

# THE ST. MONICA REPORT

## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Sunday kicks off Catholic Schools Week. I've encouraged all students to attend one of the Sunday masses and wear SMS uniform or spirit wear to show their Catholic pride. Mass Times are Saturday 5:30pm, 7:15pm (Español), Sunday 7:40am, 9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm (Español), 6:00pm.

ISTEP Testing: March 5<sup>th</sup> - March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please do not schedule morning appointments for your 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students during this week. We will also administer the first operational IREAD-3 assessment March 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> for all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. It's essential the students understand the importance of being on time as it will impact them in future jobs. The number of tardies for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter totaled 140. The teachers appreciate your effort in starting the day at 7:30am.

God Bless,

Mrs. Michelle Boyd

Principal

Reminders:

**Boots** - The SMS Handbook states that boots are not permitted during the school day. We changed this to allow students to wear boots with pants during the colder months. Students should not be wearing boots with skirts as the reason for the change was for warmth.

**Carpool** – Please be safe as you drive along Knollton Road. There are reports from the neighbors that SMS families are driving too fast. Thank you for your help in being safe!

### COMPASS FOR CHRIST

Students moving in the direction of God...

Alex Lynn

Camryn Llyod

Zoe McMullen

Eric Marshalleck

Matthew Ohms

Sam Osburn

Ben Androne

Casie Maexner

Mrs. Jay's Class

Nia Robinson

Christian Salazar-Valente

## Month at a Glance...

1-27	
1-28	CYO Uniform Returns 9am – 12pm
1-29	Catholic Schools Week ~ 9am Mass Open House
1-30	
1-31	Cardinal Ritter Applications Due
2-1	
2-2	
2-3	
2-4	
2-5	
2-6	No School ~ SuperBowl Monday!
2-7	PTO Meeting 7pm
2-8	
2-9	Spirit Day! Wear your SMS colors and uniform bottoms.
2-10	
2-11	Market Day Pick-Up (Kindergarten) 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade CYO Music Contest 12:35pm @Chatard HS
2-12	

### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Mr. Bush

Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Sr. Merrita

### Teacher Luncheon

We are still in need of room coverage, food donations and gift cards! PLEASE!!! PLEASE!!!

Thanks,

Hether Driggers [hhartzer@aol.com](mailto:hhartzer@aol.com)

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade CYO Music Contest

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade St. Monica Choir will compete in the CYO Music Contest Saturday, February 11th @ 12:35pm @ Bishop Chatard High School. Parents, please have your 7th grader @ Chatard @ 11:45am for a vocal warm-up. Any questions please contact Richard Merriman, Vocal Director, [r.merriman@smsindy.org](mailto:r.merriman@smsindy.org)

### Saint Monica Students win awards at the West Deanery Art Contest!

Heidi Wendowski – 1<sup>st</sup> place

Danielle Patrick – 1<sup>st</sup> place

Chris Rodriguez – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Sophia Vander Kooy – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Hannah Nickol – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Carpool Needed for Next School Year

Anyone going to the Walden Glen neighborhood off of 86<sup>th</sup> and Lafayette Road behind Fishback Creek Academy please contact me at (317)777-8539.

### Catholic Schools Week – Jeans ok all week!

**Monday** ~ Students wear different colors to show our Colors of Faith. Parents please feel free to attend the Living Rosary @7:45am Monday in the Gym.

PK/K- **Yellow** - represents God's perfect light

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> – White – represents the cleansing of our sins

3<sup>rd</sup> – **Blue** – represent our baptism

4<sup>th</sup> – **Red** – represents the blood Jesus shed for us

5<sup>th</sup> – **Green** – represents the new life we have in Jesus

6<sup>th</sup> – **Purple** – represents the crown of life

7<sup>th</sup> – **Brown** – represents a symbol of being His follower

8<sup>th</sup> – **Black** – represents our sins

**Tuesday** ~ Out-of-Uniform: Super Bowl/football related clothing to support our community hosting the SuperBowl.

**Wednesday** ~ Out-of-Uniform: Crazy Accessories Day

**Thursday** ~ Out-of-Uniform: Students may dress as a profession they want to be when they grow up (priest, teacher, chef, maintenance man etc) as we are building successful futures here at SMS.

**Friday** ~ Out-of-Uniform: Spirit Day Parents join our Pep Rally @ 12:45pm in the Gym.

### Potential Tax Credit for Families

Some families are eligible for a tax credit depending on income. Under House Enrolled Act 1003, Section 1, (3) (B) (c), "A taxpayer who makes an unreimbursed education expenditure during the taxpayer's taxable year is entitled to a deduction against the taxpayer's adjusted gross income in the taxable year." The amount seems to be \$1,000 for each eligible child and is for your state tax return. As we do not purport to be tax professionals, *you should check with yours to determine your level of eligibility*, but we wanted to let our families know of this potential benefit of the new law, as well. If you need a "receipt" for tuitions paid you have two avenues to explore. If you are a monthly payer thru FACTS you can go to your FACTS account and print out your history page. If you are a yearly or semiannual payer then you can email Jessica Sinkovic [j.sinkvoic@smsindy.org](mailto:j.sinkvoic@smsindy.org) for a receipt of tuition monies paid from August – December 2011.

### Gospel Concert

The annual gospel concert that Mr. Wolff and school mom Mrs. Horne are performing in is February 19th at 3pm and tickets are \$15 adult \$12 senior \$5 student. It is usually sold out at the Pike PAC each year.

### SMS DAILY NEWS!

You can now view our daily news live stream on our website. Please go to

<http://stmonicaindy.org/school/students/daily-news-show/>

To see our news live from 7:30-7:35. You can also view our past news shows as they become available. Now you see it when your children see it. Thanks go out to Mr. Wolff and Mrs. Sinkovic for this new feature.

### Super Kids Super Sharing

On Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> four 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students attended the Super Kids Super Sharing event at Martin University. We took the books, school supplies, and sports equipment that St. Monica collected (over 300 items) to Martin University and helped many of the area schools sort all the items. All the items collected were given to kids in need. That afternoon Martin University was holding an event for the underprivileged children to collect those items. Our students set a wonderful example of giving to the community and demonstrated a great work ethic. The four students were taken into the collection area and given their instructions of how to sort the items. They then spent the next hour and a half sorting and asking what they could help with. We had a small assembly afterwards in which the Super Bowl committee spoke with the students and praised them for the work and effort they did to help. Overall the schools in the area collected over 30,000 items. I was very proud of our students and the example they set.



### PTO: LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION...VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please help support St. Monica's **largest** fundraiser by volunteering your time at this year's PTO Auction. March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date and we need your help! Not only can you earn service hours, but you can also enjoy a wonderful night with other St. Monica families. Contact Sharon Ely at [sely@att.net](mailto:sely@att.net) for details. Thank you!



### Auction Reviews and Coming Attractions

"Even with a rainy night, everyone enjoyed themselves at the Motorcycle Party....Wild Hogs?..... More like hog wild. The fire dancer in the evening was a spectacular surprise! You never know what will happen at the live auction parties, but you know it will be fun."



★★★★★ 5 Stars, superb food, entertaining, engaging! Eric Schommer, Co-host

"This day trip could possibly be the most awesome experience of your life, up to this point! What could be better than starting your day with mass and almost walking on water with your priest? Our canoe trip through the waters of Turkey Run, complete with lunch, combined fellowship and fun set in the beauty of God's creation."



★★★★★ 5 Stars, Divinely Inspired Fun! Fr Todd Goodson, Host

Coming this year: The return of the Paddle with the Priest and a surprise icy experience with Fr. Dustin. Sounds like a Reverend Rivalry.... [www.smsindy.org/school/auction](http://www.smsindy.org/school/auction)

## **CYO NEWS**

### **BASKETBALL UNIFORM RETURNS**

Uniform returns this Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 12pm in the gym. If you are still playing in the tournament, CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK, we will have another uniform return date in the near future.

## **Religious Ed News**

### **Parents First Communion meeting**

On Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, parents whose children will be receiving their First Communion in April, are invited to a meeting at 7pm in the church. This is directed to first time parents as it gives details on the liturgy and retreat. All parents are welcome to attend but only first time parents are required to attend. A flyer has been mailed to families about this meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please e-mail [mjthomasday@stmonicaindy.org](mailto:mjthomasday@stmonicaindy.org) or call 253-2193 ex. 4. Let us continue to prayer for our beautiful children as they prepare for this sacrament.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12pm for children 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Several families have been requesting the date as to plan their summer schedules of camps and vacations. You will be receiving more information after Easter and when the snow melts!

## **Cardinal Ritter Honor Roll**

Congratulations to the following St. Monica Parishioners who have earned honor roll status for the second quarter of the 2011-2012 school year at Cardinal Ritter High School. In order to make the Honor Roll a student must have a grade point average of at least 3.25. Students who qualify for the High Honor Roll have earned a grade point average of at least 3.75.

### **High Honors**

Kevin Bacon	Gino Consiglieri
Giovanni Consiglieri	Brayden Daehler
Jacob Danek	Ruth Danek
Meghan Davis	Jordan Diagostino
Anna Doak	Christopher Doak
Alexis Finnell	Stuart Gillig
Mary Harrison	Caleb Hernandez
Joshua Hernandez	Laura Huey
Audrey Lee	Timothy Martin
Anahy Mayorga	Michaela McDonald
Donald McGuire	Katy Mohr
Rachel Nakao	Meghan Nowlin
Kara O'Connor	Eric Peterson
Mikayla Rainho	Lindsey Scott
Katherine Slisz	Peyton Spreacker
Yasmeen Tevis.	

### **Honor Roll**

Ryan Ahlrichs	Joseph Craig
Joshua Diagostino	Grant Gramman
Anne Hines	Daniel Kivett
Aaron Lynch	Ellen Randall
Jasmine Reynolds	Anna Selby
Matthew Spack	Juan Vasquez.

## **Cathedral Honor Roll**

### ***High Honors***

Sara Conway	Michael Conway
Maya Graves	Alexa Hornak
Michael Hornak	Ashley Knoblauch
Aoife Laughlin	Robert Marshall
Robert Mathioudakis	John McAteer
Imani Parker-Robinson	Sarah Schultz
Amy Schultz	Zachary VanderMissen
Tianna Vander Missen	

### ***Honors***

Michael Bogdon	Brandon Eley
Kelsea Howard	Alex O'Malley
Omari Robinson	Joshua Schmidt