



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 4/26/2017

Happy Wednesday!

Please remember that tonight is our Open House. We have many things going on tonight. There will be an HSA meeting, a brief tuition policy discussion, an art show, STREAM academy presentations, a baked goods sale, and our Buy 1 Get 1 Free Book Fair. I hope to see many of our families tonight!



If you are still looking to attend the May 5th Bison's Catholic Schools Night at the ballpark, the link is listed below:

http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?pid=8380299&agency=BISONS_B2B19

A reminder: 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 so, if you have not re-registered yet and you are planning on doing so, please send in your forms and fees as soon as possible.

Also, next week, our 4th and 8th grade students will be taking the NYS Math Assessments.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



SME's 1st International Night!

We would like to invite you to SME's International Night on May 10th, 2017. International Night will immediately begin after Saint Mary's Elementary *State of the School Meeting*. Our students have been actively preparing to showcase their countries of study in the classrooms. Come explore the world! Taste samples of food from various countries, learn about cultures, and explore how humanity is all connected in this world that God created for us.



Upcoming Events

- 4/26 - 4/28 - Spring Book Fair
- 4/26 - **Spring Open House, Art Show, HSA Meeting 6-8:00 pm**, All for Books Dress Down \$1 Donation
- 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
- 5/10 - State of the School Meeting, 6:00pm
- 5/10 - \$1 Dress Down for SET
- 5/12 - May Crowning



Mega Raffle

Ticket sales are going very well! To date, **551** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle.
There are only 99 tickets remaining - did you get yours?

Thank you to the **124** 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. **As of this point, all remaining tickets will be made available to the community, and you will be responsible for the \$200 payment, without the guarantee of 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 16 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 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.

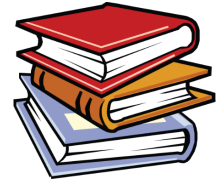
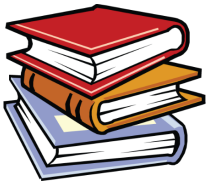
Spring BOGO Book Fair

The Scholastic Spring BOGO Book Fair begins today! The fair will be open everyday until 3:00 (except Friday). We have \$1 Dress Down Days on today and tomorrow supporting the All for Books Campaign. No dress down coupons will be accepted on these days. Most students will be shopping Wednesday during school. Parents and students are also welcome to shop during tonight's Open House. The book fair will be closed during the HSA meeting.

Raffles will be drawn and winners will be announced Friday afternoon.

If you are still interested in helping please email Jayne O'Grady at shortyogrady7@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.



Save the Date!

- ⇒ 5/10 - \$1.00 Dress Down benefiting SET
- ⇒ 5/12 - NJHS Hollywood Theme Dance, 7-9:00
- ⇒ 5/24 - \$1.00 Dress Down benefiting JDRF



Cafeteria Corner

Hello parents and grandparents!

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we will 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. We are most in need of volunteers Mondays-Thursdays. 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!

Please contact me at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com or 510-1409 if you're available to sign up.

Mary Kate DeMarzio



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?

On Thursday April 20th, 6th Graders participated in a Christian Seder. The Passover Seder is an elaborate teaching experience intended to call people to their identity as the People of God. By using all of the senses, the Passover Seder tells the story of God's grace in history and calls the participants to experience and share in the story as their own story. 6th Graders studied and learned the stories of the Exodus within their curriculum this year. They enjoyed the Seder experience as they were reminded of the faith of the Israelites. The Christian Seder is presented as a way for people of Christian Faith to express symbolically the story of salvation while preserving the spirit of the Jewish traditions to respect the faith journey of Israelites and Jews across the centuries (Christian Research Institute).



Scrip

New Retailers: Prime Membership from Amazon.com. A one year membership is \$99 plus applicable taxes for physical and ScripNow eCards with an 8% rebate. Also, Audible.com Gold Gift Membership is \$45 for a 3 month membership. Both physical and ScripNow eCards are available with an 8% Rebate.

We have a limited number of special small denomination gift cards available, perfect for teacher and grad gifts! These cards will only be available while supplies last, so don't wait to place your orders. The following cards are available:

Amazon \$10 Applebees \$10 Barnes & Noble \$5
CVS Pharmacy \$10 Olive Garden \$10
Starbucks \$5 Target \$10

For a complete list, please go to ww.shopwithscrip.com.

The last Saturday selling date for the school year is
Saturday, April 29, 9-11am.

Thank you for your continued support
of the SCRIP program!

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

The soccer game schedule has been posted to the Parochial Kickers website. Your child's soccer coach should be giving you a copy of the game schedule soon and will be handing 2 forms for you to fill out, an A-2 & an A-3 form. Please turn these completed forms back to your coach. (Please do NOT send them to the main office!)

The girls softball team will play their first game on Thursday, April 27 at 4:00 at Walden Pond vs. St. Peter and Paul of Hamburg. Good luck girls!

The boys volleyball team has their next set of games at 6:00 & 7:00 on Thursday at O.L.B.S. & 6:00 & 7:00 at SME on Friday. Good luck on Saturday at the Canisius tournament!

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2017 Spring Book Fair Schedule

Wednesday	Period	Start Time	End Time	Class	Class
4/26/2017	1 HR	7:50	8:16		
	2	8:18	8:57	Wojnar, 7th Grade	
	3	8:59	9:36	Wojnar, 7th Grade	
	4	9:38	10:15	Heater	
	5	10:17	10:54	Michalek	
1st Lunch	6	10:56	11:33	Wojnar, 6th Grade	
2nd Lunch	7	11:35	12:12	Wojnar, 6th Grade	
3rd Lunch	8	12:14	12:51	Brinkworth	Darling
	9	12:53	1:30	Malachowski/Abbatoy	
	10	1:32	2:09	Marrano	
	11	2:11	2:20	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
Thursday	Period	Start Time	Stop Time	Class	Class
4/27/2017	1 HR	7:50	8:16		
	2	8:18	9:27		
	3	9:29	10:03		
	4	10:05	10:39		
	5	10:41	11:15		
1st Lunch	6	11:17	11:48		
2nd Lunch	7	11:50	12:27		
3rd Lunch	8	12:29	1:03		
	9	1:05	1:39		
	10	1:41	2:09	Wojnar, 8th Grade	
	11	2:11	2:20	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX

The Cafeteria Needs You!



- ✓ Are you looking for ways to get involved with the school?
- ✓ Do you want an extra chance to see your child or grandchild's smiling face?
- ✓ Does your schedule leave you with available time in the mid-day and you're wondering what to do?
- ✓ Did you know that you can earn 2.25 hours towards your service hour requirement for each day that you help?

The cafeteria is in need of parent and/or grandparent volunteers to assist with monitoring during each lunch period. We ask that you arrive by 10:45 Monday-Thursday, and stay through our last lunch period ends at 1:00. Friday's arrival time is 11:00 due to the children attending Mass in the morning, but lunch still ends at 1:00.

Volunteering couldn't be easier! As a volunteer lunch monitor, you will simply need to walk around the lunch room and assist the children as needed (opening milk cartons, go-gurts, etc) as well as making sure that they are safe (no running, sharing food, etc.).

In the warmer months and even as it cools down, the children love to be outside! We need at least 3-4 volunteers to ensure the safety of the children as they run around in the fresh air. During the winter months, we will remain inside and use the Gym and/or Parish Center when they are available. Again, having 3-4 volunteers, even while inside, is a necessary precaution to ensure safety.

If you are able to help out, please complete and return the bottom portion of this letter to the attention of Mary Kate DeMarzio. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 510-1409 or lunchmonitor@smeschool.com.

Thank you in advance for your help & support of all things SME!

Mary Kate DeMarzio – Head Lunch Monitor



Name: _____ Preferred Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Day & Dates I can help: _____

Volunteer signups can be weekly (i.e. every Tuesday) or monthly (i.e. every third Thursday)

Do you have Virtus Certification? Yes or No

Please note that you must have and maintain active Virtus Certification to be allowed to volunteer in any way in the school. Status can be verified by contacting Mrs. Kuhn in the main office.

A small, handwritten signature in the bottom right corner of the page.

FUNDRAISING FOR STREAM!

Hello SME Families!

Our **STREAM** integration continues to be a success here at SME. Our students are challenged to creatively think outside the box, to use the engineering design process in their planning and creating, experience cross curricular integration within the

classrooms and experience engaging field trips with community partners in and around Buffalo.

In order to continue this level of **STREAM** integration, we need to raise money through fundraising. *Two STREAM fundraisers are happening now.* The first, is the **STREAM WALK-A-THON** which you have already handed in your pledges for. The second, is a **SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER** that is going home today.

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$10,000! With your support, we can do this! Simply stated, if each family sells at least \$85 worth of plants, we will reach our goal.

We need your support in order to be able to continue the **STREAM** initiative at SME! Funds raised for **STREAM** will allow us to continue to provide creative, hands-on opportunities for all students that:

- Focus on inquiry, creativity, complex thinking and FUN!
- Emphasize **STREAM** education learning areas and nurtures the innate curiosity of every child!
- Provide a runway for our next generation of believers, innovators, scientists and leaders!

STREAM funding is needed for:

- Buses for **STREAM** Field trips
- Admission fees to our **STREAM** field trips
- **STREAM** Academy Courses and Supplies
- ESP Science kit refills
- Gear Up Engineering Design Brief supplies
- 21st Century Math lessons and Activities
- Science Olympiad Fees
- Future City Fees
- *and more!*

Remember, STREAM Education makes learning relevant! **STREAM** Education allows academic concepts to be coupled with increased real life application in all the disciplines. Students become involved in hands-on projects where problem solving, collaboration, and the results of their efforts make lessons more relevant than a textbook alone. Increased technology to enhance learning is emphasized, and career connections as well as exposure to working professionals further relates students to their own learning and their futures!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR HELP TO REACH OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL!

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Hoag

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STREAM FUNDRAISER - FLOWER SALE!

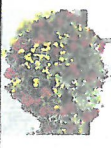


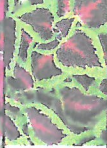




We need to raise funds to continue our level of STREAM integration here at SME. Our Goal is to raise \$10,000! To reach our goal, each family needs to sell only \$85 worth of product. This equates to 17 4 ½" potted plants, 6 hanging baskets, or any combination of plants totaling \$85.

ALL ORDERS & MONEY ARE DUE BY MAY 10TH!

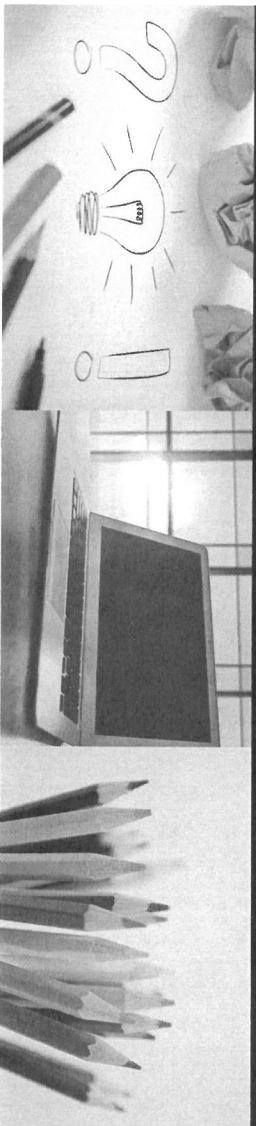
PLANT PICK-UP WILL TAKE PLACE ON

WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH 2:30PM – 6:00PM.

All plants come from Mitchell Farm in Alden. PLEASE NOTE: PLANTS COME IN A VARIETY OF COLORS. CHOICE OF COLOR IS NOT AVAILABLE.

ITEM #	NAME	DESCRIPTION	COST	EXAMPLE
1	Thunbergia 10" hanging baskets	Susie Mix thunbergia. Orange w/black eye, white w/ black eye, & yellow w/black eye flowers. Loves summer heat, growing 5-8 ft. long vines.	\$19	
2	Combination 10" hanging baskets	Numerous different combinations of plants in 10" baskets. Multiple assorted color combinations for sun or shade. 3 or 4 different varieties in each basket.	\$19	
3	Double Impatiens 4 ½" pot	Fiesta double impatiens. Heat tolerant. Filtered sun to part shade. Numerous large rose-like blooms.	\$5	
4	Coleus 4 ½" pot	Kong coleus. For shade areas. Unusual and attractive colors with great texture. Great in landscape, a good replacement for impatiens.	\$5	
5	New Guinea Impatiens 4 ½" pot	Fisher Sonic New Guineas. Very uniform, more vigorous in the garden and heat tolerant. These plants are large basal-branched. They like to be kept moist and tolerate heat better if mulched.	\$5	
6	Gerbera Daisies 4 ½" pot	Numerous color and flower styles in the Festival, Jaguar, and Revolution series. Solid dark eyed and light-eyed blooms. Grow and flower best in full sun with adequate moisture.	\$5	
7	Spikes Dracaena 4" pot	Used in combination planting for height and texture. Tender perennial will over-winter in the house.	\$5	
8	Petunias 4 ½" pot	Proven garden performers give color all season. Do best in high light, like lots of food and moisture. Excellent in combinations and solid plantings.	\$5	

CALLING ALL CREATIVES!



HELP SME COME UP WITH OUR NEW MASCOT!

If you have an idea for a mascot, please submit your idea and any pictures of the mascot to Mrs. Kwitowski by 5/4/17. A panel will then look at all of the submissions and choose our new mascot. Please put your name and homeroom on all submissions.

Good luck and let's be creative!!!