



# St. Monica School

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## Dear Parents:

I witnessed St. Monica Spirit in its truest form! St. Monica School hosted an incredibly successful Christmas Fair that had all the components I could have ever wished for. It was quite an undertaking, but with teamwork, collaboration, trust, commitment, volunteerism, vision, and generosity our community exceeded my expectation tenfold. I am so proud of each and every one that contributed to its success whether it was through donations, service, talents or prayers for a safe, successful day. I am so grateful to be a part of this community and energized to continue the expectation of excellence at St. Monica School.

Thank you for your support, time, creativity, and most importantly for entrusting your child/ren to us. It is our privilege to work with your child and family every day.

Although we are just approaching our Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to draw your attention to the annual Christmas Show that is held each year. This year our PreK-3, Pre-K4, and Kindergarten will hold its presentation on Friday, December 14th at 6:00 PM at the Church.

Grades 1-8 will perform on Monday, December 17th at 6:00 PM at the Church. I am so excited that all grades and students will be participating! I just want to remind parents that this is not optional. As with any group presentation, practice is essential. Students have already begun practicing, learning lines for our Nativity Play or verses to a new song. Each student has a contribution to make, and classmates are depending on one another! One of the benefits of performing with a group is students learn to be interdependent and work collaboratively towards a successful performance. I am confident our students will remind us all the true reason for the season and help us celebrate during the final stretch of Advent.

## Upcoming Events

There is a half day (10:50 dismissal for preschool and kindergarten and 11:00 for Grades 1-8) on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up immediately at dismissal so that the staff can leave to enjoy their time with family. Thank you. **There will be NO EXTENDED DAY**, however there will be buses for those students who take the bus. Please call the office if your child WILL NOT be taking the bus.

## Important Announcement

Spirit Day has been changed (again) from November 20<sup>th</sup> to November 28<sup>th</sup> so students may wear their spirit clothes on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

NO Stem Club tomorrow, Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**I expect all students to be in attendance. However, if that is not the case, and your child will not be attending, please let me know as soon as possible as we will need to make adjustments.**

**I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, November 21st for our Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00 AM. Have a blessed, safe holiday with your loved ones this Thanksgiving. Please know I will keep our community in my daily prayers.**

**In peace,**

**Mrs. Henderson**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Please congratulate Emma Dobson for being selected by the Catholic School's Office as the Second Grade winner for the Discover Today's Catholic Schools in New England Contest! Thank you Mrs. Michaud, Mrs. Korbey, and Mrs. Alaimo for having your classes participate!

### **THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to our Art Teacher, Mrs. Danielle Smith, for coordinating, decorating, and setting up our tree for the Methuen Festival of Trees. Although we did not win any prizes, it surely was a beautiful tree made by the hands of our students. Thank you to all students for your beautiful ornaments and to Mrs. Sharon Walsh for donating the hand-made tree skirt. We also had another tree skirt donated by the aunt of Layla and Julia Phair. We will be displaying that one with our school decorations.

### **THANKSGIVING MASS**

We have Mass for all students on Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Grade 4 is leading our liturgy.

### **BOWLING CHAMPIONS – Congratulations to all our winners and everyone who participated in this fun program!**

Grades PK4-Gr. 3

First Place Team – Daniel Jabbour, Benjamin Griffin, Jayden Rose and Kaan Sen

High Average – Kaan Sen, Allison Sullivan; High Series – Camden Hefner, Layla Phair; High Game – Elias Francis, Sarah Cotnoir

Grades 4-7

First Place Team – Ryan DeMattia, Miranda Aguilo, Avonlea Berard and Ivianah Gomez

High Average – Ryan DeMattia, Gianna Bonanno; High Series – Drew Grenier, Allison Scuderi; High Game – Daniel Perez, Maddie Creamer

### **WE NEED MORE HELP!**

We are looking for a few parents who can get together to help organize the small room where we keep the PTO things. We need all our Christmas Fair stuff stored away and organized. If you are willing to help, please contact Mrs. Tully or Mrs. Henderson. Thank you in advance for anyone who can help so our office can return to normal!!

**MORE UPCOMING DATES – Please also check the school calendar at [www.methuencatholic.org/school](http://www.methuencatholic.org/school)**

November 21 – 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass. All are invited.

November 21 – 11AM dismissal for Thanksgiving break. NO EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM.

November 22 and 23 – Thanksgiving Break

November 28 – Spirit Day

December 8 – Grades 6-8 Holly Ball Dance 6:30 – 9:30 PM (More info will be coming home)