



St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder

September 15th, 2008

Lunch Duty

Monday 9/15: S.Laudon, S.Branigan, K.Mellin
Tuesday 9/16: L.Reilly, J.Lamont, K.Adank, E.Brennan
Wed., 9/17: J.Tighe, J.Post, M.Tarantino, S.Taphorn
Thursday 9/18: S.Lang, K.Fritsch, K.Comiskey, L.Phillips
Friday 9/20: 11:30 Dismiss.

Tuesday 9/16: All School Mass 8:30am (Bradford) CC Invite 4:30pm
Wednesday 9/17: Magazine Tally #2 ; Cub Scout Mtg.; CC Practice 3:30
Thursday 9/18: Welcome Coffee Gr 4-5 (see p. 4)
Parent Orientation Gr 5-8, 6:45pm
Clothing Collection (see p.7)
Scrip Sale 3pm
Friday 9/19: 11:30am Dismiss.; Out of Uniform; CC Practice 11:30
Saturday 9/20: Auction Kick-Off Party @ The Laudons
Sunday 9/21: Catechetical Sunday 10:15am Mass



Mrs. Schram's column is featured in this week's church bulletin. It is posted as an attachment in this weekly reminder.

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT YOUR TUITION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS ACCOUNT:

If you pay your tuition semi-annually or monthly, you may have noticed a recently posted fee on your statement for either \$20.00 for those families who have chosen the semi-annual payment plan, or \$42.00 for the monthly payment plan.

This is the service fee that is usually charged to your account in July, when you receive your first Tuition Management System account welcome letter for the upcoming school year. However, due to a system error, it was not properly posted to your account at that time. Please mark your records and pay the amount due according to the terms of your particular payment plan.

As a reminder, all tuition, including full payment, is to be paid through Tuition Management Systems, Inc. When we began using TMS as our tuition service provider in 2006, or when you first registered at St. Monica's, you selected one of three payment options:

- Paying in full on or before the August 20th due date: No fee.
- Paying semi-annually on or before August 20th and January 20th: \$20.00 fee.
- Paying monthly with due date options of either the 5th or 20th, Aug-May: \$42.00 fee.

You are able to change your option at re-registration in January, or any time by contacting the school office, however, fees may still apply for the current year once the school year has begun.

We apologize for any confusion that this late billing may have caused. -Mrs. Lynch

Co-Presidents Scoop

A huge thank you to Joe and Marian Topp who hosted the Kindergarten Party this past Saturday! It was a wonderful evening! Many thanks to the Comiskey's, Nau's, Neitzel's, Berrien's, Cyganiak's, Karoly's, Post's, Regan's, Spadafora's, Strimaitis' and the Tarantino's for assisting the hosts for this annual event!

The Magazine sale is off to a great start, thanks to all of you, and our leaders: Kathy Gomez, Stephanie Dragani and Denise Grogan. Turn in #2 is this Wednesday. Keep those orders coming for this important fundraiser!

SCRIP is also off to a rousing start! Our Co-Chairs Norma Herbers and Jennifer Lamont have made it so easy for you to participate! This not only raises funds for H&S, but also gives you tuition credit for next year. Please support this beneficial program!

Our Volunteer Chair, Sue Devine did an excellent job of organizing our volunteers...thanks Sue! If you haven't yet filled out your form, you can still join in! Contact Sue @ sdevine1@wi.rr.com.

The Welcome Coffees are going well! On Thursday, the 18th, we will host the 4th and 5th grade parents, from 8-9:30 in the Franciscan Room. Younger siblings are welcome! A big thank you to our Hospitality Committee: Kathleen Comiskey, Joanne Boettinger, Kerry Sinsky and Carrie Eck for providing the coffee and treats (and diet cokes for us)! Thanks also goes to the room moms/parents who provided the baked goods and juice.

Also on Thursday, Parent Orientation will be held for grades 5-8,

Finally, the Auction Kick Off Party will be held this Saturday evening from 6:30-10:30 p.m., at the Laudon's. This is a casual and fun event! Please RSVP today to Sissy, at 414-332-5711 or slaudon@nis-sif.com.

Enjoy the week,
Kathy and Karen

Development Corner

Welcome to the new St. Monica School website!

Today marks an exciting day for our school community's presence on the Internet – on Monday, September 15th, we will officially transition to a “revamped” version of the school website! In the-ory, this change will have no effect upon end users (you!) of the site. You will simply notice a whole new look – and a very exciting one, if I might say so myself! I will continue to send e-mails each Monday morning once the “St. Monica News & Weekly Reminder” has been posted, so please don't be concerned about being a bit unfamiliar with the new layout. I invite you to play with the new website and begin to familiarize yourself with it, bearing in mind there may be a “glitch” here or there as I work through the final testing. I will be continuing to update content this week (there's a lot out there!). One note: because the new website resides on a new server, you may experience a 24-hour delay on your end in seeing the new website. You need not do a thing, although if you wish you can “restart” your computer on Tuesday morning if you are still seeing the old site.

Should you have any questions or concerns, as always please feel free to contact me at (414) 332-3660 ext. 123 or tmlada@st-monica.org.

2008-2009 Parent Reference List

I am currently in the process of developing the “Parent Reference List” for the 2008-2009 school year. For those of you unfamiliar with this list, it is one I prepare at the outset of each new school year and distributed to prospective families as part of the “official” SMS information folder. Over the years, this list has proved very popular with prospective families. To get a fellow parent's perspective, these families can simply pick up the phone and make a few phone calls to school parents on the reference list. Last year's list included the names of over 80 school families! As I work to prepare the 2008-2009 “Parent Reference List,” I invite any school family that is currently not on this list to join it for the new school year. To do so, please give me a call (332-3660 ext. 123) or send me an e-mail (tmlada@st-monica.org). Whether you are new to SMS or you are a “veteran,” your perspective as a St. Monica School parent “ambassador” can make a real difference! THANK YOU!

Milestones Update

During the 2007-2008 school year, Milestones based its 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. schedule upon the perceived demand and need for programming within our school community. This past Spring, with the hope of expanding the hours of operation to accommodate families requiring before-afternoon kindergarten care, Mrs. Schram and I asked for and received an advance commitment from Milestones to offer programming from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m during the 2008-2009 school year. We were grateful for this commitment from Milestones, which clearly demonstrated their dedication to working as partners with our school community. I am pleased to share that our current before-school and after-school care numbers are the highest they've ever been – representing the significance of the trust our school families are placing in Milestones.

I believe onsite childcare programming is a necessity in order for our school community to continue with annual enrollment stability and growth. We must be able to meet the needs of dual-income families who desire convenient, high-quality, and affordable onsite childcare programming options; especially for those with children in our K-4 and K-5 half-day and extended-day sessions, such childcare may be an absolute necessity.

In this way, I believe we continue to demonstrate our commitment to the education of all children. Should your family require childcare programming, please consider Milestones as an option. Your support of Milestone's programming will help ensure the long-term success of our relationship.

Have a terrific week!

Tom

What's Happening Around School?



Welcome Back Coffee

Attention All Grade 4-5th Parents: Please plan to attend the Welcome Back Coffee hosted by your Home & School officers on Thursday, September 18th in the Franciscan Rm. from 8-9:30. There will be breakfast treats, lots of chatter and of course, coffee! Hope to see you there!



School pictures for grades K4 through 7th grade will take place Wednesday, September 24th. Watch for an order form in today's Monday folder. These forms are for grades K4 through 7th only. Extra copies are available in the school office. This form needs to be completed, with payment enclosed and returned with your child(ren) on picture day. Please remember to send a separate envelope and payment for each child. 8th Grade Girls will also be photographed on Wednesday, September 24th from 2:30-4:00. 8th Grade Boys will be photographed on Wednesday, October 8th from 2:30-4:00. 8th graders will receive a different order form and proofs within a week after their shoot date. Any questions please call Karen Poellmann at 332-8949.



Save-the-date for the Pumpkin Party 10/24! For those who signed up at last year's auction to attend the Pumpkin Party, it will be held Friday night October 24th. This 2nd bi-annual adult **costume** party will be held across from the WFB Pumpkins at the home of the Dan and Maribeth McNally. Start planning your costume and look for your invite in the mail! See you after the 8th Grade Haunted House on October 24! Q's? mbmcnally@msn.com.



Battle of Books Prizes Needed:

Every time BOB participants reads and fills out note cards for 3 books, they get to choose a prize from the plastic bin in the library. We are in need of small prizes. Everything doesn't need to be new-- tiny toys, key-chains, gel pens, stickers, hair bands (new, please), Post-it note-pads...anything that 9-12 yr olds like. Just put them right into the bin in the library. All BOB participants should be keeping their note cards clipped together or in a notecard holder for reference later this year.



Annual Fall Family Potluck and Open Gym

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 28, 5:00-8:00 p.m. for our annual fall potluck and open gym to welcome families new to St. Monica. This is an event for the entire school community. Come meet the new faces in your child's class. Host families, please call your new family and if possible, attend with them. Drinks and tableware provided. Please bring a dish to pass, with a serving spoon (put a little note card on it with your family name, so we know who to ask for when we want the recipe). Dinner served at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Multicultural Arts Committee.

Please bring the following:

Last names A-G: Appetizer or salad

Last names H-S: Main dish

Last names T-Z: Dessert

Thank you!!

Auction and clothing drive information on the next two pages...



Starry Night

Auction/Dinner Dance News

Starry Night Auction and Dinner Dance News

The Dinner Dance / Auction table is now set up outside the office. A special thanks to Ann Swain for helping set that up. Extra forms are on the table – Raffle, Donor, Advertising, Underwriting – as well as donation ideas.

Auction Kick Off Party this Saturday!!

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.

Bring your auction donation, donor form, or come for donation ideas! All donations are welcome and appreciated!

Please RSVP quickly to Sissy Laudon, 414-332-5711 or slaudon@nis-sif.com.

Don't forget about the **BROWN BOTTLE GRAB!** Please bring a bottle of wine to the Kick-Off Party as a donation item – 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.

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

DONATIONS, DONATIONS, DONATIONS - Please donate to the auction! We can use donations of cash, time, talents, gift certificates for stores and restaurants, vacation homes, themed parties, electronics – Blu Ray disc player, iPhone, iPod, etc.,

tickets to sporting events, theater, concerts, items for the home, jewelry – just to name a few. Get together with friends and come up with a package!

GATHERING DATES - The first GATHERING DATE is Wednesday, September 24th from 8:00 to 8:30 in the a.m. Please bring your completed donor form and your item (if possible) to the Ministry Center (the door across from Mrs. K's entrance)

Gathering Captain, Maria Van Dyke will be there to collect your donation. Thank you to Maria! There will be gathering dates on Wed. Oct 1, Oct 8 and the last one Oct 15. If you have an item that you cannot drop off please call any of us for help.

Kelly Vincent 332-9443, Julie Karnes 967-1053, or Alissa Dern 332-0282

Family Advertising

The Auction booklet is a great way to recognize your 8th grader, sports team, or other special group. Tina Luna and Cathy Christensen are happy to help you with design ideas and layout of your ad. Please see the ad form attached to the weekly reminder.

St. Monica School
Clothing Drive
to benefit
Christ Child Society's
Second Saturday Program



Do your children's closets need to be cleaned out? Do you have some clothing that still looks great, but no longer fits? We can help you and you will be helping others.

Morgan & Kate Phillips and Josie Rolfs are organizing a fund raising event on Monday, September 29 through October 3 to assist The Christ Child Society of Milwaukee and its Second Saturday Program.

The mission of the C.C.S. Second Saturday's program is to help underprivileged mothers and their children by providing a regular meeting place on the second Saturday of each month where they can participate in social and educational activities with an emphasis on reading.

Look for the box labeled Christ Child Society outside of the office. Organize yourself and help others in great need. We will accept gently used seasonal clothing from Newborn through size 14/16.

Thanks for your Help.

Sincerely,

Morgan Phillips, Kate Phillips and Josie Rolfs



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