

THE ST. MONICA REPORT

Principal's Corner

A Note from Mrs. Boyd

Dear Parents,

I hope your children had a great first week of school! I can tell you that it seemed to go very well from my standpoint. I was in every classroom several times throughout the week, and I saw tremendous energy and a very welcoming environment from your students, so they should be commended. Catholic schools provide what no one else can provide! We work together to create a learning environment rather than just a group of classrooms! Students are challenged to reach their God-given potential while provided with opportunities to serve others! We provide for a solid mastery of basic skills integrated with multiple levels for academic advancement. We encourage our students to wear Christ's face with a heart focused on doing good for others. Making decisions that are just and wholesome are modeled for our students at all levels!! This year... we will model what we believe, teach beyond the ordinary and love unconditionally because we are St. Monica Catholic School!

We have plans for a GREAT year! With your support and encourage and the grace of God – we will make the ordinary the extraordinary! We will make all things a possibility for our children! Our theme for this year is MAKING GOD KNOWN, LOVED AND SERVED. In many ways – I feel we are well on our way! I invite you to join in and become an active part of this vibrant school community that we know as St. Monica!

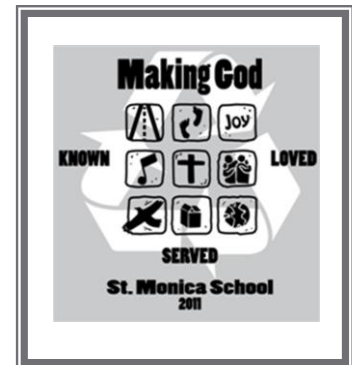
Whether you are new to our school community or a family who has a long tradition at St. Monica – WELCOME to this academic year! Get to know us... and you can start by joining us at the St. Monica Parish Festival. The festival is this Saturday, August 27th from 6:30pm – 10pm. I know, you too, will find many reasons to CELEBRATE!

We also want to keep the lines of communication open with you so if at any time you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school office, Mr. Schommer or myself.

Thank you for all of your help and support. I feel blessed to be a part of such a fantastic school community. And I know our athletic teams are gearing up, so GO EAGLES! I can't wait to start seeing them play. May God bless you and your family with much happiness, peace and love!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle Boyd
Principal



COMPASS FOR CHRIST

Students moving in the direction of God...

Grace Prince

Brianna Wilcox

Benjamin Valle

Lauren Williams

Matthew Gillett

Nate Wendowski

Emma Shea

William Teasley

Patrick Van Gheem

Laura Rodriguez

Week at a Glance...

8-26	
8-27	Parish Festival 6:30pm – 10pm
8-28	
8-29	Full Day Everyone!
8-30	
8-31	
9-1	
9-2	Picture Day! ~ Wear school uniforms.
9-3	
9-4	
9-5	Labor Day! ~ No School
9-6	
9-7	
9-8	Spirit Wear Day! Wear your SMS colors and uniform bottoms!
9-9	
9-10	
9-11	

Mass Schedule!

Wednesday, Aug, 31st ~ Mrs. Hyvonen

Friday, Sept. 2nd ~ Mr. Bush

CALENDAR CHANGE!

In order to assist in welcoming everyone for the 2012 Super Bowl to Indianapolis, we are switching our days off in February. St. Monica School will NOT be in session on Monday, February 6, 2012. We WILL be in session on Monday, February 20, 2012 (President's Day) Through the **SUPER KIDS, SUPER WELCOME program** the SMS children will be encouraged to draw, color or write a welcome message to Super Bowl visitors, take part in a super scarf enrichment class as well as the Environmental Super Challenge. The Host Committee is using service as a strategy to deliver the best experience to fans and guests coming to the Indianapolis area in February, 2012.

NEW SCHOOL FALL FUNDRAISER!

SECOND ANNUAL WALKATHON AND 4TH-8TH GRADE RUN

Friday, September 30th 9am - 11:30am

*DURING SCHOOL HOURS

*Donations – Family & Friends due by September 9th

Any Businesses you know by August 31st.

*PLEDGE ENVELOPES TODAY IN BACKPACKS!

*WALK/RUN 1 OR 2 MILES

*PRAYER MILE TO BEGIN EVENT

*GOAL-\$15,000 (THAT'S JUST \$30 PER STUDENT)

*PRIZES:

Top class in donations collected: Pizza & Movie Party

Top individual donation collected: iTouch 16 gb!!

Top 3 run finishers:

1ST place \$100 gift card Dicks Sporting Goods

2nd place \$50 gift card Target

3rd place \$40 gift card Noodles & Company

Winners of a FREE Lunch from the Ice Cream Social ~ One of your child's lunch accounts will be credited!

Caroline Johnson

Zoe Prince

Paula Haffley

Sara Simons

Gabriel Martinez

Jennifer Corazza

Jenny Randall

Brian Haselby

Caroline Sperry

Lisa Suiter

NURSE'S NEWS STAFFING CHANGES

We wanted you to be aware of the following changes that are happening in the nurse's office for the 2011-2012 school year.

Monday & Thursday Maureen Daehler (RN & school mom)

Tuesday & Wednesday Marilyn Mathioudakis (RN and school mom)

Friday Will be run by the office staff

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

The new email for the nurse's office is nurse@smsindy.org This will go to both Marilyn and Maureen because they are working only two days each and proper communication between them both about your child's health issues/concerns is vital. Therefore, when you email "the nurse" please send it to nurse@smsindy.org (do not send it to their individual emails)

FRIDAYS: Please only call (not email) if you have a concern/question etc. 255-7153 **and** hit ext 0)

MONDAY-THURSDAY: *(feel free to also call the nurse's line at 317-255-7153 ext. 7 and leave a message at any time!)*

SUBSTITUTE NURSES

They are trying to compile a list of active volunteers to serve as the nurse either on Fridays or as a substitute on Mon-Thurs. If you have any medical or nursing experience and are interested, please send an email nurse@smsindy.org. Please include the days and times you would be available including a phone number.

** Remember these WILL count towards your 28 volunteer hours you are required to earn this year.

REMINDERS; FORMS AND MEDICATIONS

1) If you have not turned in your "CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH FORM" (on white paper) please do so ASAP!! We MUST have one for EACH child.

2) IMMUNIZATIONS: We have to have a copy of your most recent immunization record (get from your physician) ASAP too for each child.

3. MEDICATIONS: If you have medications that your child is to receive at school (even periodically) they must be brought in by a parent and a Medication Administration Permission form must be completed.

**we do NOT and CAN NOT give any meds without these; including Tylenol or Motrin. You have to bring your own in, we don't carry a bulk supply of these.

Mr. Merriman, SMS Music Teacher has a little list of items he needs you to be on the lookout for.

1. Movie or Broadway Musical Posters
2. A poster plexi-glass frame
3. 1950 & 1960 retro clothes including poodle skirts
4. Prom dresses
5. A large black frame with either glass or plexi-glass
6. Appropriate for a large portrait (famous musician)
7. Large portraits of famous musicians – i.e. Beethoven, Mozart, Gershwin, etc.
8. Cool albums
9. Some kind of plexi-glass holder/cover for albums that will hang.
10. 1950ish black leather jackets
11. Movie musical DVDs or videos – appropriate for elementary grades or middle school

SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY

This year 7th and 8th Graders will be fulfilling their service hours at St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry on Tuesdays.

This is also an opportunity for parents to stock up on service hours as parent chaperones will be needed to drive the children to the Food Pantry, supervise and bring them back to school.

Land's End Sale

Land's End ~One week ONLY! August 30 - September 6, 2011. Add your School Logo for Just a Penny! See attached flyer!

Cub Scouts

Tiger Cub Roundup this Sunday in the PYC at 3PM. It will be an informational meeting for the parents and fun for the kids.

Garden

The garden was a huge success thanks to parent and student volunteers that tended to it all summer. The vegetables we have harvested have gone to St. Vincent de Paul downtown. All current 1st -5th graders planted at least one seed in the garden. If you are looking for something to do for 10 -15 minutes you could walk by the garden and let the kids see what grew. Also I am planning on planting some cold weather fall vegetables in the garden and would love the students help.

The courtyard is still in the planning stages. We have an offer from a landscape architect to design the space for free. He has been busy and unable to make it over to school yet. I will keep you updated.

Indianapolis Colts and IHSAA Presents the

Horseshoe Hall of Fame

@ LUCAS OIL STADIUM

Featuring Cardinal Ritter High School (Raiders)

VS.

Speedway High School (Sparkplugs)

Saturday, September 10th @ 5:pm Tickets are on Sale through the Athletic Office at Cardinal Ritter, with the pre-sale price of \$10.00, with \$2.00 going back to Cardinal Ritter.

Youth football tickets will be \$5.00 (Players must be in uniform jersey when entering and attending the game. Those players will be allowed to form a tunnel on the field to welcome the Raiders prior to Kick-Off)

Tickets at the door on game day will be \$13 with no return to the school.

WEST SIDE SUPER BOWL

Cardinal Ritter

High School

CYO NIGHT

Come Cheer with the CRHS
Varsity Cheerleaders

Who: Anyone in Grades
1-8 for 2011-2012
School Year

What: CYO NIGHT at Marian University
CRHS vs LAPEL

When: Friday, September 2, 2011 – 7:00pm

But join the CRHS Cheerleaders at practice on
Thursday, September 1st from 3:30pm - 5:15pm to
learn the cheers and chants for the football game.

Where: Marian University Football Field

3200 Cold Spring Road

Indianapolis, Indiana 46222

For More Information:

Please call Rebecca Byrnes at 317.927.7825

or email at rbyrnes@cardinalritter.org

