



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 1/11/2017

Happy Wednesday!

It looks like winter has decided to settle in and along with it, bring us some snow. Thank you for your understanding last week when due to the conditions we needed to cancel afterschool activities and even adjust our afternoon bussing. When situations like this arise, I will send out alerts such as the ones you received last week. The number that comes up on your phone will be (866) 419-5000. It does not come up as SME and I want you all to be aware of this.

We have several events coming up starting January 18th. Wednesday, 1/18, is our HSA meeting at 6:00. During this meeting a preview of tuition for the 17-18 school year will be presented. On Friday, 1/20, Ready, Set, Read and Battle of the Books will be taking place. We finish off the week with the Future City Competition on Saturday, 1/21. I hope that many of you will be taking part in these events.

I also wanted to share that we have a new pre-k teacher, Ms. Dutweiler, who joined our SME family on 1/3 and we will be welcoming a new 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Marrano, on 1/17. We want to wish Miss Trometer all the best at her new school!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



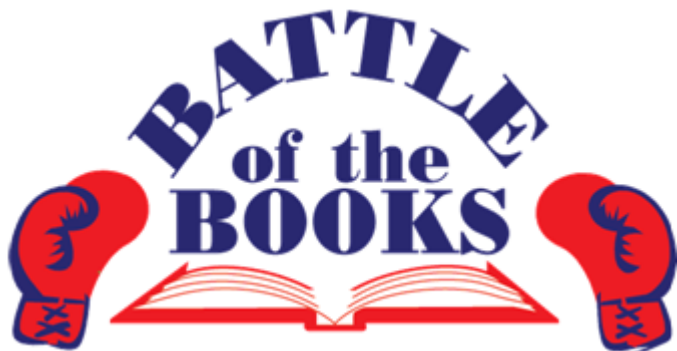
Upcoming Events

- 1/12 - Ready SET Read Dress Down
- 1/16 - No School - MLK Jr. Day
- 1/18 - HSA Meeting 6:00
- 1/20 - Ready SET Read / Battle of the Books
- 1/30 - 2/3 - Catholic Schools Week

Battle of the Books

The event will be held on Friday, January 20 from 6-8pm. Check out the school website for more information!

Tomorrow with the donation of one (or more) gently used book(s) your child may dress down in their favorite Buffalo Attire!



Chocolate Sale Parties

The Prize parties for our Chocolate Sale will be held Friday January 13th, 20th & 27th!

Teachers will receive a list of attendees and all parties will be held during the lunch periods.

We are in need of parent support on these days from 10:30 - 1:00. If you are able to come in and help, please email Mrs. Janik at janikj@smeschool.com.



BISON Fund

Please make note of the following information excerpted from a letter which will be included in today's blue folder...

Giving Parents a Choice. Giving Children a Chance.

Happy New Year!!! As we welcome 2017 we are ready to accept Pre-Applications for funding for the 2017-2018 school year. Families should apply on-line through our web-site at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The Pre-Application will only be available electronically again this year. The Pre-Application is only for families **new** to BISON. Our deadline is February 28, 2017.

Current families will be e-mailed a link to complete the re-qualification 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



Athletics



Last week, the 4th grade girls team won their game against OLBS 8 -2 and the 4th grade boys team beat Park school on Saturday, 11-6.

On Saturday, the Varsity girls team beat Nativity of O.P. 33-24 and Varsity boys won their game vs. Queen of Heaven 32-29 last week!

Congratulations to our basketball teams for having very successful seasons so far!

Reminder to all coaches... please email me your scores by Sunday night so they can be included in the news notes! Thank you kindly.

Saturday, Jan. 14th the following teams will be playing at SME:

12:30 SME 3-4-3 vs. QOH

1:30 SME JV5 vs. Park

2:30 SME 3-4-4 vs. ND

If anyone is available to sell concessions at any of these games, please email me at athletics@smeschool.com.

What are they up to?



"Rockin' Rollercoasters: Fun with Physics!" is an interdisciplinary STREAM academy (written by our own Mrs. Brinkworth) where the students did research on the history of roller coasters and the physics that they employ. Students had to test their new physics knowledge on a computer-generated coaster and then ultimately built their own marble run roller coaster that worked. The coaster that earned the highest points in the end for developing the most thrilling ride took home first prize. Students had to work within building constraints and utilize limited materials to achieve their goal.

SME Alumni Needed



St. Mary's Elementary School – Alumni Needed!

Are you a Graduate of St. Mary's Elementary School or do you know one? Did you know that each year we honor one of our former graduates at the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week in February? Please let us know about the accomplishments of an outstanding SME alum by nominating him/her for the 2017 St. Mary's Distinguished Graduate Award. Contact the school office at 683-2112 for a nomination form by January 20th, 2017. Or please visit our school website at www.smeschool.com for the application. Thank you!

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**Congratulations to our December 2016
Christian Witness Recipients!**

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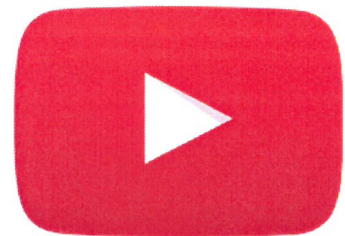
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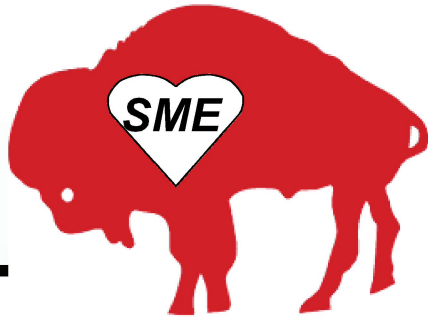
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A new updated BISON Children's Scholarship Fund poster was mailed to all the schools last week. I encourage you to display this information on your school bulletin board. The highest scholarship amount for 2017-2018 will be **\$1,900** per child. Thank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



Feel the Buffalove!

— DRESS-DOWN DAY —

**Bring a gently used book
to school on Thursday, January 12
and wear your favorite Buffalo gear!**

WHY? SET is collecting books for our book
sale at the **Battle of the Books/**

Ready, SET, Read night on January 20.

(This event is so much fun, so if you haven't signed up yet, please do!

Sign-up sheets were sent home in your
blue folder and are available in the school office.)

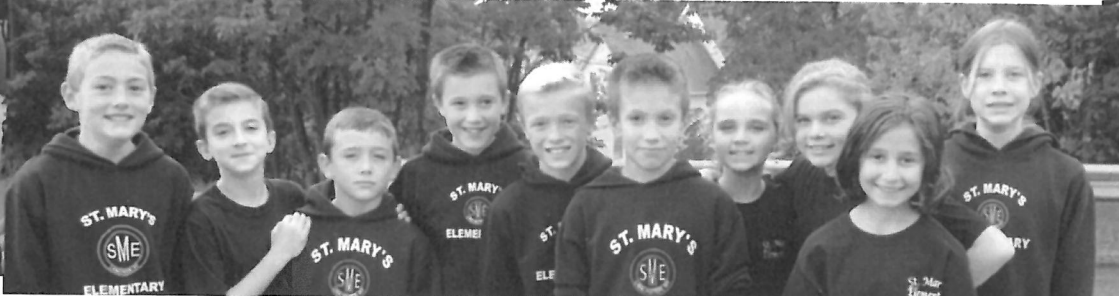
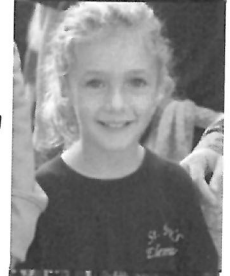
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the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go.”
-Dr. Seuss



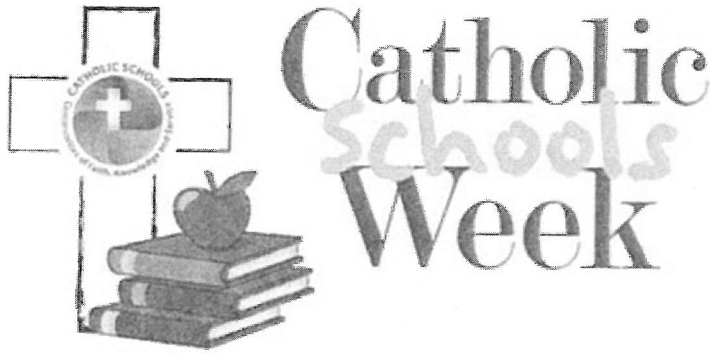
Parents/Families of SME

We are looking for your Spirit!

On January 30th, Catholic Schools Week will start and will end on February 4th, 2017. We would love to decorate our main hall with your testimonials as to why you love or chose St. Mary's Elementary School for your child and family. We would like each of our families to please write/type on white paper, special paper or however creative you would like to be, about WHY is SME important to you and your children, why do you love SME or what is important to you about Catholic Education here at SME. We hope you would also include a picture of your family or just your child(ren). We will be having our first Open House for NEW families on February 7th and we would like to keep these up for this purpose as well (our new perspective families LOVE to read these). Please be sure to sign all your names or just your family name. Again, these will be used in our hallways and around our school to show our school spirit for Catholic Schools Week (the children love seeing their pictures in the hallway too). This has become a tradition here in the past 5 years. Great Job SME let's do it again! If you are able to help us with this please return your testimonial into the school office by Friday, January 20th attention: Mrs. Kierejewski. Thank you!!



Look at all these amazing happy faces, and there are many more! So why did you choose SME?



SME CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS IS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH, 2017@ 4:30 PM

Hello SME Families,

We would like as many students as possible to attend and participate in St. Mary's Catholic Schools Week Mass taking place on Saturday February 4, 2017. This is an important Mass for the parish as many senior citizens come to this Mass. A significant segment of their parish contributions go toward our school. This Mass is a time for our students to be visible in the parish - so that parishioners see that their contributions are being put to good use.

Thank you for your consideration to have your family attend and your children participate!

If attending, students do need to wear their school uniforms.

Please indicate below if your student(s) will be attending and would like to participate in this Mass.

Return the below slip to school (attn. Mrs. Hoag) no later than Friday January 20, 2017.

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Kwitowski & Mrs. Hoag
Principal Campus Minister/Religion Teacher



Return to Mrs. Hoag by Friday January 20, 2017

SCHOOL MASS Saturday February 4 @ 4:30pm

My student(s) will be attending this Mass and would like to participate in leading this Mass.

Name(s) _____ Grade(s) _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Print Name

Signature

I would like to participate as (*please check*):

*You can check more than 1. If we get too many responses, we will draw by lottery.

____ Greeter

____ Gestures

____ Reader

____ Gift Bearer

____ Usher

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