

THE ST. MONICA REPORT

Principal's Corner

What a wonderful Christmas Program! Congratulations to the 3rd grade in leading the show and to Mr. Merriman and the Kindergarten through 8th grade singers and band.

Please help us protect your students from winter's cold bite! Students WILL go outside for recess as long as the temperature is 10 or above. BRRRR!

Here is what they need:

- Warmest coat ever
- Gloves/Mittens
- Winter hat
- Snow boots
- Snow pants
- Bag

Be sure to mark each item with your child's name. It's amazing how many lonely mittens we have by the end of the cold season! Students will bring home their winter gear each day. We recommend taking the items out of the bag to dry - otherwise the items get a little stinky.

Thank you for helping us keep our students warm!

Are you looking for some much needed service hours?

1. We are looking for a recess volunteer during the K-4 grade recess times to assist with monitoring the students. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping. Recess times are from 9:45-11:15.
2. Have you considered teaching a Thursday Enrichment Class to the 5th – 8th graders? We will begin the 3rd quarter classes on January 26th. Receive 10 service hours by helping or leading a class from 7:40-8:30.
3. Need to get Volunteer Service Hours and Saturdays work best for you? Please contact Michelle Boyd for January 7th and 14th opportunities. Items will include school wide cleaning and organizing.

Mrs. Schmid is going part-time beginning in January. Welcome! Amber Starr, an Extended Care group leader, who will be taking on the other half of the position. Amber has taught in Mexico City, Atlanta and Round Rock Texas. She has background in faith formation and youth ministry and is fluent in English and Spanish.

Also Welcome Amy Taylor, mom of school children Alex and Emily. Amy will be joining the 3rd grade teaching assistant team as Mrs. Henning will be going part-time.

COMPASS FOR CHRIST

Students moving in the direction of God...

Max Foshee	Payton Glesing	Justin Garing	Annelise Moore	Hank Larson	Matthew Wagner
Obi Anyanwu	Gianna Oaldon	Grace Prince	Teresa Corazza	Justin Winingar	Elena Rosario
Lukas Wieland	Sara CiKrit-Schmit	Mrs. Mills' Class			
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Month at a Glance...

12-17	Church Cleaning Day 9am – 12pm
12-18	
12-19	School Commission Meeting 7pm in St. Augustine Hall
12-20	PK Christmas Program @ 1:30pm in the Emmaus Center Wrestling Reg. 6pm – 7:30pm in Gym
12-21	
12-22	1pm Dismissal ~ NO EXTENDED CARE!!! CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS
12-23	Christmas Break ~ NO SCHOOL
1-9	School Resumes
1-10	PTO Meeting 7pm
1-11	
1-12	Spirit Wear Day! Wear your SMS colors and uniform bottoms or plaid spirit pants.
1-13	
1-14	Market Day Pick Up 9am (3 rd grade)
1-15	
1-16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ NO SCHOOL
1-17	Teamwork Tuesday! Wear your t-shirt and uniform bottoms. Student Council Meeting 2:45pm – 3:30pm
1-18	Social Health Parent Info Night 6:30pm
1-19	
1-20	End of 2 nd Q (48 days)
1-21	
1-22	
1-23	Out of Uniform Day \$1 School Commission Meeting 7pm in St. Augustine Hall
1-24	

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 21st ~ Sr. Merrita

Thursday, December 22nd ~ Mr. Bush

Body Mass Index(BMI)

The BMI will be measured in January for students to gauge their progress through the year. As a school health and wellness efforts and developing and maintaining healthy habits at home. If you do not wish for your child to have their BMI calculated please complete the form on the SMS website under “What’s New.” Return it to the school nurse no later than Thursday Jan 5th. Students will not know their result unless requested by parent.

YEAH Girl Scout Troop #603

The 7th grade Girl Scout troop #603 has a gingerbread display at Conner Prairie's Gingerbread Village. The village is open throughout December. The project, a pop up gingerbread book, is called Storybook Surprise and it won an honorable mention award including a \$50 prize.

Are you traveling anywhere over the holidays?

Several St Monica families will be traveling beyond grandma's house for Christmas. If you are going to be anywhere off the beaten path, would you consider picking up a unique souvenir to donate to the auction? A sweatshirt from Ireland? A handcrafted item from the Bahamas? Or will you be hosting guests who might bring a hometown treasure with them to share? These items will be featured as silent auction items at the Annual Celebration Auction on March 3rd. This is an easy and creative way to support our school. Questions? Contact Janice Sanders sandersjanice@yahoo.com

Introducing Papa Murphy's

Peel - a – Deal Discount Cards!

Available through the school office for \$5 each. Includes 8 different discounts – even a free large pizza with purchase of a family size pizza!

Buy some for your family, friends, and your favorite teachers!!

Just send back the attached order form with payment enclosed(check made out to St. Monica School or cash). Any Questions – call Kathie Van Gheem at 328-1253 or the school office.

Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre presents Willie Wonka

This year's holiday show of Willie Wonka will feature 4 members of the Bush Family. Tim, Cheri, Noah and Eli will all be performing on stage for this wonderful classic by Roald Dahl. Come out and sharing in the fun this holiday season. Tickets are on sale now. For ticket information go to www.civictheatre.org There is special ticket pricing for Friends and Family of the cast by calling the Box Office at 843-3800 and mention Promo Code Civic-10.

Congratulations to Wells Scholar Bridget Kelly!

Brebeuf Jesuit is pleased to announce that Bridget Kelly, Class of 2012, has been selected as a recipient of the Wells Scholarship at Indiana University Bloomington. The Wells Scholarship is based solely on merit, providing full tuition, fees, and a living stipend for four years of study on the Bloomington campus. Scholars may choose to spend one of those years studying abroad. Wells Scholars may enroll in specially designed courses taught by IU faculty and distinguished campus visitors. In addition, Scholars may apply for funding to pursue summer enrichment, travel, internships, and research. In the past, Scholars have interned at the U.S. Supreme Court, provided HIV/AIDS education in Kenya, and conducted research at the National Institutes of Health.

Hello,

This is Zachary Pfeifer and I wanted you to be one of the first to know that I'm forming a team for the MDA Muscle Walk on 3/31/2012 at Carmel High School. I hope you'll join my Muscle Walk team!

The Muscle Walk is a fun, meaningful way to help make a significant difference in the lives of families served by MDA, long after the event is over. MDA makes it so easy and turn-key to raise money through a personal online fundraising page.

To join my team, please click here:

http://www2.mda.org/site/TR?fr_id=1427&pg=team&team_id=5700

Zachary Pfeifer
Captain of Pfeifer