

THE FULL CURL



Monroe Catholic Rams' Athletics

Announcements

- The annual Monroe Catholic Holiday Bazaar is set for Saturday, October 21st. For the first time, the event is all sold out
- **Wednesday, October 11th is the first day of high school hockey practice!**
- **Monday, October 16th is the first day of junior high girls basketball. Practice is 2:45-4:15.**

Kudos

- Congrats to Lauren Grahek who was named to the all tournament team at last week's Grace Christian Tourney.
- A big thank you to all the young ladies who come and keep score and run the clock for Jr. high boys basketball games. I am so lucky to have so many young ladies who find the time to help!



Dear Parents:

Welcome to week nine of The Full Curl.

Hopefully the email comes across with enthusiasm and positivity, despite the fact I am currently listening to the Red Sox play the Astros and the Astros have just tied the game 3-3. This shows my growing maturity, as years ago I would have called in sick or just worked from home. However, I have forgone live Red Sox playoffs for productivity at the office.

Why did we trot Sale back out for the fifth inning of relief? Everyone knows he gave all he had after four innings. How is it that an athletic director in Fairbanks, Alaska, understands this, but a back-up manager (Red Sox Manager Farrell was ejected five innings ago) does not?

Anyway, we obviously have a big week at hand with HIPOW. I know many of you are new to the experience of HIPOW, so I want to encourage you to not only get involved as a volunteer, but I also want to encourage you to attend the event. I especially hope each of you can take

Last Week's Recap

- The MCHS Volleyball Team traveled out to Eielson and then played Kotzebue at Grace prior to participating in the big Grace Christian Tourney. The girls defeated Eielson and then went on to lose to Kotzebue, and finish 5th overall in pool play.
- The MCHS JV Volleyball Team had a much lighter week, traveling out to Eielson and losing a tough one.
- The MCHS Swim Team traveled down to the Bartlett Invitational. Victoria Schachle was our highest placing swimmer, finishing 4th in the 200 Free, followed by Madi Hrinko, who came in 5th.
- The Monroe Catholic Tennis Team represented the school at a high level this past weekend. Jack Cook battled back in the loser's bracket to finish 4th in state, while Jacob Footit and Pearson Clark battled tooth and nail, losing two very competitive matches. Don't be surprised if you see these two playing in the state finals next year.
- The Monroe Catholic 6th & 7th grade Boys' Basketball Team went 1-1 last week, giving undefeated Ryan their closest game of the year and then defeating a well coached Randy Smith team.
- The Monroe Catholic 8th grade Boys' Basketball Team went 2-0, defeating both Ryan and

some time to attend Family Night on Friday.

Ugh! The Red Sox just brought in Kimbrel, our outstanding closer, who promptly gives up a single and goes 3-0 and delivers a wild pitch to the next batter. Awesome. There is no sport in the world where your heart stands still as often as it does in baseball. Walk! Runners on first and second, 3-3 game.

This is a family friendly night that not only provides you with an opportunity for a lot of fun with your family, but also an opportunity to find some amazing deals and support the school at the same time.

Kimbrel has now gone to 3-1 with two outs and runners on first and second. This is family friendly column, so I won't tell you my official thoughts on Kimbrel at the moment. I want to throw my phone, but resist the temptation. I don't think Mrs. Hughes, who sits outside my office, will understand. Full count, runners will be going. Foul ball, my heart is pounding with every pitch. Foul ball again. This time there is a distinct sound of the ball coming off the bat, audible on the radio streaming across my phone. Our star closer gives up a single and now we trail 4-3 in the top of the 8th. Inning over. Red Sox trail 4-3 and I want to throw up. This is family friendly column, so I won't tell you my official thoughts on Kimbrel at the moment.

These next two weeks are without question two of the more challenging I will face as athletics director and not because of any athletic events taking place. Organizing volunteers and being ready to help in anyway possible for HIPOW and then following it up with our annual Holiday Bazaar the following week would be akin to being responsible for organizing back-to-back Golden Days Parades.

Three up, three down in the bottom of the 8th. My beloved Red Sox cannot muster even a walk. Kimbrel comes back out for the 9th. I immediately wonder, what is it I did to make God so mad at me that he is allowing Kimbrel to come BACK OUT for the 9th.

I am certainly not looking for sympathy, as I have it much easier than all those who are located in the HIPOW war room, getting everything organized. The one aspect I share with all of those responsible for putting this event on, is the need for your help. As my buddy Chris always says, many hands make light work!

MCHS Sports Trivia

TRIVIA QUESTION:

I am a 1971 graduate of Monroe. I married a 1975 graduate of Monroe. I played basketball and was a model of inefficiency, shooting an astoundingly poor 39% from the field, while finishing as the 2nd leading scorer on the team (I would hope so, as he shot 366 shots on the season). Matt Martino was a better basketball player than me you will see me at HIPOW. Who am I?

RULES

To win the trivia contest, you must give me the answer IN PERSON. Emails, texts and phone calls will not suffice! Remember, only one guess per household. The first person to correctly answer the trivia question will win an MCHS T-shirt.

LAST WEEK'S WINNER

Nobody was able to name 1981 as the year we first had a cross country team & identify Rick Holmstrom and Lynn Hajdukovich as the top male and female runners that year. However, Super Sub Mrs. Williams did get two out of three. I am considering giving her 2/3 of a shirt.

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The spouse of the Director of Athletics, parents and STAFF who work directly inside CSF are not eligible for participation in The Full Curl trivia competition for 24 hours after the emailing of The Full Curl.

Kimbrel has now allowed two base runners in the top half of the 9th. The only real shot we have is to make sure we hold the Astros and go to the bottom of the 9th only down one. My buddy Chris just mentioned above, calls, but I cannot answer. To do so would mean the game, which I am listening to, would go silent. I make a note to call back immediately following the game.

Speaking of volunteers, I want to thank our cross country team and both Ann Marie White and Robin Fowler for heading up the concession stand this Friday at HIPOW. This is a big deal and one more thing I can cross off my list.

A text from my son says it all, "And down two now. Gave up a run with two outs. Classic Red Sox." That's correct, Kimbrel has now given up another run. There is a commercial break as the Red Sox bring in a new pitcher, to try and get one more out. The Red Sox bring on Addison Reed, who they traded for earlier this year to shore up the bullpen, to get the final out. Maybe somebody should have thought to bring him in before wearing out Sale and watching Kimbrel wet his pants in relief. Reed gets a quick out and now we head to the final three outs of the season.

Not only do I want to invite you to attend HIPOW on Friday night, but also ask your help inviting your friends and others who may be interested.

Hold on . . . Rafael Devers, the 20-year-old rookie, has just hit an inside-the-park home run and the Red Sox trail 5-4. Had our closer not given up a run in the top half of the 9th, the game would be tied. The sound coming through my phone is so loud I feel like I am in the Fenway Bleachers. The tying run will come to the plate now.

You will find no shortage of items being auctioned off — there is something for everyone. These items include art, trinkets, games and much, much more. Where else can you get a fur coat, a ladder and mint, in box, NASCAR toys?

One out.

I am still looking for help Sunday Morning. The Sunday Morning Warriors are vital to the HIPOW operation, as we are responsible for cleaning up. Every year I am amazed when I leave on Sunday, around noon, and the gym is completely cleaned.

Two outs.

If you have any interest in helping Sunday morning, please email me. Thus far I have the McHenrys, the Szumigalas, the Schnekenburgers and Ashton Huntington. We need at least 10-15 more folks to get this done in time for us to all be home in time to watch the afternoon football games.

Pedroia is down to the last strike. Every pitch could mean the end of the season. Pedroia, despite the rain, holds up on a 2-2 pitch and the count now goes full. I am not this nervous in state championship games. Foul ball. Let's do it again. Pedroia grounds out. Red Sox lose. Years ago, I would be devastated, throwing a fit. Now, I just go home, hug my son, and wait. Next year is our year.

See you at HIPOW.

You can follow all Monroe sports events by following me on Twitter. My handle is @thefullcurl. We are currently up to 277 followers!

This Week in Monroe Catholic Sports

Volleyball

Tue. Oct 10	4:30/6pm	Delta	Delta
Thu. Oct 12	4:30/6pm	Hutchison	Hutchison

Swimming

No meet scheduled

7th Grade Boys Basketball

Wed. Oct. 12	5:30	TBA	Randy Smith
*Thu. Oct. 13	4:15	TBA	Randy Smith

8th Grade Boys Basketball

Wed. Oct. 12	4:15	TBA	Tanana
*Thu. Oct. 13	4:15	TBA	Tanana

***Game will be played if victorious the day before**