

# THE ST. MONICA REPORT

## Principal's Corner

*A Note from Mrs. Boyd*

Dear Saint Monica Families,

The 2011-2012 school year is continuing to be a delightful year. Happy Autumn! Don't these cool temperatures make us long for campfires and s'mores? At some point, the temperatures will rise again. In the meantime, we continue to add an extra layer of clothing and stay focused on the tasks ahead. The Book of Ecclesiastes states, "For everything there is a season..." As the seasons change, this is an important time to intensify our efforts toward our children's schoolwork and faith formation.

The beginning of the year activities are settling down, outdoor evening activities are replaced by additional homework and reading. One thing to remember is keeping our faith in focus. It's great to see our students and families on the school campus the past two weeks, refreshed and ready for a great year of learning. We appreciate the strong home-school partnership that exists at St. Monica as well as the contributions of our active PTO and base of parent volunteers. Please be sure to sign-up for a PTO committee to help with the many events and activities that PTO sponsors.

It is important that you are up-to-date about upcoming events and St. Monica news throughout the year, so be sure that you have given your email addresses to the PTO. If you or your organization has information you would like to be submitted in our newsletters or daily emails, please contact [schooloffice@smsindy.org](mailto:schooloffice@smsindy.org).

Please check our website [www.smsindy.org](http://www.smsindy.org) often, as we will strive to be as paperless as possible with communication during the coming year.

Blessings,

Mrs. Michelle Boyd

## COMPASS FOR CHRIST

Students moving in the direction of God...

Moriah Pickens

Hays Teasley

Agnes Moriarty

Eli Bush

Chiso Chitekwe

## Week at a Glance...

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 9-9  | Greekfest 4pm – 10pm   |
| 9-10 | West side Super Bowl<br>Beef and Boards Show<br>Greekfest 12pm – 10pm  |
| 9-11 | GOD BLESS AMERICA<br>Movie Night 7pm   |
| 9-12 | Student Council Voting Day   |
| 9-13 | Teamwork Tuesday! Wear your t-shirt and uniform bottoms.<br>St. Council Executive Meeting until 3:30pm   |
| 9-14 |  |
| 9-15 | Daisies Call Out 6pm – 7pm Rm. 2   |
| 9-16 |  |
| 9-17 |  |
| 9-18 |  |
| 9-19 | School Commission Meeting ~ 7pm in St. Augustine Hall  |
| 9-20 | Dining to Donate 6pm – 8pm Culvers of Pike Twp.  |
| 9-21 | Cardinal Ritter Tour   |
| 9-22 | Out of Uniform Day \$1 (PTO)<br>Trash Bag Order Forms sent out with 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> graders<br>7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Service Day |
| 9-23 |  |
| 9-24 |  |
| 9-25 |  |

### **Mass Schedule!**

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Hernandez

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Firestone

### **Walkathon Donations**

THANK YOU to all who turned in their donations this week. Anyone with donations that still need to be turned in please do so by Monday!

### **Please join us for St. Monica's 1st Social Justice Movie Night - "The Visitor"**

Sunday, September 11, 2011 - St. Augustine Room - 7pm (after 6pm Mass)

The critically acclaimed movie, "The Visitor" offers us a glimpse of the rarely heard stories of people in the United States at risk of detention and deportation. In reality 400 prisons and detention centers around the country now house close to 300,000 detained immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers every year. Some have fled persecution and are seeking safety and political asylum on our shores. Some are long-term permanent residents, many of whom have been in the US for years and are now exile. Others are abused and tortured women and children with or without families. Most pose no danger whatsoever to our communities, many are our neighbors and members of our parish. And even though they have the right to legal counsel, they must find it and pay for it themselves. Even the lucky few who have access to legal counsel can be quickly deported back to dangerous places, without a day in court.

*"Remember, remember always that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists"*

~Franklin D. Roosevelt

Join us to see how the Catholic Church can help our fellow brothers and sisters who simply desire a right to become citizens of this country that was built on immigrants.

For more information, please call Zoe Prince at [785-410-7009](tel:785-410-7009) or via email at [zoepince6@gmail.com](mailto:zoepince6@gmail.com).

### **Dining to Donate!!!**

St. Monica will be hosting one evening a month at area restaurants to help our school raise money. During these select evenings when our families dine at these restaurants, a portion of the profits will be donated to St. Monica. What an easy way to help out our school! We will also have scrip available for these restaurants, so we could really raise lots of needed funds! Be sure to add the following dates to your family calendar - if you have any questions, please contact Kathie Van Gheem at 317-328-1253 or [kvangheem@msn.com](mailto:kvangheem@msn.com) .

\*\*Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 6pm – 8pm (only) - Culver's of Pike Township

\*\*Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Noodles at Trader's Point

\*\*Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Chili's (Trader's Point AND 38<sup>th</sup> Street)

\*\*Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Applebee's at 106<sup>th</sup> and Michigan

### **Nurse's News**

Check out the SMS website under "What's New" then "Nurse's News" for the September Family Nutrition Newsletter!

### **Greekfest!**

Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 4pm - 10pm

Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> ~ noon - 10pm

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church/106th and Shelborne/Carmel, IN

Dance performances including Jonathan Dimos (SMS 8th grader) on Friday evening at 7:45 and 8:30, Saturday at 1:30/3:00/4:00/7:30 and 8:45

Admission tickets available at Marsh stores.



## **"Let's Dish about Daisies!"**

Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> \* 6p - 7pm \* Room 2

\*\*Interested in learning more about becoming a Daisy Girl Scout? Then bring your daughter to this informational meeting. We will chat about Daisies and take a look at what we can do this year! Please RSVP to Kathie at 317-328-1253 or [kvangheem@msn.com](mailto:kvangheem@msn.com) .

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

Check with the grandparents or extended family members, too!

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 from the 60s & 70s
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 or middle school
12. A used drum set

### **Bible Study**

There is a 10 week bible study by Jeff Cavins on the Book of Revelation, meeting Fridays from 10:30am - 12:30pm in the parlor. Anyone is welcome to attend. The cost is approximately \$30 for study materials. The study includes light reading, questions, a DVD presentation and great fellowship. No childcare available, this is an adult bible study. Interested or questions, please contact Dyan Huey at [dyanhuey@att.net](mailto:dyanhuey@att.net).

## **Cardinal Ritter High School Gym**

September 21<sup>st</sup>

5:30pm - Tours of school

6pm - Drinks & hors d'oeuvres

7pm - Complimentary Dinner and Program

As an alumnus, parent or friend of Cardinal Ritter High School, you know that a quality education is crucial. A well-educated individual can change the world and enrich society. What you may not know, however, is that student tuition covers only a portion of Cardinal Ritter's operating costs. The rest comes from loyal benefactors who choose to support Catholic education through their generous gifts of time, talent and resources. By participating in the CREATE Campaign, you can share in the mission of Cardinal Ritter High School and help to provide, within a college preparatory curriculum, the highest standards of academic excellence to students of diverse socioeconomic, racial and religious backgrounds. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of our mission.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Byrnes

VP of Institutional Advancement

Cardinal Ritter High School