



From the Desk of
St. Monica Catholic School President
Tuesday, September 6, 2022



- 1. Virtue for September:** We begin September with the virtue of Faithfulness, one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Here are some ways we can practice Faithfulness:
 - 1. Keep first things first; the love of Jesus comes before the rules.*
 - 2. Unconditional love not only shows our love, it reflects God's love.*
 - 3. Stick with them even when their faith falters.*
 - 4. Build virtue through practice.*
 - 5. Encourage questions and conversation*
 - 6. Pray without ceasing and trust in God.*
- 2. Thank you to PTO:** Just want to take a moment to thank Katie Ackels and the PTO leadership for their hard work. It was evident at the PTO meeting on Sept. 1st all the work so many parents are doing for the students and teachers of SMS. Here is the link to their new website, take a look at all the volunteer opportunities:
 - a. [SMS PTO webpage](#)
- 3. President's Coffees:** President's Coffees are back. These coffees are a casual way to talk about school events that we are proud of, discuss any issues, and share ideas that you may have for your school. Sign up link for coffees [President Coffees Sign up Genius](#)
Preschool will be scheduled in October 2022.
 - a. Friday, 9/9/22 10:00am Lower lounge grades 6-8
 - b. Wednesday, 9/14/22 10:00am Lower lounge grades K-2
 - c. Wednesday, 9/14/22 6:00pm Lower Lounge grades 6-8
 - d. Wednesday, 9/21/22 10:00am Lower Lounge grades 3-5
- 4. Bearcat Annual Fund:** The support has been fantastic. This is the final push to go over our goal and raise funds for security items we need including cameras, enhanced classroom emergency bags, and personnel. Your gift will make a difference. This weekend, Sept. 10-11 we will have our parish appeal.
- 5. Autumnfest 2022 SAVE the DATE October 15, 2022:** Look for special announcements this week and next as Autumnfest 2022 kicks off into high gear:

- a. Raffle tickets with great prizes and prize incentives for students/families
- b. Every student will get a t-shirt this year, spirit day fun for the entire year.
- c. New and exciting events will be announced.

Have you saved the date?

6. **Security update:** Our first fire drill will be in mid-September, the teachers are aware as this is an announced drill to practice our evacuation from the buildings, especially with classroom movement. Fire drills, pre-COVID and now post-COVID occur regularly along with other drills. Keep looking to the President's Corner for updates on different drills.
7. **Taking pictures on campus:** All volunteers go through Safe Environment training as a protection for all students on this campus. When volunteering you have the most critical task of helping us keep students safe. Taking pictures of the students on campus is not allowed unless directed by a staff member or you have obtained permission from the student's parents.
8. **It is progress report time:** Teachers are working on their progress reports this week. They will be available for you to see on Renweb on Friday, September 9 after 5pm.
9. **Let's celebrate accomplishments:** It is hard to believe we have been in school for 4 weeks.
 - a. 8am Monday Masses (K-2) had our second graders reading and singing. Thank you to Mrs. Plote and to the second grade teachers Ms. McGlynn and Ms. Yushak's classes. Upcoming:
September 12th - Ms. Harmon's class
September 19th - Mrs. Hayes's class
September 26th - Mrs. Florkowski's class
 - b. 8am Tuesday Mass(3-5) readers have been our 5th grade students. Thank you to Mrs. Boeding for preparing them and our Choir, led by Logan Herod, for grades 3-5.
 - c. 8am Friday Mass(6-8) readers have been our 8th grade students, thank you Mrs. Aboshoh for preparing them. We have a choir of students from the middle school, thank you, Logan Herod. This past Friday, September 2, 2022, First Friday Adoration was part of the 8am mass for our middle school students.
 - d. We have a resurfaced gym floor in the big gym. This past weekend we hosted a Volleyball tournament with many other schools-our new gym floor was a big hit.

Blessings, Mrs. Trudell