

THE ST. MONICA REPORT

Principal's Corner

A Note from Mrs. Boyd

Today's Walk-A-Thon was a great success. Alena Damer was the winner of the I-Pod touch for the most money raised by a student. Miss Grodzicki's 4th grade class won a party by raising \$1,555. There were 7 homeroom classes that raised over \$1,000. Over \$19,000 dollars were pledged to SMS. Winners of the actual race are as follows:

1st place ~ William Wentz (7th grade)

2nd place ~ Jonathan Dimos (8th grade)

3rd place ~ Sophia VanderKooy (8th grade)

1st place Winners in each grade level

Kyle Brun (6th grade)

Bobby Isakson (5th grade)

Max Foshee (4th grade)

Max Simmons (3rd grade)

Alex Lynn (2nd grade)

Taylor Mehne (1st grade)

Jackson Rinebold & Nolan Toney (Kindergarten)

A HUGE thank you to Marilyn Mathioudakis and her team for a very successful Walk-A-Thon today!

Info from the Indianapolis Public Library

Remember that **all** your students, K-12 and adult learners, can find **free homework help** all year on the Library's website – imcpl.org. By visiting the website and using their IMCPL Library Card barcode, students can connect to a professional tutor and get help with Math, Science, Social Studies and English homework from 4pm – 10pm daily.

The following students participated in the Indianapolis Public Library's 2011 Science Odyssey Summer Reading Program.

Our SMS Readers are AWESOME!

Alice Aluko

Obi Anyanwu

Jack Baldini

Matthew Baldini

Drew Baumgart

Matthew Baumgart

Ellen Beaty

Paul Beaty

Leah Becker

Daniel Berg

Patrick Berg

Kyle Brun

Nick Busam

Eli Bush

Noah Bush

Teresa Corazza

Katherine Carlson

Olivia Carlson

Lalah Carter

Tui Chitekwe

Juliana Connelly

Mariangella Consiglieri

Dylan Daehler

Madelyn Pearson

Wyatt Douglas

Elliot Domogalik

Katelyn Dottery

Kiara Dottery

Olivia Drinan

Megan D'Silva

Cont...

COMPASS FOR CHRIST

Students moving in the direction of God...

Jordan Young

Patrick Berg

Zion Birdsong

Lily Wolfe

Kathryn Carlson

Janie Isakson

Ty Rimedio

Shania Byers

Hank Larson

Amelia Milata

Week at a Glance...

10-1	
10-2	High School Info Night after 6pm Mass Liturgy of the Word begins
10-3	Grandparents & Special Friends Day Spirit Day ~ Wear your SMS colors and your uniform bottoms Trash Bag Order Forms DUE
10-4	Test Prep - 8 th grade Pet Blessing @ 2:15pm PTO Meeting CANCELLED
10-5	
10-6	Test Prep – 8 th grade
10-7	
10-8	Market Day Pick Up 9am (3 rd grade) Guerin HS Placement Test
10-9	Cathedral Info Night @ The Ricker's
10-10	Parent Reconciliation Mtg. 7pm in the Church
10-11	Teamwork Tuesday! Wear your t-shirt and uniform bottoms. Student Council Meeting Test Prep – 8 th grade
10-12	Trash Bags Delivered!
10-13	Flu Shot Clinic 1:30pm – 3:30pm Test Prep Session 2 begins - 8 th grade
10-14	
10-15	Brebeuf Placement Test
10-16	
10-17	School Commission Info Night 6:30pm School Commission Mtg. 7pm in St. Augustine Hall
10-18	Test Prep – 8 th grade

Don't forget to order your trash bags from your 7th & 8th grade SMS student!

Mass Schedule

Monday, October 3rd ~ Mrs. Hernandez ~ Grandfriend's Day

Friday, October 7th ~ Sr. Merrita

Important October PTO Meeting Notice:

The PTO meeting for the month of October will be a **virtual email only meeting**. **No meeting will be held at St. Monica in October.** If you have any questions, please email the PTO President, Sharon Ely, at sely@att.net.

Grandparents & Grandfriends DAY!!!

MONDAY, October 3rd

Emma Eifert	Lena Metzler
Grant Eifert	Jordan Mink
Morgan Eifert	Agnes Moriarty
Caleb Ellison	Hannah Nickol
Bennett Ely	Bailey Norton
Nolan Ely	Lindsay Norton
Hannah Exline	Matthew Ohms
Sarah Exline	Sam Osburn
Abby Fenchak	Danielle Patrick
John Fenchak	Austin Pfeifer
Eleanor Gamble	Brook Pfeifer
George Gamble	Zachary Pfeifer
John Gamble	Chase Recker
Justin Garing	Ty Rimedio
Jenna Garing	Luke Roggeman
Nahum Gerezgher	Scott Roggeman
Fortuna Gerezgher	Nicholas Salmon
Matthew Gillett	Ben Sanders
Ashley Glesing	Emma Sanders
Payton Glesing	Max Simmons
Shannon Glesing	Meg Sperry
Nickolas Guess	Peter Sperry
Rebekkaha Guess	Leo Spitznagle
Kara Harkness	Julia Stauch
Kiley Harkness	Ryan Suiter
Matthew Harrison	Miles Talib
Isaac Hernandez	Alex Taylor
Jacob Hernandez	Emily Taylor
Quenton Hostetter	Audrey Teasley
Nicholas Hudak	Hays Teasley
Amauri Jean-Claude	William Teasley
Ashanti Jean-Claude	Alivia Terry
Eamon Laughlin	Georgia Trisler
Ronan Laughlin	Benjamin Valle
Austin Leiter	Emilia Valle
Caleb Leiter	Lucas Valle
Zachary Leiter	Megan VanGheem
Enrique Lizarraga	Molly VanGheem
Alex Lopez	Patrick VanGheem
Rachel Marks	Sophia Vargas
Alanna Marshall	Frankie Viglietta
Eric Marshalleck	Zoe Viglietta
Maya Marshalleck	Ryan Williams
Mariah Martin	Sydney Williams
Zachary Martin	Benjamin Wininger
Gabriel Martinez	Justin Wininger
Joe Mathioudakis	Maxwell Wirick
Sophia Mathioudakis	Jacob Young
Jake McDaniel	Jordan Young
Delaney McDaniel	Megan Young

SCHOOL EVENTS

SMS Information Night Scheduled

The School Commission of St. Monica is committed to getting the good word out about all the great things going on here at St. Monica. How can you help? Invite someone you know to come to the Informational Night on October 17th at 6:30 in St. Augustine Hall. There is such a positive buzz around St. Monica School! We appreciate your support.

Pet Blessing, Tuesday October 4th @ 2:15pm

In many Catholic Churches, it is customary to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi by holding a community pet blessing ceremony.

St. Monica invites any of you with pets to come to school and park as usual in the pick-up lines by 2:10pm. You may then leave your cars and congregate with your pet(s) in the parking lot closest to the building near the Kindergarten/1st grade wing, which faces the playground. The students will come outside at 2:15pm with their backpacks ready to participate in this blessing, which will begin at 2:20pm. Feel free to wave and/or look for your child to join you. Once the blessing is completed, parents and pets should go back to the cars to wait. The children will be immediately dismissed to their designated dismissals.

Below is a link to an explanation of the history behind the pet blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi:
<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/francis/blessing.asp>

BOX TOPS BOX TOPS BOX TOPS

Calling all Box Tops.....you've been busy collecting them all summer long, now it's time to see which homeroom has collected the MOST!!

Please turn your Box Tops in your homeroom teacher. The winning homeroom will be announced the beginning of November and will receive a SPECIAL reward.

Greetings SMS Parents!

As we are settling into the new school year, have you thought "Gee I wish I could learn more about...?"

In the years past, the PTO has sponsored educational topics.

Currently, the PTO is looking for suggestions on topics along with best day/ time to offer valuable information for the parents of SMS. For example, invite an expert on bullying, invite a dietician to share easy nutritious dinner ideas.

If you have a topic or any other ideas, please send to:

June Whitley
june.whitley@gmail.com

St. Monica School



**Lights, Camera, Auction.....
Saturday March 3, 2012**

We currently have a need for a team of volunteers to follow up with community stores and donors. Initial letters to donors will go out in the next few months. We need at least 12 volunteers who will each have a list of businesses to follow up with via phone to confirm donations, then we will need to arrange pick up of the donation by a volunteer. There are no regular meetings to attend. Most communication can be done via phone or email. Each volunteer would follow up with around 12-15 businesses each, which counts towards your service hours! We will start in December and hope to have most of our items collected by mid February. Please contact Kathie Van Gheem at kvangheem@msn.com or 328-1253 if you are interested or want to know more!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Religious Ed News

This Sunday, Oct 2nd we will begin our 26th year for Liturgy of the Word for children for 4 years old through 2nd grade.

This year we are changing our format. The children will leave after the opening prayer and return at the offertory so they can participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They will not attend small group session as they did in the past. If you have not registered you are still welcome to join us this Sunday at the 9am Mass.

Parent Reconciliation Meeting: You are invited to attend our Parent Reconciliation session on Monday Oct. 10th at 7pm. This is for parents who first child will be receiving the sacrament. We will discuss what they are learning and the retreat on Nov. 12th. The meeting is for parents, and not students. It will begin in church at 7pm. Questions call Mary Jo at 253-2193 ex. 4 or e-mail at mjthomasday@stmonicaindy.org.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL INFO NIGHT

This Sunday, October 2nd, St. Monica PTO is hosting a High School Information Night in the gym immediately following the 6pm Mass. Families of 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend.

The representatives of the following schools will be there to make a brief (3 minutes) presentation and then to answer questions and provide information regarding their school:

Cardinal Ritter High School (St. Monica's West Deanery High School)
Bishop Chatard High School (represented by a current SMS/BCHS family)
Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory
Cathedral High School
Herron High School
North Central High School
Providence Cristo Rey High School

There may be 1 or 2 more schools in attendance as well. The formal program will last 20-30 minutes. High School representatives will be on hand to answer questions until 8:30pm.

This event is a good opportunity to begin getting information about the High School options available to your child. In past years, High School Information Night has been open to 7th & 8th grade families. We have extended the invitation to 6th grade families this year at the suggestion of the High Schools.

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail or phone at [\(317\) 489-8253](tel:3174898253).

Amy Magan

Cathedral Info Night @ The Ricker's

Cathedral High School invites all St. Monica 7th & 8th grade students and their families to an informational night to learn more about Cathedral. Doug & MaryLaura Ricker and their family will host this gathering at 7pm on Sunday, October 9th in their home at 6625 Greenridge Drive in Indianapolis. Cathedral teachers, staff and students will share information about academics, social life and more! To RSVP, please call the Cathedral enrollment management office at 968-7370 or email aweber@cathedral-irish.org.