

THE ST. MONICA REPORT

Principal's Corner

Dear SMS Families,

Catholic Schools Week was a wonderful week. We have celebrated being a ministry of our parish, appreciated our staff and students and have been blessed along the way. Please take some time with your family during the weekend to celebrate how blessed Indianapolis is during the SuperBowl Super Indy week. If you haven't had the opportunity to take your children downtown, I encourage you to do so. My boys thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the hype! Fr. Rich Nagel has officially "opened the doors" for Super Bowl fans. Check out this video. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ly0JgMQ_OQ&feature=share

Have you checked out the www.smsindy.org website lately? We are Super Proud of our participation in welcoming fans to Indy. Click on the link [Check out our students serving for the Superbowl!](#) on our homepage. Scroll down to the bottom and view the photos of our students on their website.

THANKS!

Many thanks to Julie Koegel and the 60+ volunteers for organizing Open House! St. Monica had over 50 new families join us. Remember families currently enrolled in SMS have the highest priority for enrollment. Within the next 2 weeks we will be logging those Registration Forms, before officially acting on new applications for enrollment. We also send applications to our parish families who have school aged children not enrolled at SMS. We anticipate a waiting list in a few grade levels. We look forward to continuing our enrollment of 500 next year.

God Bless,

Mrs. Michelle Boyd

SUPERBOWL NEWS!!!

SMS 8th grader, Victoria Smith, was one of 45 children selected by the Indianapolis Children's Choir to sing the National Anthem in the Super Bowl with Kelly Clarkson. Way to go Victoria! We will be watching!

Update from our Safety and Security Task Force Meeting and Craine House Liaisons:

Our first meeting went well, and new ideas, concerns, and praises were brought forth by all members. The security audit by outside sources should be ready by next week. A school and parish wide safety survey will also be available in the next few weeks. We are still looking for a parish representative to join the group. Finally our current procedures were reviewed to look at any loopholes. Any questions, contact Eric Schommer at e.schommer@smsindy.org

Father Todd, Mrs. Boyd and Mel Ullrich met with Craine House representatives last Thursday. At this time, Craine House did not purchase the property due to the appeal. The court date has been set for February 23rd.

YEARBOOK TIME!

Get your Yearbook Order form and Ad form on the SMS website under "What's New!" and with your youngest and only child in backpack mail today.

CANDY GRAMS for 1st – 8th grades

Student Council will be selling Candy Grams from January 30th - February 10th. All proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. If you would like to send a special treat please fill out the form and return it to the office or your child's homeroom teacher. Candy Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day, February 14th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Leah Roggeman at l.roggeman@smsindy.org.

COMPASS FOR CHRIST

Students moving in the direction of God...

Katy Lynn

Miss Guenin's Class

Guianluca Guillermo

Josh Nkosi

Miles Talib

Lizbeth Isol

Sophia Vargas

Connor Rink

Joseph Parada

Maureen Tancredi

Henry Askleson

Brady Armstrong

Tyler Samodral

Emma Sanders

SMS at a Glance...

2-3	
2-4	Gabriel Project
2-5	Gabriel Project
2-6	NO SCHOOL!!! ~ Superbowl Monday!
2-7	PTO Meeting 7pm
2-8	
2-9	Spirit Wear Day! Wear your SMS colors and uniform bottoms.
2-10	
2-11	Market Day Pick Up (Kindergarten) 7 th grade CYO Music Contest 12:35pm @ Chatard
2-12	
2-13	First Communion Mtg. 7pm Talent Show Auditions 5 th – 8 th grade *During Music Class
2-14	Teamwork Tuesday! Wear RED! Talent Show Auditions 5 th – 8 th grade *During Music Class Student Council Mtg.
2-15	Talent Show Auditions 5 th – 8 th grade *During Music Class
2-16	Talent Show Auditions 5 th – 8 th grade *During Music Class
2-17	Talent Show Auditions 5 th – 8 th grade *During Music Class
2-18	
2-19	Gospel Concert @ Pike Performing Arts Center 3pm
2-20	SCHOOL is IN Session

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 8th ~ Mrs. Mills

Friday, February 10th ~ Miss Grodzicki

Nurse's News

Why should YOU have 60 minutes of Physical Activity per day?

- Promotes health and fitness
- Builds healthy bones and muscles¹
- Reduces the risk of developing obesity and risk factors for diseases such as type 2 diabetes and heart disease¹
- Reduces the symptoms of anxiety and depression¹
- Can positively affect concentration, memory, and classroom behavior²

1. HHS. Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee Report;2008

2. J Pediatr 2005;146(6):732-7.



Parent Support Group

The St. Vincent Stress Center has a FREE Family Enrichment Group at the Stress Center! This group provides support and education for parents of children affected by mental illness. The group meets on Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm and topics may include: Parenting styles • Recovery • Family boundaries • Communication • Enabling • Self-esteem building • Limit Setting • Family Systems.

To register please contact the St. Vincent Stress Center Youth Outpatient Department at (317) 338-4850.

Study Skills Class for 5th - 8th Graders

Tuesday and Thursday 2:30pm - 3:30pm

February 9th – March 8th Cost: \$75

Topics

- *Learning Styles
- *Grammar Rules
- *Improving memory
- *Note Taking
- *Organization Checklist
- *Test Taking Strategies
- *Scheduling Study Time Wisely

A daily snack will be provided at 2:30pm.

Limited class size. Contact Pam Berg with any questions.

p.berg@smsindy.org or 828-9234

Gabriel Project News

We welcomed three new moms in January! Please keep these and all unborn babies in your prayers. Next diapers and wipes collection weekend is Feb. 4th – 5th. Next meeting is March 5th in the church conference room. For more info, call Cheri Bush 228-1266.

Religious Ed News

Parents First Communion meeting:

On Monday, February 13th, 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 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 11th - 15th, 9am – 12pm for children 4 years old through 4th 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!

The Lord's Pantry

Many thanks for all the wonderful canned goods, boxed rices, pastas, peanut butter, etc. that have been sent into school for the food bin in the Narthex. These items go directly to the Lord's Pantry every Tuesday. When we have plenty to share, it sure makes a difference! Keep sending in these items, as every week they are totally distributed to those in need. And, please know that the St. Monica students, who have been coming to the Pantry on Tuesdays to help, are making a great impression on everyone and being very helpful and polite. I am proud of everyone! Also, many thanks to the parents who make time to drive them over and supervise, and to Mr. Bush for organizing!

Peace to all, Dyan Huey and the Lord's Pantry team

2nd Annual SMS Toothbrush & Toothpaste Drive

February is Dental Health month. In celebration we are collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste to send to our sister parish in Honduras. Our goal is to collect 1500 toothbrushes and 1500 tubes of toothpaste. That is only 3 of each item per student!!! Start clipping coupons and shopping the sales today! Ask your family dentist for samples. They love to help. Collecting starts today and will end on February 29th. Thank you for helping our Honduran brothers and sisters!

Pike Township 4-H - invites ALL Saint Monica students K-8th to join our group

For more info on 4-H please check out the website <http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/marion/Pages/4-HYouthDevelopment.aspx> or email Mary Fenchak at dogtormary@aol.com. One doesn't have to be a resident of Pike Township or Marian County to join.

Pike currently has regular workshops every other Sunday and Dog Obedience Classes twice a month. Also available is Shooting sports and other county wide clubs. Many fair projects can be done at home or are accomplished at school. Kids would participate in what they are interested in, one is not expected to attend all workshops.

5th & 6th Grade West Deanery Basketball League

* This is a basketball league open to all 5th and 6th graders that belong either to a West Deanery Parrish or attend a West Deanery School. The league is exclusively a man-to-man league and no zones are allowed. The league will consist of 8 games that will be played over the course of 4 weekends.

* Clinics will be held before the first game. At the clinics, coaches and players will be taught offensive and defensive fundamentals. Once the teams are made, practices will be held 1-2 times weekly and players will play 2 games on Sundays.

* Players will get a t-shirt for being in the league and they will use this shirt for the games as well. We are aiming to have at least 6 teams of 7 players. All games will be played at either Cardinal Ritter High School or a West Deanery gymnasium.

* The dates of the games are below. The times of the games are TBA at this time. If you are interested, a registration form is available on the SMS website under "What's New." The deadline for registration is February 7th.

Game Dates:

Sunday February 26th
Sunday March 4th
Sunday March 11th
Sunday March 18th

If you have any questions or concerns then please contact Pete Bitting at 317-414-7320 or pbitting@cardinalritter.org

Brebeuf Honor Roll

Class Honors

Jonah Connelly
James Delaney
Kayla Delaney
Ryan Delaney
Jacob Dennie
John Eisenhut
Madison Graham
Monica Hegde
Bridget Kelly
Clare Kelly
Olivia Kirsch
Emily Koval
Matthew Lang
Caroline Lehman
Anthony Maley
Kelly Thompson

High Honors

Allison Bates
Elizabeth Bauserman
Ethan Beaty
Neil Brady
Alex Brun
Robert Bruns
Max Challis
Molly Cordes
Jennifer Dimos
Bethany Driggers
Hannah Griggs
Joshua Griggs
Deanna Hicks
Rachel Kelso
Dominic Maley
Frank Maley
Jordyn Marshall
Sarah Mikell
Caitlyn Piccirillo
Amanda Quinlivan
Olivia Roudebush
Andrew Shearn
Anthony Smith
Michael Wurster

Honors

Jacob Bowman
Michael Coin
Joshua Connelly
William Haffley
Christopher Kahn
Benjamin Lamberjack
Joseph Lopshire
Madeline Malatestinic
Zachary Sullivan

St. Monica School

Lights, Camera, Auction.....

Saturday March 3, 2012



Food... Guests can dine with food by Sweet & Savory including Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Stuffed Chicken with pancetta, spinach, cheese in a white wine sauce, and crab cakes with Cajun Remoulade. Top off your palette with dessert after dinner and movie snacks as the evening wraps up. Complementary beer and wine and a cash bar are also available throughout the evening.



“There was so much delicious food... & I was

thrilled that there were vegetarian options.”

– Christine Exline (SMS preschool director)

Auction Reviews & Coming Attractions

Photos... This year as we reminisce about Old Hollywood, guests can capture themselves in pictures. Literally! TopHat Photobooths will host a photo booth open all evening for couple, group and individual photo shoots complete with props. Guaranteed fun and a unique keepsake!



“...The photo booth was a HIT!!! I think at one point there were more people in the photo booth than in the party itself.”

– From TopHat client

Dancing... Guests can continue their celebration after the conclusion of the live auction, with music provided by Event One DJs. Come practice your old moves and try some new ones on the dance floor.



“The best part about the end of the night is the DJ will take requests... and the people. They danced.”

–Steve Exline (SMS 8th grade teacher)

