

Monday Memo

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Do this in memory of Me.

Issue #23



Catholic Schools Week Schedule-

Tuesday- Team Spirit Casual Day (No hats etc.)

Flea market for K-5

Wednesday-Celebrate Life Prayer Service 2 PM in the auditorium.

8th grade casual day for Multiple Sclerosis

Thursday- 8th Grade All-city Mass at St. Cecilia's Cathedral-uniform

K-7 Casual day for Multiple Sclerosis

Spelling Bee 2 PM in the auditorium

Friday- 8:30 AM All-school Mass honoring our teachers and staff with anniversary years of service. Feast of St. Blasé-- general blessing of the throats.

Early Dismissal at 2 PM

8th grade Confirmation Retreat 5-10:20 PM.

Dear Parents,

The theme for Catholic Schools Week across the country is: "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." At St. Margaret Mary School our mission statement is "to form young people in **faith, conscience, scholarship** and **service** in the Catholic Tradition." Through our school goals we hope 1) to nurture young people of faith to give witness to Gospel values in a globally connected world., 2) to foster personal responsibility and a strong sense of stewardship based on integrity and compassion for others, 3) to strive for intellectual excellence that will prepare students for advanced education and life-long learning and 4) to provide ample opportunity for young people to share their God-given gifts with a global awareness.

I would like to thank all of you who help make St. Margaret Mary School a success: Our teachers, staff, parents, volunteers, parishioners and board members, Through your dedication and commitment, your children are learning in a culture of faith, academics and service that is preparing them for a full life in their families, communities and the Catholic Church.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Peggy Grennan
Principal

Skill of the week: *Getting the Teacher's Attention* 1) Look at the person. 2) Raise your hand and stay calm. 3) Wait until the teacher says your name. 4) Ask your question.

2nd grade Parents***DATE CHANGE*****: First Eucharist Parent Session for 2nd Grade Parents has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30-7:40 in the school auditorium.** Call 558-9119 or e-mail lstryker@smmomaha.org if you would like to register your children for child care.

Father Baxter will be sending a letter out at the end of the week detailing the 2012-13 budget and the current deficit, tuition for 2012-13 and a response to the first draft released by the East of 72nd Street Schools Study.

Here is the list of contestants who will participate in the SMM Spelling Bee this week

Mary Hoover, Charlie Erker, Selena Kunkel, Liz Schropp, Mimi Kelly, John Lukowski, Brian Kelly, Maggie Reding, John Paul Tse, Jack Slagle

St. Margaret Mary Parish presents...FOUNDERS' DAY 2012...More Than Bricks & Mortar...Building on Our Faith! Everyone is invited to celebrate the many gifts of each member of our parish.

NEW THIS YEAR...Coming to you LIVE...the naming of both drives AND a "Casual Gourmet" dinner for ten people with Archbishop George Lucas and Fr. Greg Baxter, served at our very own, Bricks & Mortar Rectory.

Gather your friends now, raise your hand at the Founders' Day Dinner and bid on this opportunity to dine in a casual, yet intimate atmosphere with Archbishop Lucas!

Come join the celebration, Friday, February 17 in the Raynor Center. Social Hour @ 6:30PM & Dinner @ 7:30PM. Entertainment immediately following dinner!

RSVP by February 10, 2012. Please call the parish office at [402-558-2525](tel:402-558-2525) for an invitation! OR click on this link to make your reservations now...

For Reservations:

<http://www.smmomaha.net/2012/01/01/founders-day-2012-dinner-reservations/>

For Underwriters: <http://www.smmomaha.net/to-give/founders-day-underwriters/>

Registration for spring enrichment courses is now underway. The February Watercolor class (grade 2-4) is full. All other courses have space available. February classes: Yoga (5-8), Scrabble Skills (7-8). March classes: Watercolor (5-6), Drama (3-5). Please send registration forms to the school office.

STAC

7th/8th grade STAC meets Tuesday, January 31st from 3:10-4:15 pm

Speech Team

Speech 6th, 7th, 8th grade: We will start practice this Friday, Feb 3 from 2:00-3:15 (please note special time due to 1st Friday). Kids should bring their speech material with them to school. Mrs. Recker will continue to work with kids who are still looking for pieces. Parents interested in or already signed up to coach can come to a mini workshop on coaching from 3:15-4:00pm in the Auditorium on Friday, Feb 3 (directly following the speech practice).

Portovino Ristorante, a new Italian restaurant in Midtown Crossing, is offering St. Margaret Mary's a sweetheart of a deal. Each Sunday it features "Family-Style Sunday," when large platters of Italian specialties are brought to your table and passed around as you relax with family and friends. In February Portovino will donate a portion of its proceeds to St. Margaret Mary's school. Family-Style Sunday starts at noon with all-day Happy Hour beverage specials. It's a great deal that's hard to beat. So take back your Sundays family-style in February and benefit St. Margaret Mary's school. Be sure to mark St. MM on your bill so the school gets the

credit. Portovino is located in the heart of Midtown Crossing at 31st and Farnam Streets—220 South 31st Avenue (in the former Loft 610 space).

Scouts

3RD GRADE BROWNIES have a meeting this Wednesday, Feb. 1st, in the Suneg Center till 4:30. See you there!

Congratulations to the 2012 Pinewood Derby winners! A fun event with cool cars and exciting racing!

Overall Best of Pack: 1. Will Linquata 2. Cole Short 3. Nathan Ritterling 4. Gabe Long

Top Places by Den:

- Tigers: 1. Will Linquata 2. James Ehrhart 3. Sam Neary
- Wolf: 1. Gabe Long 2. Michael Bope 3. Anthony Bope
- Bear: 1. Cole Short 2. Declan Casey 3. Gabe DeWeese
- Webelos: 1. Nathan Ritterling 2. Michael Linquata 3. Colin Duffy

A huge thank you to everyone who helped work the event and donated bake sale items and raffle prizes. We had some incredible prizes for the raffle. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Scout Reminders:

- **Scout Sunday** is this Sunday, February 5th at the 9:00am Mass. Scouts wear your uniforms to Mass. There will be pews reserved in the front of church so Scouts can sit together. Religious medals will be awarded. Join us for a reception in the Suneg Center after Mass.
- **The Blue and Gold banquet** is Sunday, Feb 26th 4:00pm SMM auditorium. Come for dinner, to celebrate Scout accomplishments, and entertainment. More details to follow.
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Get Your Family Movin'! Join the fun at the next family day at UNO, It will be on Saturday February 18, 2012 from 11am-3pm at the University of Nebraska Omaha- HPER Building. At this event they will have a host activities, games, and exhibitor tables for companies that promote physical activities available for children and families in Omaha. There will also be a free raffle going on through out the event. See the attached flier with more information

Mother Daughter Event - Women and young ladies (K-12) of the parish are invited to an afternoon of confections and reflections at the **Mother Daughter Sweet Retreat** on Saturday, February 11th from 1:00-2:30pm in the Suneg Center. Cost is \$20 per mother (or special someone), \$10 per daughter. RSVP by Friday, February 3rd to the Church Office. Questions contact Tonda Kizer 932-3833 or Megann Sauer 991-2846. Sponsored by Circle 3.

Tables for Two, SMM's Annual Marriage Enrichment Program, is Friday, February 10th in the Suneg Center starting at 7:00 pm. Parishioners Bob and Molly Atherton will present "I Still Do: Making the Most of Marriage" and Jim Varner will cater a delicious four course dinner. See the attached flier or the parish website for registration information.

Music in Catholic Schools will hold a Benefit Dance and Silent Auction on Friday, February 3, 2012, 7:30-10:30 pm, St. Robert Parish Center, 11802 Pacific ST, with music by the *Swingtones*. Free dance instruction is 6:15-7:15 pm. Tickets at the door for \$15 each. Funds raised enable students with need to participate in band at their school. More info at Music in Catholic Schools website or 402-557-5600.

Restaurant Partner Nights:

- 1st Monday - Mama's Pizza
- **2nd Tuesday- BLANC (Midtown Crossing) ***NEW PARTNER*****
- 2nd Wednesday - Sam & Louie's (74th & Cass)
- 3rd Tuesday - Mangia Italiana
- 3rd Wednesday - Don & Millie's

- Sundays in February at Portovino Ristorante