



# NewsNotes

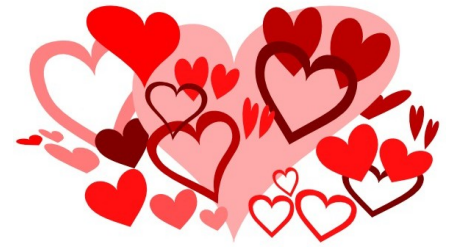
St. Mary's Elementary School 2/15/2017

Happy Wednesday!

Thank you to all of the moms and sons who attended our Mother/Son Bingo night this past Saturday. We had a large turnout and many winners! I would also like to send a thank you to all of the parents who helped out during the event, including Mr. Jeff Brown for being our Bingo Caller.

I would like to wish everybody a very relaxing week off. Spend time with family and friends and re-charge yourself as we head into the latter part of the year. Take a moment, if you can, and reflect on the following quotation: "Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us." — Maya Angelou

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



## Upcoming Events

- 2/20 - 2/24 - NO SCHOOL  
Mid-Winter Break - *No Office Hours*
- 3/1 - School Mass: Ash Wednesday
- 3/4 - Science Olympiad Competition
- 3/6 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day
- 3/10 - Christian Witness Mass
- 3/13 - NO SCHOOL
- 3/15 - St. Josephs Table
- 3/17 - NO SCHOOL  
Annie Performance 7:00
- 3/18 - Annie Performance 1:30 & 6:00

## Re-Registration 17-18

Re-registration packets for the 17-18 school year have been distributed to all oldest and/or only students on Monday, February 06, 2017. Please be sure to read, fill out all required documents, and return to school in the envelope provided as soon as possible. **Returning K-8 families will receive an Early Registration Discount of \$50 off their Commitment Fee if re-registered by March 15, 2017.** If any family has a Pre-K student not currently registered and is interested in joining our Pre-K program next year, please contact the office and we will forward a Pre-K packet to your attention. Thank you.

## Service Hour Submission

The submission deadline for all Service Hours worked for the 16-17 school year is almost upon us. All parents who have agreed to work at least 35 hours per the Tuition Contract need to submit a listing of their Service Hours to Sherri Weinholtz at [sherriw1175@yahoo.com](mailto:sherriw1175@yahoo.com) or send their completed Service Hours Form to the school Tuition Office by the March 15, 2017 deadline. Please make a copy of this form for your reference before submission. Hours may be accrued between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. Failure to complete your pledged hours needed to reach 35 minimum by June 30, 2017 will result in an assessment for unfulfilled hours per your signed Tuition Contract. Projected hours may be added to your Service Hours Form and will be verified against the sign-in sheets provided at each event worked. Please be sure to list the date, event name, time in and out, and total number of hours worked for each event on your Service Hours Form. Always remember to sign in and out with the chairperson at each event. Service Hours opportunities are published in our weekly News Notes and through contact via Chairpersons of the various events. Service Hours forms have been provided to each family opting for Service Hours per the Tuition Contract upon registration. Additional Service Hours Forms are available in the office for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Jezuit, Director of Student Affairs at [jezuitn@smeschool.com](mailto:jezuitn@smeschool.com) or 683-2112 x121. Thank you.

# BISON Fund

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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



## SCRIP

Scrip still has some low denomination gift cards in stock. They make great "thank you gifts" or Easter basket stuffers. Get them before they are gone!

Outback \$10    IHOP \$10    Barnes & Noble \$5    Applebee's \$10  
AMC \$10    Kohl's \$10    Olive Garden/Red Lobster \$10

Also, please note there will be no SCRIP order on Monday, March 13 due to the school holidays on Monday and Friday. There will be regular sales 8-10 am Tuesday-Thursday in the SCRIP office.

As always, thank you for your support of the SCRIP program.

## SME Drama Club

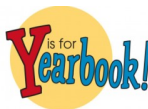
Play Patron Orders are due  
**February 27th.**

Please send your request to the attention of Kristen Helwig.

Email submissions can also be sent to [rapidog@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:kierjewskis@smeschool.com) to help/learn how to put the yearbook together.  
Thank you!



## Mother & Son Bingo

Thank you to all the Mothers & Sons that came out for our Bingo Event!

We are happy to announce that we will be donating \$110 to Catholic Charities from the proceeds of this event!

## Mega Raffle

**DEADLINE EXTENSION** – Thank you very much for the donations for the 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 electronic version of today's NewsNote.

Ticket sales are going very well! To date, **408** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle. There are only **242** tickets remaining - did you get yours?

Thank you to the **53** 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.

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 [megaraffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaraffle@smeschool.com) or 510-1409.

# February Freeze Tournament

Mark your calendars to cheer on the SME teams at the tournament!

Our Varsity girls first game will be Fri., 2/17 at 5:00 in the gym. Varsity 8 boys and Varsity 7 boys will play their first game of the tournament on Friday, 2/17 at 6:15 in the gym. Our JV boys 6 team will play on Saturday at 2:15 in the Parish Center, our JV girls 6 will play on Friday, 2/17 at 5:00 in the Parish Center, and JV girls 5 will play Saturday, 2/18 at 3:30. Hopefully all of our teams will make it to the Championship games on Sunday at 10:00 (JV girls), 11:15 (JV boys), 12:30 (Varsity boys), & 1:45 (Varsity girls).

Admission is \$1 for adults, children are free. At half-time of every game, we will have half-court shot, 3-point shot, and foul shooting contests with prizes. A huge variety of refreshments will be available in the cafeteria. Basket raffles and 50/50 raffles will be held as well. Hope you can join us for what's sure to be an awesome event!

Thank you to the many families who ordered February Freeze t-shirts! Our fans are going to look great and our school spirit will really show! You may pick up your t-shirts any time during the tournament at the admissions table. If you didn't get a chance to order, a limited quantity will be available for \$12 each at the admissions table.

Thank you to the many people who signed up to help volunteer and donate baskets for the raffle! If you or your place of business would like to donate a basket for our raffle, please deliver it to the Athletic Office prior to the tournament. If you haven't signed up to volunteer, we could still use more help collecting at the admissions table and selling concessions. Please visit the website to sign up: TimeToSignUp: SME February Freeze 2017.



## Athletics

This weekend is very exciting as SME is hosting the February Freeze basketball tournament! Games will start on Friday at 5:00! Show your school spirit and come to SME to watch some great basketball games all weekend long! There will be concessions, 1/2 court shot contests and a theme basket raffle! A special thank you to those individuals that gave a basket donation already. Baskets may be dropped off to the athletic office all week long. Thank you for your support and a very special thank to Julie Wolford for all the time and work that has gone into making the tournament happen this weekend!!!

Other Basketball news; A few teams have finished their basketball season. Players should keep their basketball uniforms until the banquet on Thursday, March 23rd. Lifetouch will be taking team photos for the yearbook at the banquet. More information regarding the banquet will be coming as it gets closer. Congratulations to the basketball teams that are finished for having very successful seasons and the coaches for their dedication and commitment!

Wow we have some serious talent here at SME. Thank you to the students and parents who came out for our 1st Paint Night. They all did a terrific job! If you were not able to make it this time, we will be having another paint night in the near future! Thank you to Mrs. Connors for all her expertise and time teaching Paint Night!





# What are they up to?

Mrs. Darling's third graders have learned about Sacramentals in Religion class. A Sacramental is a sacred sign that helps us prepare to receive the fruits of the sacraments. Through STREAM and the Engineering Design Briefs, students designed and created their own sacramental. The criteria for this challenge was that their sacramental must represent an aspect of our Catholic faith, show respect to God, have a base that measured an area of at least four square inches, include a prayer at least three sentences, and written on an index card.



Thank you to all the Middle School Students who were able to come out to the *Night in Paris* Dance sponsored by our NJHS! All proceeds from the dance will be donated to Children's Hospital.



*Congratulations to our January Christian Witness Recipients!*



Mrs. Chudyk's 6th grade science class attended Tift Nature Preserve for a winter science workshop. Their day included collecting snow to measure its temperature and pH, determining which insulation materials would work best for animals to keep warm in winter, and going for an outdoor hike, where they could watch birds land on their hands to eat seeds!



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January 26, 2017

Dear SME Family,

We would like to thank you for all that you do to make St. Mary's great! Without your support, the events and fundraisers that we hold would not be as successful as they are.

At this time, we are looking for donations for baskets to raise additional funds for this year's Mega Raffle on June 2, 2017.

Attached, is a list of items that we are collecting, separated by grade. If you are able to donate an item from your grade (you do not need to donate for more than more grade if you have multiple children enrolled), please reach out to me at [megaraffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaraffle@smeschool.com) with what item you will be sending in. We would like to avoid duplicates. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation in lieu of an item.

If you received a Christmas gift that you cannot use, we may be able to! Please label all items donated so that we can return them if we are unable to use them. If you have any new Buffalo sports gear (Bills, Sabres, Bisons, etc), or know someone that can supply tickets for games, we will gladly accept those as well!

All donated items can be turned in to the front office by 2/15/17.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Steve & Mary Kate DeMarzio (Mega Raffle Chair Couple)

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Grade

Items Requested

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PreK

Lottery tickets, Gift cards in denominations of \$5-\$10

K

Pet theme: Dog treats, cat treats, dog toys, cat toys, dog bed, cat tree/bed, dog shampoo, leashes, blankets, bowls

1<sup>st</sup>

Beach theme: towels, sunscreen, goggles, books, sunglasses, folding/lounge chair, sun umbrella, cooler, puzzle books, water bottles

2<sup>nd</sup>

Pasta theme: boxes of pasta, colander, serving bowl, cheese shaker, 2 wine glasses, salad bowl, salad tongs

3<sup>rd</sup>

Car detailing: bucket, soap, brush, tire/wheel cleaner, windshield cleaner, interior cleaner, towels, Delta Sonic GC

4<sup>th</sup>

Wedding theme: 2 champagne/wine glasses, bride/groom flip flops, Mr/Mrs pillows, blanket with wedding theme, wedding picture frames/albums, Mr/Mrs towels, Mr/Mrs wall hanging

5<sup>th</sup>

Home décor - **NEW items only**: vases, lamps, pillows, frames, wall decor (paintings, shelves, etc), blankets, candles

6<sup>th</sup>

Movie theme: movie theatre GCs, popcorn, popcorn bowls/bucket, DVDs, boxed/bagged candy, drinks

7<sup>th</sup>

\$2.00 for cash prize to be displayed in a frame

8<sup>th</sup>

Lottery tickets, Gift cards in denominations of \$5-\$10



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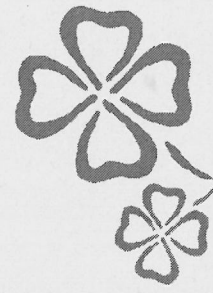
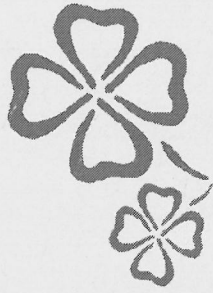
A new updated BISON Children's Scholarship Fund poster was mailed to all the schools last week. I encourage you to display this information on your school bulletin board. The highest scholarship amount for 2017-2018 will be **\$1,900** per child. Thank you for sharing this important information with 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](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.com).

Regards,

Cindy





St. Mary's of the Assumption Church

Lancaster, NY

Cordially invites

All seniors 70 years and older

to our

1<sup>st</sup> Senior Prom

Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

in Parish Center

from 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Please join us for an afternoon of live musical entertainment presented by the Lancaster School's Music Department, light refreshments, conversation, and even a little dancing. *ID not necessary.*

Please RSVP by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to Sister Therese at 683-8564.

