



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 2/1/2017

Happy Wednesday!

Tonight, at 6:15 pm, we will be holding a town hall meeting to discuss the tuition policy for the next school year. There are several changes to the policy and I encourage all to try and attend the meeting.

Open House will be held on Tuesday, February 7th from 6-7:30. Although this is primarily for new families to tour the school, all of our current families are welcome to attend!

Also, please make a note of the following change to our calendar: The teachers will be participating in STREAM Professional Development on March 13th. This means that school will not be in session. We will continue to send home reminders regarding this change.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Upcoming Events

- 1/30 - 2/4 - Catholic Schools Week
- 2/1 - Class Color Day
- 2/2 - Sports Day
- 2/3 - Professional Day
- 2/4 - 4:30 CSW Mass, 5:30 Ice Cream Social & Spirit Games
- 2/6 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day
- 2/7 - Open House 6-7:30
- 2/7 - 6th Gr. Field Trip
- 2/8 - Spring Pictures Dress Up Day
- 2/9 - Pre-k & 8th Grade Graduation Picture Day
- 2/10 - Christian Witness Mass
- 2/11 - Mother & Son BINGO



Lenten offering boxes are coming home with your child(ren)! All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities. Please return any/all donations by March 31st.

It's not too late to register for Paint Night! Email Mrs. Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com for a flyer or more information!

A registration form is included in today's folder for Mother & Son **BINGO!**

Chocolate Sale

THANK YOU to all who supported this year's Chocolate Candy Bar Sale! We sold 1,544 boxes of chocolate... that breaks down to... 37,632 Gertrude Hawk +19,200 Niagara +18,500 Fowlers = **75, 332 chocolate bars**
With a profit of just over \$31,000 for the school!!

Our top selling families...

Nicole & Jocelyn Janik	288
Hope Jerackas	253
Aaron Belanger	53
Blair Kuzniarek	33
Marten Linnan	27
Olivia, Nathan & Cole Helwig	25
Lainie & Evan Smith	23

Prizes were distributed on Tuesday, with the oldest child receiving any due SME Bucks or Scrip Bucks.

Any questions regarding prizes can be directed to the office.

Dress Down Day (K-8) - Not valid on Church days, must be turned in to homeroom teacher.

Snack Coupons (Pk-8) - Value of \$0.50. Pre-k families, please indicate your child's name and choice of snack: Chip/Cookie/Ice cream on the back.

Lunch (Pk-8) - Please write your child's name on the back and lunch option. Menu's are available on the school website.

Homework Pass (K-8) - Can be used as an "excused" extra day to complete an overnight assignment. Not valid for projects, reports, packets or weekend homework assignments. Coupon must be attached to assignment.

SME Bucks (Pk-8) - Can be used for ANYTHING in the school (tuition, spirit attire, lunch etc...) with the exception of paid dress down days.

SCRIP (Pk-8) - Can be used to offset the cost of your SCRIP order only.

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Current families will be e-mailed a link to complete the requalification PROCESS STARTING ON February 13, 2017. The families will log into the scholarship database and upload their financial information. As a reminder, the deadline for that paperwork is March 31, 2017.

Regards, Cindy McDonald, BISON Fund

A Note from the Nurse...

Hello Everyone!! Well, **Flu and Cold Season** is definitely upon us at SME. We have had a high number of students absent across all grades. With that said, please reinforce frequent hand washing with your children. While hand sanitizer is fine to use at times, good old soap and water is still the number one technique to reduce to spread of germs.

If your child has a fever, please remember that they **must be 24 hrs fever free without taking any antipyretics (such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen)**.

On a separate note...Spring sport sign-ups are open now for Girl's Softball, Co-ed Soccer (3rd -8th) and Boy's Volleyball. Sign-up sheets are available in the Health Office. Students may come down during their lunch period to pick one up. **Physicals need to be up to date before the first day of practice**. Any questions, give me a call or email me.

SME Drama Club

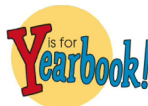
UPDATE: Play Patron Orders are due **February 27th**.

Please send your request to the attention of Kristen Helwig.

Email submissions can also be sent to rapidog@aol.com. Additional forms are available in the school office.

Yearbook

If you like to take photos and would be interested in shadowing our Yearbook coordinator for the remaining of this year; please email Mrs. Kierejewski at kierjewskis@smeschool.com to help/learn how to put the yearbook together. Thank you!



Basketball Tournament

SME announces the 2017 February Freeze Basketball Tournament!

Mark your calendars for February 17, 18, & 19 so you can come cheer on your St. Mary's JV and Varsity Boys' and Girls' basketball teams! Please see the letter in today's folder to learn more about how you can help and to order tournament t-shirts.

Mega Raffle

Ticket sales are going very well! To date, **359** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle. There are only **291** tickets remaining - did you get yours? Last year, we sold out 1 month before the event, so be sure to get your tickets soon! Orders will be picked up each Monday and will be sent home or mailed out by the corresponding Friday.

Thank you to the **37** families who have sold or purchased tickets as part of the fundraising option of the tuition agreement. **All tickets must be paid in full by 4/15/16**. After that date, any remaining tickets will be available to the community, and you will be responsible for the \$200 payment, without receiving a ticket.

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fundraiser 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. We have seen people getting creative with Social Media (posting this great opportunity to Facebook feeds, etc) as well as working to get multiple people to chip in on one ticket! 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.

The first 50 families to sell 5 tickets will earn \$50.00 in SCRIP credit. **1 family has sold 5 or more tickets so far!**

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

Flyers are available in the front office if you would like to bring them to your place of business to sell - people love a raffle!

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 megaffle@smeschool.com or 510-1409.

Ready SET Read

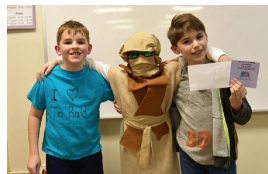
SET is proud to announce the winners for Battle of the Books!

In the middle school division...
1st Place: Christine & Jocelyn

In the 4th/5th grade division:
1st place: Jase, Jamison & Ethan



2nd place- Kensie, Olivia, & Samantha



2nd place: Salvatore, Austin, Luke & Preston



3rd place: Frederick, Jack & Connor



3rd place: Chris & Griffin (not pictured)



A HUGE Thank You goes out to our hardworking S.E.T. Committee! Your efforts did not go unnoticed!
More fun from the event:



St. Mary's Elementary
2 St. Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086

"...visible examples
of gospel living."

Athletics

SPIRIT GAMES: This Saturday, Feb. 4th at SME! The 7th vs 8th grade basketball game will take place at **5:30** in the gym! After the 4:30 mass. The ice cream social will be at 5:30 as well in the cafeteria. All are invited to attend!

Spring sports sign ups are now open! Please have your child get a sign up form from the school nurse during their lunch period.

Sign ups are for: Boys volleyball grades 5th-8th
Girls softball grades 5th-8th
Co-Ed soccer grades 1st-8th

All sign up forms are due with \$40.00 fee by Thursday, February 9th.

Please check out the information included in the news notes regarding the Feb. Freeze basketball tournament taking place at SME from Feb. 17th-19th! T-shirts can be order for only \$12.00! Orders are due this Friday, Feb. 3rd, attn: Julie Wolford

Save the date: Winter sports banquet for all basketball teams: Thursday, March 23, 2017

Basketball news:

3rd grade beat Queen of Heaven 12-2!

4th grade boys beat Mary Queen of Angels 28-8!

Congratulations to all of our teams on having great seasons so far!

3rd Grade Boys



Our seventh grade boys basketball team played an unbelievable game on Tuesday night! It was a battle that tested the will of the smaller SME team and with the contributions of the entire team the game went into triple overtime! The boys showed incredible defensive grit, holding SSPP's 6 foot center to just 2 points! The look of intensity in their eyes told the fans that something special was happening, with many SME players giving their personal best performances. Our players would not be denied a victory on this day.

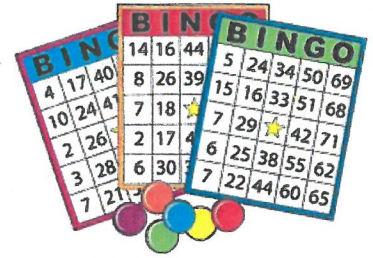
When the final buzzer sounded, the SME boys came out on top by 6 points proving once again, it's not the size of the fight but the size of the fight in the dog!

Congratulations to our seventh grade boys and Coach Dave Czyprynski!

Phone: 716-683-2112
Fax: 716-683-2134
www.smeschool.com

Mother & Son

BINGO



Night!!!

If Mom cannot come, please invite Grandma, Aunt or older Sister as your guest!

**Saturday, February 11, 2017
6-8pm School Gym**

\$10.00 per person



**Payment due by:
Monday, February 6th,
please return to
Mrs. Kwitowski in an
envelope with your
child's name on it.**

**PRIZES
PIZZA & SNACKS**



Refreshments

Photo Booth to capture the moment with Mom & Son! Each Duo (Mother/Son) will receive 2 photo strips! Props available!(or bring your own)

Mother & Son BINGO Night!!!

Names of Attendees: _____ & _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Please return this form in an envelope with cash or check (made out to SME) to Mrs. Kwitowski no later than February 6th. Thank you!

We are still in need of at least **6 Dads** to help out that night with set-up, event and clean-up. If you can help, please fill out the information below. *Set-up will start at 4:00 and clean-up right after BINGO.*

I _____ am able to help with _____ at Bingo Night. _____ (phone#)



SME 2017 February Freeze Basketball Tournament

St. Mary's is so excited to be hosting its first basketball tournament from February 17-19, 2017! This tournament will be for JV (grades 5&6) and Varsity (grades 7&8) teams. Twenty teams will be competing. For this large event to be a success, we will need lots of help from coaches, parents, older siblings, and SME middle school students. Please visit the website indicated below to sign-up to volunteer for running the score-clock, concessions, admissions, running half-time contests, selling 50/50 raffle tickets, and baking for our concessions. Middle school students may only sign up with an adult. They may not run concessions or other jobs alone. The most important job to fill is running the clock/scoreboard for each of the more than 20 games. If this is something you know how to do, please sign up for a few games.

www.timetosignup.com/smebasketball/sheet/68992

Order your 2017 February Freeze T-shirts now!



Order a February Freeze t-shirt to show your support for the SME teams at the tournament. T-shirts are \$12 each. Please return this form along with payment in an envelope labeled "February Freeze t-shirt, attn: Julie Wolford". You may pay with cash or check made out to St. Mary's Elementary. **You must get your order in by Friday, February 3. No late orders can be accepted.** You may pick up your t-shirt at the admissions table anytime during the tournament.

Family name- _____

Sizes: (indicate quantity next to the sizes you want)

YXSM (2-4)- _____

YSM (6-8)- _____

YM (10-12)- _____

YL (14-16)- _____

YXL (18-20)- _____

Adult S- _____

Adult M- _____

Adult L- _____

Adult XLG- _____

Adult 2XLG- _____

\$12 per shirt- total amount enclosed- \$ _____



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A new updated BISON Children's Scholarship Fund poster was mailed to all the schools last week. I encourage you to display this information on your school bulletin board. The highest scholarship amount for 2017-2018 will be \$1,900 per child. Thank you for sharing this important information with your families. All the best in the New Year!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 716-854-0869 ext. 1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.

Regards,

Cindy

FEBRUARY

2017



Child lunches are \$2.75. Adult lunches are \$3.90. All students must take, at the least, three of the five offered components to meet the requirements of a full lunch. Fresh fruits/vegetables are offered daily when available. If you have any questions, please call the kitchen manager at 683-2112 x119

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>A Healthy Lunch Starts with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable • Fruit (or take both) • Lean Protein & Whole Grains • Serving of Milk <p>Choose at least 3 of these!</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Taco in a Bag Carrots Refried Beans</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Personal Pizza Romaine Salad Cucumber Salad</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Peas</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Cheeseburger/bun Oven fries Baked Beans</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Pasta Salad Carrot sticks Green Beans</p>	<p>8</p> <p>French Toast Stix Sausage Hash Brown Pattie Mixed Vegetables</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Stuffed Crust Pizza Romaine Salad Broccoli</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Mac and Cheese Green Beans Corn</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Hot dog/bun Sweet Potato Fries Peas</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Rice Carrots Broccoli</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Taco Salad Refried Beans Cucumber Salad</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pizza Romaine Salad Green Beans</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Baked Penne Pasta Romaine Salad Mixed Vegetables</p>
<p>20</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>21</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>24</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Hamburger/bun Oven Fries Baked Beans</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy Green Beans Carrots</p>	<p>Alternate Lunches Available Daily: B- Julienne Salad w/2 WholeGrain Rolls C- Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola and WholeGrain Grahams D- Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich on WholeGrain Bread Non-fat white or non-fat flavored milk sold daily for \$.50</p>		

Menu subject to change.