



From the Desk of
St. Monica Catholic School President
Tuesday, September 13, 2022



1. **Virtue for September:** We honor in September the virtue of Faithfulness, one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. This quote from the Book of Proverbs reflects faithfulness:

Proverbs 19:21 says, *“There are many thoughts in the heart of a man: but the will of the Lord shall stand firm.”*

2. **Virtue Awards:** Each month each homeroom teacher will choose a student they feel has exemplified the virtue of the month. Teachers will of course talk among themselves if they share students. The virtue award will be given at Mass the following month. A schedule has been created. The teacher will contact the family if they wish to join the Mass when the award will be given. August virtue-Joy- awards will be given next week, Sept. 19, 20, and 23 at 8am masses.

3. **8am Monday Masses (K-2):** Here is the upcoming schedule for the 8am masses on Mondays led by students K-2.

September 19th - Mrs. Hayes’s class

September 26th - Mrs. Florkowski’s class

4. **President’s Coffees: Important update to 9/14/22 Coffees:** Due to a meeting I have now with Presidents/Principals of the Diocese all day on Wednesday, the 9/14 K-2 coffee has been moved to 9/15 10am upper lounge. Please see the note on sign-up genius. The evening coffee for 6-8 remains the same. [President Coffees Sign up Genius](#)

Preschool will be scheduled in October 2022.

- a. Wednesday, 9/14/22 6:00pm Lower Lounge grades 6-8
- b. Thursday, 9/15/22 10:00am Upper Lounge grades K-2
- c. Wednesday, 9/21/22 10:00am Lower Lounge grades 3-5

I want to thank those who attended the first coffee on Friday, Sept. 9, mostly for Middle School-6th grade challenges. The input was valuable and will lead to adjustments needed for the success of not just our 6th grade students, but our entire school. Thank you.

5. **International Dot Day**: Many of our grade levels, Preschool through elementary will be participating in the wonderful event on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022. Want to know more about this event? [International Dot Day](#)
 - a. Special way to celebrate this event as an entire school-**Spirit Dress Day-Thursday, September 15, 2022**-wear your dots.

6. **Autumnfest 2022 SAVE the DATE October 15, 2022:**
 - a. Raffle ticket drawings will take place every Monday just before carpool. The first drawing will be on September 19, 2022.

7. **Bearcat Annual Fund Incentives**: Thank you for all the contributions from our families and staff-we are getting close to our goal. Incentive winners for those who contributed by Friday, September 2 will be announced in the Bearcat Byte this week, and class incentives will be announced in the President's Corner on September 20, 2022.

8. **Hike for Life**: This year's Hike for Life at Bachman Lake Park is Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Helping moms, and helping babies is their goal. All funds raised support local pregnancy centers and maternity homes. The website is www.HikeForLifeTexas.com. More information to come on how you can support this worthwhile cause.

9. **Medication Email**:

10. **Security update**: Our first fire drill is in mid-September, the actual date is September 21, 2022. 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.

11. **Let's celebrate accomplishments:**
 - a. **8th grade Disciples in Action putting together centerpieces for the St. Monica Senior Connection's first luncheon this week! 7th grade Disciples in Action**



made welcome cards for our Seniors.

- b. Congratulations to our NJHS 7th-8th grade students who were inducted in a beautiful ceremony on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022.**
- c. Congratulations to our SMS student council members who were commissioned on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022. A big thank you to Mrs. Armstead for accepting the moderator position of our Student Council. Their first event-Spirit Rally next Friday, Sept. 23 at 11am in the big gym.**

Blessings, Mrs. Trudell