



# NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School

12/14/2016

Happy Wednesday!

Christmas is in the air here at SME! In addition to activities in the classroom, the students are decorating their classroom doors and preparing their songs for the Living Nativity on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>. We are also fortunate enough to be having St. Mary's High School and Mount Mercy Academy coming in to perform Christmas songs for our school.

Next week we have some fun Christmas activities and "special" clothing days planned. Please be sure to see the schedule of Christmas clothing fun that came home in last week's blue folder. As a school, we will also be celebrating Las Posadas on Tuesday.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



### Upcoming Events

- 12/16 - SMHS Concert for SME students, 1:00
- 12/17 - Christmas Concert 5:00, Living Nativity 6:00
- 12/19 - Mt. Mercy Bell Choir Concert , 10:00
- 12/20 - Las Posados, 1:00
- 12/22 - Christmas Movie 9:00
- 12/23 - 1/2 - Christmas Break, No School
- 1/3 - School Resumes



## Christmas Fun @ SME

Monday: Christmas Hats (with uniforms)

Mt. Mercy Bell Choir

Tuesday: Christmas Tie/Socks (with uniforms)

Las Posadas

Wednesday: Christmas Sweater/T-Shirt (with uniform bottoms)

Thursday: Christmas Pajamas (no slippers, tank tops, shorts)

Christmas Movie



## Reminders

- ⇒ There will be no office hours during Christmas Break
- ⇒ The uniform exchange has been put away until the spring. Please keep your eye on the NewsNote for more information as to when donations can once again be brought in.
- ⇒ Don't forget to refer to the dress down information for our week of Christmas fun beginning on Monday!
- ⇒ In the event of school closings due to weather we follow Lancaster Districts ruling. If Lancaster is closed - so are we! An automated message will also go out to every family.
- ⇒ Don't forget your books for this month's book swap happening in all lunches! See the flyer in this week's blue folder for more information! Read, Share & Read some more!



## Mega Raffle



### Mega Raffle Update

Information went home regarding selling/purchasing Mega Raffle tickets last week and order forms have been coming in already. If you would like a specific number, be sure to order soon! Orders will be picked up each Monday and will be sent home or mailed out by the corresponding Friday.

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

The next service hour opportunity is on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00 selling tickets at M&T Bank on Broadway. Contact me if you are interested in helping that day.



## Candy Bar Sale

This is a reminder that **ALL MONIES ARE DUE**. Accounts not settled before **Christmas break** will result in your child not getting to attend the reward parties.

It is finally that time to reward our students for all of their hard work selling all of those candy bars.

For selling 5 boxes - Ice Cream Party - Friday, January 13, 2017

For selling 10 boxes - Pizza Party - Friday, January 20, 2017

For selling 20 boxes - Fountain Party - Friday January 27, 2017

All other prizes will be distributed soon!

We will need several volunteers for each of these dates to come in and help from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. Please email [janikj@smeschool.com](mailto:janikj@smeschool.com) to sign up. Thank you for your support of this awesome candy sale.

## Athletics

Congratulations to these following teams for winning their first game of their basketball season:

5th grade girls 15-4 & 6th grade girls 22-14!

Coaches; Please remember to email me the score of your game if you'd like it included in the NewsNotes! Thank you again for all of your hard work and dedication to coaching the basketball players at S.M.E.! Your time, effort and commitment is always appreciated! Good luck with the rest of your season!

Julie Wipperman, Athletic Coordinator  
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## Ready SET Read

### BOOKS WANTED:



The School Effectiveness Team (SET) is collecting gently used books for the book sale at the Ready, Set, Read/Battle of the Books event coming up in January. Please drop off donations in the Book Sale Drop-Off box in the school office. Thank you!

Registration Information is coming home in the blue folder for the Battle of the Books & Ready SET Read.

Save the Date - We will be hosting a Dress Down Day on Thursday, January 12th with the donation of one book for the sale!



# Scrip

The countdown is on!  
Scrip Order Dates Left Until Christmas:

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We only have 1 more order day left before Christmas! Get your orders in soon to make sure you have all of your gift-giving needs covered.

\*\*\* Friday, December 16th\*\*\*

There will be **No** order placed on Monday 12/19

Scrip sales: Monday-Friday 8-10am



- Effective Thursday, December 14, the rebate for Amazon changes to 2.5%.
- The Limited gift cards have been discontinued.

Teacher Wish lists are now available on the Scrip page of the SME website.



# Autumn Gold

Thank you to everyone who supported this years Autumn Gold Event. With your help we were able to raise \$17,649.02.

Total Revenue:	43,821.25
Less Start up:	(1,700.00)
Less Raffle Expenses:	(20,680.00)
Less Expenses:	(3792.23)
<b>TOTAL PROFIT:</b>	<b>\$17,649.02</b>

A complete report is available upon request by emailing [autumngold@smeschool.com](mailto:autumngold@smeschool.com).



## What are they up to?



These are the lucky STREAM winners from the Rocking' Rollercoaster's Academy. Everyone worked very hard and had many set backs but this team's coaster was able to score the most points in the end.

Well done gentlemen!



It's Lab Time!  
Our 7th Graders extracting DNA from strawberries!



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# S.M.E.'s School Effectiveness Team presents...

## Battle of the Books & Ready SET Read Night

### Friday, Jan 20, 2017, 6:00-8:00 pm

Battle of the Books is for students in grades 4-8. There are two divisions. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade division will be held in the cafeteria. The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade division will be held in the gym. New this year: Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in each division! All students should sign up their teams with Mrs. Janik beginning tomorrow in the library. Please complete the form below and send in registration fees.

Ready SET Read Night is for students in pre-K through grade 3 and their families. It will be held in the Parish Center and the children will be rotating through several classrooms as well. Please register for this event on this form and send in registration fees. More information on this event is in the blue folder and attached to the "News to Know" on the school website.

### Registration form for Battle of the Books & Ready SET Read

**Used  
Books  
Wanted**

S.E.T is collecting gently used books for the book sale at this event. A used book donation box can be found in the office.



To help us prepare for the event, let us know if you can join us. Complete and return this portion of the page along with the payment of \$5 per child. This includes crafts and prizes. Please include an additional \$10 per family to cover the cost of pizza and subs for the entire family. Return this form and money in an envelope labeled: "SET" by Dec 22.

We are asking each family to bring the following items to the event:

PreK, kindergarten & grades 6 & 7: a side dish such as: salad, veggies & dip, chips, or fruit  
Grades 3-5: dessert

Grades 1, 2 & 8- two 2-liters of pop or equivalent of water or other beverage  
If you have children in multiple grades, choose one item from any of those grades.

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**Yes! We will be attending Battle of the Books/ Ready SET Read Night!**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names and grades of students who are participating.

Student's Name:	grade:	\$5 per child
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Include \$10 per family for pizza and subs for everyone. \$10. \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of family members who will be eating pizza & subs: \_\_\_\_\_

Family email \_\_\_\_\_

Food item that you are bringing to the event: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Please email the SET committee at: [smeset@smeschool.com](mailto:smeset@smeschool.com)

# The Book Swap

This December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, during lunch periods, Mrs. Wojcik and Mrs. Gasiiecki will host another book swap! Students can bring gently used books from home they are finished with to "swap" for new books. We hope to encourage reading at home, without costing families any money!

## How it works:

- This will be a two day process. Day 1: students bring in their books and get a ticket for each book they turn in. Day 2: students exchange each ticket for one book.



- Grades 2+ will have to show responsibility by keeping track of their tickets. We will track grades K and 1.
- Students may "swap" up to 3 books. Books need to be "like new" condition, but not brand new. Books with torn or missing pages will not be accepted.
- We kindly ask parents not to come to help your children pick out books, as we want them to make their own choices (we will monitor this, of course 😊).

Books must be grade level appropriate!

K-1: books with pictures

2-4: at least one book must be a grade appropriate chapter book

5-8: grade appropriate chapter books only

Our second swap will start on **Thursday, December 15th.**

We hope you will encourage your students to participate! Especially middle school, we did not have enough participation from them to have a successful swap in their grade levels.

If you have any questions, please email us at: [wojcikk@smeschool.com](mailto:wojcikk@smeschool.com) or [gasiieckih@smeschool.com](mailto:gasiieckih@smeschool.com)

*Mrs. Wojcik & Mrs. Gasiiecki*