

# THE ST. MONICA REPORT

## Principal's Corner

### **2011 JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG SCHOLARS**

The 2011 Jack Kent Cooke (JKC) Young Scholars is a highly competitive national scholarship program designed to nurture exceptional students who have demonstrated, through academic excellence and extracurricular activities, that they have the potential to excel. Applicants must be very high achieving (GPA above 3.5 or mostly "A" grades) in grade 7 and have unmet financial need (low to moderate income). The application can be found at <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/jkc/>.  
Deadline is April 25th.

### **December to Remember**

To an untrained eye this week could appear to be no more than average and even perhaps uninspiring. Fr. Dustin had a death in his family and several students, teachers, and staff members were ill and unable to attend school. Yet as I reflect on the week, it was quite inspirational. As a school we came together to help several families in need by meeting our fundraising goal of \$3,500. With the support of teachers and students our efforts provided clothing, essential kitchen and bathroom items, and toys. The overheard conversations from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders included, "do not forget the air pump in case the ball goes flat, I know he needs these so I will get him two, and they will love it.... it is so cute." Many more comments continued as they focused on giving and support. The true nature of St. Monica Catholic School was observed today in the character of our students. One gentleman at the store was so touched by their acts that he donated to the fundraiser right then and thanked everyone for what they were doing.

## COMPASS FOR CHRIST

Students moving in the direction of God...

Ms. Guenin 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

Cameron Reed

Lindsay Norton

Garrett Davis

Emma Sanders

Abby Randall

Robbie Magan

## Month at a Glance...

12-9	
12-10	Guerin Placement Test Gabriel Project Collection CYO Uniforms due 1pm – 2:30pm
12-11	Gabriel Project Collection
12-12	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Court Study Trip
12-13	Teamwork Tuesday! Wear your t-shirt and uniform bottoms. 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Service Day @ St. Vincent DePaul Student Council Meeting
12-14	December to Remember
12-15	
12-16	Christmas Program 9am & 12:45pm Spirit Store orders ready for pick-up Volleyball Reg. due for Chatard
12-17	
12-18	
12-19	School Commission Meeting 7pm in St. Augustine Hall
12-20	PK Christmas Program @ 1:30pm in the Emmaus Center
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
1-13	
1-14	Market Day Pick Up 9am (3 <sup>rd</sup> grade)
1-15	
1-16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ NO SCHOOL

### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. Firestone

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Miss Guenin

### News from the Nurse

DRESS WARM for the Weather

\*hat \*scarf \*gloves/mittens

\*water resistant \*coat/boots \* layers

We go outside for recess unless temperatures are less than 20 degrees F. Archdiocese and school wellness policy recommends that all students participate in recess and gym unless they have a medical excuse. So plan accordingly!

### Religious Ed News

Oatmeal canisters: One of our Sunday School classes is in need of oatmeal canisters. If you are baking over the holidays, or if your family is an oatmeal eater, would you be so kind as to save the canister and bring it to the school/religious education office.

### Civic Theatre presents Willie Wonka

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](http://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.

### Scrip Reminders for Christmas

Thanks to all of you who purchased Scrip last week, the school made \$740 last week alone! Please remember that we are really busy selling Scrip this time of year, so please plan ahead and get your Scrip orders in early. We place our order for cards on Monday at noon, so it is important to have your order in that morning to ensure you get your cards that week. Please send your completed order form and payment in on Monday morning. We accept cash, check, or Facts payment. The most recent Scrip form is on the SMS website under the Parents link. Please use that form because it has the correct denominations of the cards we currently carry. We will have the cards in stock in the office and you are welcome to come in and purchase them as well. Thank you so much for supporting ST. Monica School.

### PTO NEWS

PTO is accepting nominations for 2012-13 school year!

FYI:

- A PTO board position earns 25 service hours (out of 28 required).
- It is NOT a huge time commitment; we meet once monthly. We try (and almost always succeed) to keep the meetings to one hour. In addition, there are a couple functions we attend during the year, most importantly the auction.
- If you don't want to tackle it on your own, recruit a friend and co-serve a position.

*These are the positions that will be open for next year:*

- **Parent-Teacher Liaison Chairperson**-coordinates Teacher-Conference dinner in fall and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in January, assists solicitation of room parents/liaisons
- **Secretary**-record meeting minutes, submit to school office for publication to website
- **Treasurer**-custodian of PTO funds
- **Vice President**-performs duties of the President in her absence, serves as liaison between PTO and School Commission, leads nomination committee

Want to know more about PTO? Check us out!

<http://stmonicaindy.org/school/parents/pto-parent-teacher-organization/> Please consider nominating yourself or encourage a friend who you think would be an asset to our school's PTO! Please notify Valerie Horvath ([valeriehorvathjd@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriehorvathjd@yahoo.com)) or Amanda Domogalik ([maedomogalik@yahoo.com](mailto:maedomogalik@yahoo.com)) of your interest.