



# NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 4/5/2017

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody had a chance to witness our 8<sup>th</sup> grade performing the Stations of the Cross last week. They did a wonderful job of portraying what Jesus went through as he walked through the Stations.

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: [http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?pid=8380299&agency=BISONS\\_B2B19](http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?pid=8380299&agency=BISONS_B2B19)

I also wanted to let our families know that we had the school, church and rectory screened for lead in the water. The church and the rectory came back clean. As for the school, we did well. We only had a couple of faucets test a bit higher than allowed. Those faucets have had the water turned off to them and are no longer in use for the students.

Please take some time during our week off to enjoy time with friends and family and to reflect on the true meaning of the Easter Season. Christ's death and resurrection offers us hope of how the good will of God will overcome evil, of how truth will prevail, of how love will triumph over sin, and offer us the blessed hope of eternal life.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



## Upcoming Events

- 4/6 - Easter Candy Pick Up 2:00 - 6:00pm
- 4/7 - Christian Witness Mass
- 4/10 - 4/17 - Spring Break  
No Office Hours
- 4/18 - School Resumes, Coin Challenge: Penny - Mix/Match Day
- 4/19 - Coin Challenge: Nickels - Pajama Day
- 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 - Spring Open House, Art Show, HSA Meeting 6-8:00 pm



## Mega Raffle

Letters have gone out to any family that has yet to sell or purchase their (2) required Mega Raffle tickets per the current school year's tuition contract. Payments are due by April 15th. After this date, you will still be responsible for the \$200 payment, however, you will not have a ticket in the raffle.

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.

If you are interested in joining our committee, or earning service hours (we are in need of volunteers the night of the event), please contact Mary Kate DeMarizo at [megaraffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaraffle@smeschool.com) or 510-1409.

# Spring BOGO Book Fair

The Scholastic Spring BOGO Book Fair will take place Wed. 4/26 - Fri. 4/28. Start saving your change for our Coin Challenge! All money raised will go towards All For Books which helps buy books for the classrooms & library! There will be raffles for every grade and for volunteers!

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 [shortyogrady7@gmail.com](mailto:shortyogrady7@gmail.com) or call 713-8332. There will be a special raffle for all volunteers for \$25 worth of books!

The Coin Challenge begins Tuesday April 18th! Please refer to the flyer that went home or the upcoming calendar on page 1 of the NewsNote. Each day is a different coin and dress day.



## Last Call!

- \* Year book orders will continue to be collected until this Friday! Additional order forms are available in the school office and can be sent home if requested.
- \* Please submit any/all donations from your Lenten Collection Boxes by Friday, April 21st. We will be sending a check with our efforts to Catholic Charities.



## 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](mailto: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



Thank you very much for the donations for the Mega Raffle gift baskets. We will continue to accept donations through April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please refer to the list of requested items from each grade included in the last NewsNote or email [megaraffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaraffle@smeschool.com) to see how you can help!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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?



4th Grade enjoyed an onsite field trip last Thursday thanks to our Diocesan STREAM connections. The class had fun making terrariums after a long week of testing!



# 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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

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

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 re-surfaced 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](mailto:Jonesk@smeschool.com) or drop your donation off in the main office.

Thank you!!

~ Pre-K Team



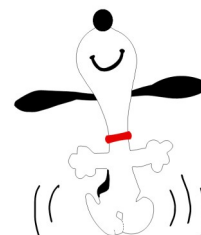
# Middle School Dance

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 door.

We are in need of parent chaperones. If you are available, please contact Ann Murphy at [pamurphy4@aol.com](mailto:pamurphy4@aol.com).





# Living Stations



*Thank you to the 8th Grade Class for your wonderful presentation of the Stations of the Cross this past Friday.*



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*"...visible examples  
of gospel living."*

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Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps kids discover who they are. Help your child develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading by:

- Setting the example. Let your kids see you read!
- Having a collection of books in the home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Supporting our school's Scholastic Book Fair. Allow your kids to choose their own books they'll love.

Our **Buy One, Get One Free\*** Book Fair is a reading event that brings books to your child's school that they want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and help shape your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: April 26<sup>th</sup> - April 28<sup>th</sup>

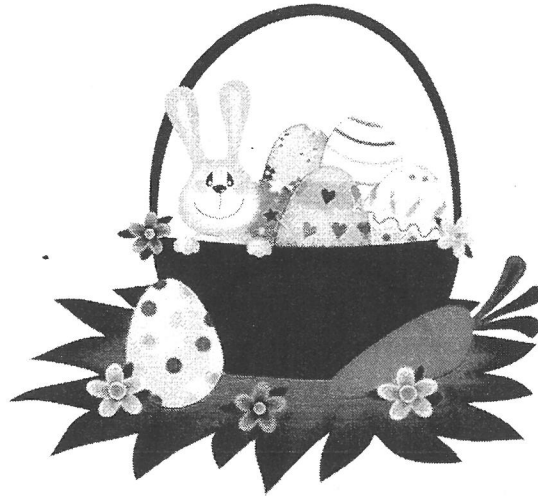
Shopping hours: 8:20am - 3:00pm & (Wed.) 6:00pm-8:00pm

Special activities: Open House for SME families (Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00pm)

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim Kwitowski  
Principal



**Thank You** for participating in the St. Mary's  
Elementary HSA's annual Easter Candy Sale!

The candy pick-up will be this Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in  
the parish center from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. A copy of  
your order form will be returned to you with your  
box of candy. If you are unable to pick up your candy  
tomorrow, please text Cheryl Walczak at  
716-901-1673 to make other arrangements.

**Congratulations to our top 3 sellers!**

**#1: Lainie Smith**

**#2: Tyler Flynn**

**#3: Olivia Dennee**

**Thank you again for your generous support!**



# St. Mary's Elementary Middle School Dance

6th, 7th and 8th grades



## It's A Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party

Friday, April 21, 2017  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Come dressed in NEON or  
**GLOW-IN-THE-DARK** clothing!!

Admission \$5.00 at the door  
Pizza, Pop and Water \$1.00

**Having trouble deciding what to do with your kids this summer?  
Check out St. Mary's Elementary**



**July 10<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday-Friday 8am-2pm**

**St. Mary's Elementary**

**2 St. Mary's Hill | Lancaster, NY**

**716-683-2112**

**School age: entering grade 1-grade 6**

- Children will get involved in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities every day. Craft and sport activities will keep them busy! Our teachers will be running this camp, so activities to reinforce Math and ELA skills will also be included every day. Keep your students busy and help them get ready for the next school year with us!



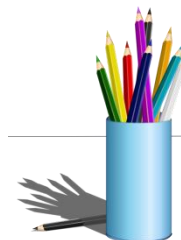
**Cost for grades 1-6: \$750**

Each camp is \$30/day per child for 6 hours of camp each day.

After one child is paid for, each sibling gets a 10% discount.

Registration and payment is due by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Limited spots are available, so please reserve your spot today!



- Please provide the following: a peanutfree snack & lunch, water bottle and sunscreen will need to be sent in with your child each day.
- Weather appropriate clothes (we may be going out each day) and sneakers (please no flip flops or sandals) are a must.

Contact Mrs. Wojcik at [wojcikk@smeschool.com](mailto:wojcikk@smeschool.com) for school age camp questions.

We also offer a camp for children in Pre-K/K.

- Contact Kristen Jones at [jonesk@smeschool.com](mailto:jonesk@smeschool.com) with Pre-K camp questions.



## SME 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Camp 2017

Please fill out and sign registration form. Submit form and fee to the main office by May 15, 2017.

1. Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's DOB \_\_\_\_\_

2. Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's DOB \_\_\_\_\_

3. Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Work# \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Work# \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names and numbers of two alternate adult contacts, available during program hours in case of an emergency.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical concerns or allergies. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that Summer Camp runs from 8:00am-2:00pm Monday through Friday, from July 10-August 11, 2017, at the cost of \$750.00 which is due at the time of registration. I understand that class size is limited, and that spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. No phone or mail in registration will be accepted. SME reserves the right to cancel due to insufficient registration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Office Use Only- \_\_\_\_\_

(Registration Form and Fee Received- Date and Time)



## St. Mary's Elementary School Pre-K and Kindergarten Summer Camp



**July 10th - August 11th**

**Monday - Thursday 8:00am-2:00pm**

**St. Mary's Elementary**

**2 St. Mary's Hill | Lancaster, NY**

**716-683-2112**



April 2017

Dear SME Families,

Are you still wondering what to do with your child over the summer? Well, AVOID SUMMER BRAIN DRAIN and register your child for SME's Pre-K/K Summer Camp!

This year, we are offering a five week program that will run the same weeks as SME's School Age Camp for our older students. Our schedule will be Monday - Thursday from 8:00-2:00, July 10<sup>th</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The goal of our program at the Pre-K/K level is to keep newly acquired skills fresh; preventing that dreaded backwards "summer slide". Children will also enjoy music and movement, crafts, outdoor play and walking field trips. Activities will focus on different themes. (Here's a sneak peek...Beauty and the Beast and Trolls. Additional themes TBA.) Our activities will also provide socialization, learning through play, reinforcement of school skills, and fun in the fresh summer air.

The cost of the Pre-K/K five week camp is \$600.00 and payment is due by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please note, if you have more than one child signed up, you will receive a 10% discount after one sibling is paid for. Kindly provide the following: a peanut free snack & lunch, water bottle, bike helmet and sunscreen will need to be sent in with your child each day. Weather appropriate clothes (we may be going out each day) and sneakers (please no flip flops or sandals) are a must. Bathing suit and towel for water play will be announced daily, weather permitting. Ms. Kristen Jones and Mr. Nick Haskill will be the lead teachers at the Pre-K/K level. You may direct any questions to Ms. Jones via email. ([jonesk@smeschool.com](mailto:jonesk@smeschool.com))

To register your child for SME's Pre-K/K Summer Camp, please fill out and sign the enclosed form and return it to your child's teacher or submit it to the main office by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Thank you for your interest and for being proactive in your child's school success! We look forward to a wonderful summer experience with your child!

Mrs. Kim Kwitowski, Principal

Ms. Kristen Jones, Teacher

Mr. Nick Haskill, Teacher



## SME Pre-K/K Summer Camp Program 2017

Please fill out and sign registration form.

Submit form and payment to the main office by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Work# \_\_\_\_\_

Child's DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Work# \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names and numbers of two alternate adult contacts, available during program hours in case of emergency.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical concerns or allergies. \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that SME Pre-K/K Summer Camp runs Monday - Thursday from 8:00 - 2:00, July 10<sup>th</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup>, at the cost of \$600.00, (which is due by May, 15<sup>th</sup>). I understand that class size is limited, and that spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. No phone or mail in registration will be accepted. SME reserves the right to cancel due to insufficient registration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Office Use Only- \_\_\_\_\_

(Registration Form and Payment Received- Date and Time)