



# St. Monica School

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## **COMMUNITY READERS**

On Friday, to celebrate Read Across America Day, we had visitors from the community who read to some of the classes.

Thank you to our readers who were wonderful with our students! They were:

PK3 – Amanda Martin from Texas Roadhouse and Officer Abel Cano from the Lawrence Police Department

PK4A – Jennifer Bower, Real Estate Agent and SMS School Board Member

PK4B – Sr. Suzanne Fondini our former principal

K – Dorymar Marquez, Director of Admissions for Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School

1 – Mary Ellen DeMarco, Head of School, Lowell Catholic High School

2 – Elaine Frangente, SMS School Board Member

3 – Captain Kevin Mahoney of the Methuen Police Department and Mayor James Jajuga

4 – Doreen Keller, Principal, Central Catholic High School

5 – Kevin Zipp, Branch Manager, Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union

6 – Christopher Merrill, Admissions Director, Central Catholic High School

7 – Rose Maria Redman, Head of School, Presentation of Mary Academy

8 – Christopher Sullivan, President, Central Catholic High School



**Read Across America Day was Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>! We had leaders from the community read to our students. They are pictured above.**

## **This Week:**

March 5 – Spring Portraits, Class Pictures, Gr. 8 Grad Pictures

March 5 – Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

March 6 – 10:00 AM Mass, Ash Wednesday

March 7 – Area Catholic Schools Spelling Bee at Sacred Heart, Bradford

March 8 – 11:00 AM Dismissal for Faculty Meeting, NO BUSES AT DISMISSAL

## **Important Announcements:**

The Area Catholic Schools Spelling Bee will be held THIS Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart School. Grades 1-4 will start at 5:30 PM and Grades 5-8 will start at 6:45 PM.

NO BUSES at dismissal on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM and Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

## **Reminder of IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE**

There has been a change in the half day schedule for April. We will have a half day with buses on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and there will be no half day on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO EXTENDED DAY program on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. All students must be picked up at 11:00 AM. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **CLOTHING DONATIONS**

This week, Monday through Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting CHILDREN'S CLOTHING for Lazarus House (clothes for newborn through Age 18). If you are cleaning out your closets, please think about donating them. They are also looking for Easter outfits (dresses, nice pants, shirts, etc). All clothes should be clean and in good, used condition, or new. Please drop off your clothing in a container/plastic bag to the stage in the school hall. See Mrs. Tully and she will show you where to put your donations. Thank you for your continued support to help others!

## **60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA – New News! - Tickets go on sale officially on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

For our Gala, we would like to ask for bottles of wine to be brought in by an ADULT to the school on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings (7:30 – 8:15 AM) and afternoons (1:30 – 2:00 PM) during the month of MARCH. We will use this wine for a raffle at the Gala. Please purchase your favorite bottle of wine to donate for our raffle. We would like all different priced/flavored wines. Thank you for your continued support. For every bottle of wine you donate, you will receive ONE dress down pass.

We will be sending home a link soon to **Sign-up Genius** for those would like to help us by working at the event. Any questions, please contact [stmonica gala@methuencatholic.org](mailto:stmonica gala@methuencatholic.org).

## **MASSES**

Please join us for Ash Wednesday Mass at 10:00 tomorrow in St. Monica Church. Also, classes will be attending morning 8:15 AM Mass either Thursday or Friday every week during Lent. Grades K & 7 will attend Mass on Thursdays and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 will attend Mass on Fridays. We will also have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 2:30 in St. Monica Church. All are invited to attend.

## **MARCH MADNESS! (2.0)**

We had our first winner on Friday and will pick winners for Saturday, Sunday and today later this afternoon! The children are very excited. You can still purchase chances if your child has not done that yet!

## **BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

St. Monica School has the opportunity to participate in a boys' volleyball spring season. We would need a coach if anyone would be interested. Games would be on Sunday afternoons. If you are interested in coaching, please see Mrs. Tully. Also if any boys in Grades 5-8 are interested, please contact Mrs. Tully. We will let you know how this pans out.

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

March 12 – Jeanne D'Arc Banking Day

March 14 – Science Fair in School Hall 6-7:30 PM

March 20 – Diamond Anniversary T-Shirt Day

March 22 – Spirit Day

March 22 – NO BUSES AT 2:00 PM

March 28 – Family Candy Bar Bingo in the School Hall 6:30 – 8:00 PM

March 29 – Grades close for the third quarter

March 30 – Sweetheart Dance 6-9PM in School Hall (formerly called the Father/Daughter dance)