



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School

4/19/2017

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody had a wonderful, relaxing break. It is hard to believe that we are nearing the final months of this school year.

We are looking forward to having you join us on May 5th at 7:05pm for Catholic Schools Night at the ballpark! The link for our school families to order tickets is as follows: http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?pid=8380299&agency=BISONS_B2B19. For more information please see the flyer in todays folder!

Completed Re-Registration packets were due by April 15, 2017. Re-Registration after the April 15, 2017 deadline DOES NOT necessarily guarantee placement for your child next year. Our classes are filling up; if you have not yet re-registered and you are planning on doing so, please send in your forms and fees as soon as possible.

We will be hosting our STREAM Walk-a-thon on Monday, May 1st. Permission Slip/Pledge Forms are coming home today and must be signed and returned by April 26th. Pledge collections will not be due until later in the month. We do need to have a form signed by every parent/guardian in order for your child to participate.

Reminder...Open House will be held on April 26th.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Upcoming Events

- 4/20 - Coin Challenge: Dimes - Camo/USA Day
- 4/21 - Coin Challenge: Quarters - **Full Uniform**, Drop everything & Read!
- 4/26 - 4/28 - Spring Book Fair
- 4/26 - All for Books Dress Down \$1 Donation, Spring Open House, Art Show, HSA Meeting 6 -8:00 pm
- 4/27 - All for Books Dress Down \$1 Donation
- 5/1 - 1:00 Dismissal, STREAM Walk-a-Thon, SME Attire
- 5/5 - Christian Witness Mass, Penny Fair



Mega Raffle

Ticket sales are going very well! To date, **538** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle. *There are only 112 tickets remaining - did you get yours?*

Thank you to the **122** families who have sold or purchased tickets as part of the fundraising option of the tuition agreement. **All tickets were to be paid in full by 4/15/17.** If you have not yet sold or purchased your tickets, please contact me ASAP (megaffle@smeschool.com or 510-1409). As of this point, all remaining tickets will be made available to the community, and you will be responsible for the \$200 payment, potentially *without* receiving tickets.

INCENTIVE: Each family that sells 5 or more tickets will earn \$50.00 in SCRIP credit. **5 families have sold 5 tickets, 3 families have sold 6 tickets, one family has sold 7 tickets, one family has sold 10 tickets and one family has sold 15 tickets!**

The prize winners will be announced at the live drawing on Friday, June 2nd at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

Flyers are available on the Mega Raffle tab of the school website as well as in the front office if you would like to bring them to your place of business - people love a raffle!

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fund raiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. Thank you to all families that have not only sold or purchased the required tickets; but also to those who have assisted in selling additional tickets. Every ticket sold gets us closer to our goal and makes sure we have a successful drive! Thank you again for all of your continued support on this important fundraiser.

Spring BOGO Book Fair

The Scholastic Spring BOGO Book Fair will take place Wed. 4/26 - Fri. 4/28. Our Trail Mix it Up Dress Down day was a great success! All money raised will go towards All For Books which helps buy books for the classrooms & library! Please see the upcoming calendar section on page one to see what we have coming up the rest of the week! We will also have \$1 Dress Down Days on 4/26 & 4/27. No dress down coupons will be accepted on these days.

Volunteers are needed for set up on Tues. April 25th from 11:30 - 2:00. Wednesday, 8:20 - 2:00 & 6:00 - 8:00 during our Open House, Thursday 8:20- 2:00 & Friday 8:20 - 3:00 which includes disassembling the fair. If you are interested in helping please email Jayne O'Grady at shortyograde7@gmail.com or call 713-8332. There will be a special raffle for all volunteers for \$25 worth of books!

Due to IRS regulations, students under the age of 18 are not allowed to buy, sell, or win raffle prizes. If any family wishes to participate in the Book Fair Poster Raffle, please submit the payments and remittance stubs with the parent or guardian contact information on behalf of the student. Please indicate the homeroom number and grade on each remittance stub and the student may pick up the prize on your behalf. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you.



Middle School Dance

The next Middle School Dance (Grades 6-8) will be held on April 21, 2017 from 6:00 - 9:00pm.

It's a Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party!

Permission slips will be available Friday, 4/21 during lunch. There is a \$5.00 admission at the door.

We are in need of parent chaperones. If you are available, please contact Ann Murphy at pamurphy4@aol.com.



Cafeteria Corner

Hello parents and grandparents!

Now that the weather is beginning to get warmer, we will soon be able to head outside for recess after lunch!! The students need your help though, as I am unable to take them out unless I have two volunteers present. Please contact me at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com or 510-1409 if you're available to sign up.

Also, I ask that you please refrain from parking in the section of the lot closest to the grass/hill, as this is our play area.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!

Mary Kate DeMarzio
Head Lunch Monitor



Mrs. Connors is looking for help setting up for the Art Show which will be held here during our Open House, Wed. 4/26.

Set up will be Tuesday evening. If you are able to help please contact Mrs. Connors directly at Connorsm@smeschool.com.

Thank you for your continued support of SME!

Tuition Discount

Registration is going strong for the 17-18 school year! We would like to thank all Pre-K and K-8 families who will be joining our SME family next year by offering a \$50 discount off your tuition if you decide to pay your tuition in full by July 15, 2017. Payment will only be accepted by Check or Cash in order to receive this \$50 discount. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Jezuit, Director of Student Affairs at jezuitn@smeschool.com. Thank you!!



Attention: Parents of SME who will have a child ready to enter **Pre-School** for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in a spot for your child, please request a Registration Packet to be sent home, as our classes are beginning to fill up quickly. Thank you!

What are they up to?

Congratulations Kara for your outstanding cabbage growing ability!

Thank you for allowing us to share our excitement with the world!

We cannot wait to see how our third graders do this year with their cabbages!



www.wkbw.com/news/lancaster-student-grows-colossal-cabbage

<http://www.wgrz.com/life/girl-wins-prize-with-38-pound-cabbage/429717379>



Scrip

Starting April 8th, a limited number of special small denomination gift cards will be available. Stay tuned for the list of retailers. For more information, check out www.shopwithscrip.com.

Our last Saturday selling date for the school year will be April 29, 9-11 am.



Pre-K Donations Needed

Pre-K needs your help! We are looking for gently-used tricycles and bikes that are safe to use on our newly resurfaced gym floors.



Bikes must have rubber tires/wheels only, not hard plastic tires/wheels like big wheels. As you start your spring cleaning and come across bikes that your children have outgrown, please keep us in mind!

If you have such items or have any questions, please email Ms. Jones Jonesk@smeschool.com or drop your donation off in the main office.

Thank you!!
~ Pre-K Team

Sports

Spring sports are underway. I would like to announce the coaches for each of the teams:



Varsity boys volleyball- Jay Gianni
Varsity girls softball- Julie Wipperman



Parochial Kickers soccer teams:

1st grade: Steve DeMarzio, 2nd grade: Caron Gill, 3rd/4th grade: Andy Quinn,
5th/6th grade: Tabatha Hartz, 7th/8th grade: Chris Norton



The coaches will be contacting you with the practice/ game schedule as soon as they are available.

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**St. Mary's
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 5th @7:05PM

Join us for Catholic Schools Night, **Friday, May 5th** at Coca-Cola Field, with a 7:05 first pitch vs. the Lehigh Valley IronPigs and post-game Friday night bash! Fireworks!

\$7.00 TICKETS

To purchase a discounted Game ticket for just \$7.00 go to the link:

<http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?pid=8380299&agency=BISONS B2B21>

Hot Dog and soda vouchers may be purchased for an additional \$7.00. If you are ordering game tickets only, you can select Print At Home (print on a sheet of paper from your computer) or Will Call (pick up at the box office under your name) to receive your tickets. If you add on the hot dog & soda concession voucher, you will need to pick everything up at Will Call. Please note that the tickets must be purchased on a computer and not a mobile device in order to view the seating map and choose seats.

For questions or more information, Contact Geoff Lundquist at **716.846.2048** or glundquist@bisons.com



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Dear Families,

Our Scholastic BOGO Book Fair is under way with so many exciting things to look forward to.

- * Families will have a chance to purchase anything in the book fair and get the second item free. There is no tax on purchases.
- * Children will have a chance to win a basket of books. There will be a winner from each grade.
- * Children will have a chance to win at a Guessing Game and win a S'mores Kit.
- * For \$1, children will have a chance to win a poster from all that will be displayed at the Book Fair. Up to 4 raffle tickets can be purchased and submitted. At the Book Fair, children can place their raffle ticket in the bag next to the poster they would like to win. Raffle tickets are at the bottom of this sheet.

Winners for all prizes will be announced at the end of the Book Fair.

Thank you!!

Raffle Ticket

Name: _____

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All for Books™

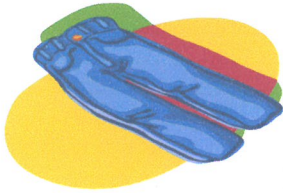
Dear Families,

Our school is collecting funds for the All for Books program. By donating dollar bills or loose change, you can help us to:

- * purchase books for the library for all the students to enjoy
- * give more students greater access to books and help get more kids reading

The All for Books money we collect also helps readers beyond our school and community. Scholastic Book Fairs matches monetary donations with a donation of up to **one million books** to the Women and Children's Shelter.

We are promoting this as follows:

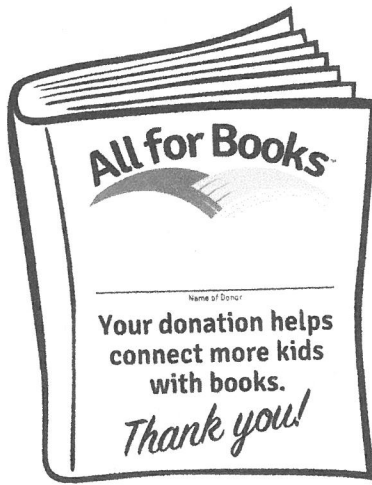


Dress Down Day - Wed., April 26th & Thurs., April 27th

Please enter your name & class on each ticket with \$1 donation. Put into an envelope labeled ALL FOR BOOKS. Extra tickets will be available at the book fair.

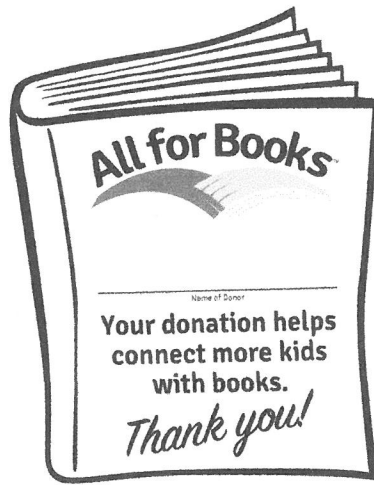
On behalf of the students and teachers of our school, THANK YOU!





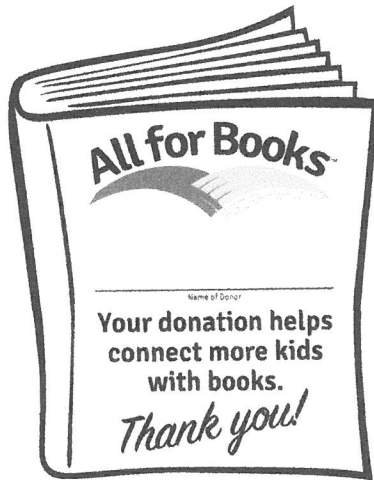
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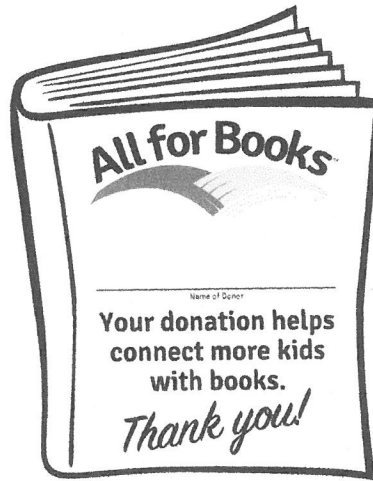
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