekend schedules can be, especially a long weekend like Labor Day. I am truly grateful for your support of and participation in this event. And, I would be remiss if I didn't offer a special note of thanks to Sue Miller, the event co-director, who was a supportive and patient partner in planning and organizing the event. I know I speak on behalf of Sue when I express our gratitude to all the school parent volunteers and event sponsors who generously lent their time and talent and financial support to help make the day a success. Thank you!

Needless to say, I really believe this third annual event was indeed a success. The weather was near-perfect; the total number of participants exceeded last year's total (including an increase in the number of parish members and community residents who joined us); and there were few if any glitches. Beyond that, we raised over \$3,500 for the school scholarship fund established in Diane's name! All in all, it was a great day to come together as a school community to celebrate Diane's life and the many gifts she shared with us. I am excited about this being a traditional kickoff celebration of a new school year and of all that is so good about the SMS community – Diane being a lasting example for us all.

Enjoy this first full week of the school year!

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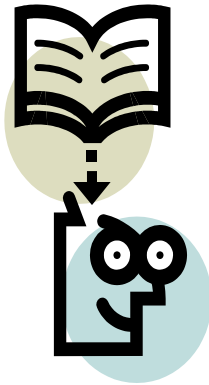
What's Happening Around School?



Attention Parents:

On Wednesday morning, September 10th, 2008, St. Monica School will begin the installation of a new boiler system. Drop off traffic on Santa Monica Blvd. will be disrupted at this time, and possibly other times during the installation process. We will be marking off areas as needed to keep your family safe. We need your help in planning your route to avoid congestion during these times as well as reinforcing safety concerns with your children so that they understand the need to stay away from any areas blocked off for construction or maintenance.

Thank you for your cooperation. We will keep you updated as necessary.



Battle of Books Olympics:

Wed. Sept. 10, 2:30-3:15 on field in back of school (early dismissal day).
Your ticket into the Olympics: Each child must bring their BOB list marked in such a way that shows which person on each team is reading what book. For example, John might highlight the 15 books he plans to read in yellow; Mary's are highlighted in orange, etc. This should be done on all three lists. Teams should meet at recess or after school or during their library time to split the list fairly. Each person will need to bring their list to the Olympics. If you didn't form a team last week, the deadline has been extended. Make your BOB team today. Events include: Relays, frisbee throw, shoe kick, etc. We could use one parent helper from each grade level. Cross country kids not on BOB teams are welcome to help out as they wait for practice. Parents should contact Annemarie (ascobey@hotmail.com) if you'd like to help.



STUDENT DIRECTORY ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS:

Please Add: John Devery -JKam to the address portion of your 2008-2009 Directory.

Also, please correct the spelling for Margaret Caraher, JKam from Maragaret to Margaret, who goes by Maggie.

Sorry for the editing errors! Mrs. Lynch



Attention All Grade 1-3 Parents: There will be an informal coffee for all Grade 1-3 Parents hosted by the Home&School Officers on Thursday, September 11th in the Franciscan Room from 8-9:30 am. Come see what's happening in our school and catch up with friends! See you there!



The 5th Grade Girls Volleyball Team will start practice this season, today Monday, September 8 from 3:30-4:30 in the gym and Wednesdays and Mondays thereafter(2:30 on early dismissal days). Please have your child come in gym shoes/clothes and **knee pads**. Most of the 5th grade girls signed up to play at registration. If your daughter did not sign-up but wishes to do so, please contact Mike Bradford (SMS athletic director). If you have signed-up, but have not received an email with volleyball information please send a message to lalanelson@sbcglobal.net with your current email address. Thank you!



2008 MAGAZINE SALE

This Wednesday, September 10th, is our first Magazine Sale Turn-In Day. If 75% of the students from your child's class turn in at least one order on Wednesday, the entire class will get a dress down pass. All online orders entered by 10 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9th will count towards this week's prizes (including the class dress down pass). If you choose to renew a subscription online, please be sure to enter the name EXACTLY as it appears on the magazine address label, as there is no place to indicate it is a renewal. Thank you in advance for your support.

Kathy Gomez
Stephanie Dragani
Denise Grogan



Volunteer Opportunity!

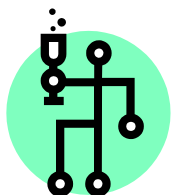
We need library volunteers for the following teachers-Mrs. Wong, Mrs. Kuhnmuench and Mr. Bradford.

Please call Mary Muth if you can help. (414) 352-9687.



Part Time Employment Available:

Whitefish Bay is hiring Crossing Guards this Fall. They offer flexible hours, and are more than happy to work with you to accommodate your schedule. If you are interested, please call Lyle at 963-3947, for more information.



Kindergarten Party Donations... Drop-Off Information

We hope all parents of K4 & K5 Strudents are planning on attending this very enjoyable party, hosted by Marian & Joe Topp on September 13th at 7pm, at their home. Invites came home in your child's school bag. As far as donations of wine and beer please see times and locations for dropping those off. *Please bring them on THURSDAY, Sept., 11th.*

K4 Parents: Place bottles of wine in the box outside of the classroom (both am and pm drop-off times)

K5 Parents: Place cases of beer in the Topp's car in the parking lot during AM drop-off, and those parents dropping off kids in the afternoon, look for their car parked in front of school.

Thanks so much!!!!



Cross Country Practice.

Wednesday's CC practice (9/10) will be held 3:15-4:15, in order to accommodate Battle of the Books Olympics, which will be held right after school. CC members may help with the Olympics if they wish as they wait for practice. Normally, CC practice will be 3:30-4:30 MWF through the second week in October. A PDF file of the CC calendar was emailed to each CC family. Contact Annemarie if you didn't receive it (ascobey@hotmail.com).



Starry Night



Auction/Dinner Dance News

Hello St. Monica Families and welcome back to school! Please let us introduce ourselves: Michele Hines and Juliet Kersten- we are the Dinner Dance co-chairs.

Alissa Dern, Julie Karnes and Kelly Vincent- we are the Auction chairs. We are honored to take on this year's event and are counting on you to help us make the event a great success.

We thank all of you who have already begun your volunteer work for the event and encourage those of you who haven't considered volunteering to do so.

We would like to recognize the following volunteers for taking on leadership roles this year:

Tricia Harris and Tina Luna – Captains for the Raffle

Sheila Casey and Martha Flaherty- Captains for the Live Auction

Kari Nau- Captain for Decorations and Set-up

Pam Coleman and Jennifer Keough- Captains for Underwriting

Susie Ruppelt –Captain for Reservations and Tables

Kathleen Comiskey and Julie Duval- Captains for the 8th Grade Volunteers

Sissy Laudon –Captain for the Auction Kick Off Party

Sheila Taphorn- Captain for the Auction Booklet

Jan and Clint Laskowski- Captains for Check Out

Maria Van Dyke- Captain for Gathering

Silent Auction Table Captains: Ann Noonan, Gina Chiappa, Holly Strimaitis, Amy O'Connor, Sara Martin, Trish O'Brien, Ann Cyganiak, Pam Coleman, Amy Strother, Kate Neitzel, Carrie Eck, Joanne Boettinger, Jennifer Keough, Peg Rolfs, Mo Tarantino, Sheila Taphorn, Carola Gulick, and Natalie Nolan

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Auction Kick Off Party

Please join us for the Auction Kick Off Party,

Saturday, September 20th from 6:30-10:30 at the Laudon Home,

6069 N. Berkeley Blvd in Whitefish Bay. Come casual, come as you are, and bring some friends!

Bring your auction donation, donor form, or come for donation ideas!

All donations are welcome and appreciated!

Please RSVP by September 15th to Sissy Laudon, 414-332-5711 or slaudon@nis-sif.com. 4th Grade parents, please help carry on this grade's tradition by helping supply the beer, wine and appetizers for the party.

Mr. Bradford's class parents, please contribute a 12 pack of beer and Mrs. O'Neil's class parents with last names beginning with A-J, please contribute an appetizer, last names beginning with K-Z, please contribute a bottle of red or white wine. All items need to be dropped off at the Laudon's on Saturday. 4th grade parents, please be on the look out for a special flier with all the details coming home with your 4th grader. Even if you are unable to attend, we still need you to drop off your beer, wine or appetizer contribution.

Thank you and hope to see you at the Auction Kick Off Party!

Auction:

New this year the night of the Auction is a **BROWN BOTTLE GRAB**. Please bring a bottle of wine to the Kick-Off Party – Unique, special types of wine at least \$10 in value (though, we encourage pricier wines to add to the fun) are needed.

If you have any questions or if you are unable to attend the party but still want to donate a bottle of wine please contact Kristin Kuesel @ 906—0344.

MAKE A DONATION! Donor forms were sent in the August mailer or are available on the SMS website(click on “Links”). Just fill out return to the office. We will have dates in September and October to drop off items. Or, call us and we will pick-up. Just remember we need the Donations by October 15th!

Here are some ideas to get you thinking:

CASH – Be an “Auction Angel” and we will use the money to purchase items or complete packages – Use the donor form and indicate “Auction Angel” money.

ELECTRONIC – Video gaming systems, iPhone, iPod, Blue Ray Disc Player, Flat Screen T.V., GPS systems, Digital Cameras

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VACATION GETAWAYS/HOTEL/WATERPARKS- Close by or far away! For overnight, weekend, or week. Family or Couples.

EVENT TICKETS – Sporting events, concerts, theater – Milwaukee and Chicago

UNIQUE TALENTS OR SERVICES – Baking, Cooking, Carpentry, Painting, Coaching, Jewelry making - to name just a few.

RESTAURANTS - We can use all kinds of gift certificates.

HOST A PARTY – Gourmet dinner party, sports or holiday themed – the possibilities are endless.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT – Great Golf Driver or Putter, kid's golf set, snowboard, Stealth baseball bat - The latest and greatest!

Contact Kelly Vincent @ 332-9443, Alissa Dern @332-0282, or Julie Karnes @ 967-1053 for more information

Purchase Raffle Tickets:

Try your luck under the stars! Enter the St. Monica Starry Night Dinner Dance Raffle and you could win **\$5,000, \$1,000 or \$500**. Tickets are \$20 each or buy 6 tickets at the special price of \$100 and get a coveted Dress Down Pass for each SMS student in your family. This is a great way to support your school and possibly win cash! Prizes will be drawn at the Auction Dinner Dance on November 15th. Need not be present to win.

1st Prize - \$5,000 2nd Prize - \$1,000 3rd Prize - \$500

Don't forget, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends can purchase tickets too!

Simply print the Raffle Ticket order form from the SMS website, (click on "Links"), fill it out and return it to the school office. Your ticket stubs, dress down passes and receipt will be sent to you through your school mail carrier.

Questions??? Call Tricia Harris at 414.967.0288 or Tina Luna at 414.963.2131

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