



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 1/4/2017

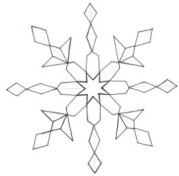
Happy Wednesday!

I would like to welcome everybody back and I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas. I am sure that Santa was good to all!

The start of 2017 brings many exciting events to SME. Ready, Set, Read on 1/20, Future City Competition on 1/21 and the Snowball Dance on 1/27 are just a few of the events coming up. I hope that many of you will be taking part in these events!

This new year also gives us a chance to reflect on ourselves and think about any changes that we may want to make for the new year. We should always strive to be the best possible person that we can be.

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

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

SET is excited to announce the book titles for Battle of the Books 2017!
The event will be held on Friday, January 20 from 6-8pm

The titles for the 4th & 5th grade are:

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
Crash by Jerry Spinelli

The titles for the middle school are:

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Registration and team sign-ups have begun. Please complete and send in the registration form which was sent home on 12/14. An electronic copy is also available with today's NewsNotes, via email or through the SME website.

Students may sign up their teams of 1-4 members in the library. You can check out the books at the school library. SET purchased three copies each of James and the Giant Peach, My Father's Dragon, and The Red Pyramid for the school library. The school library also has five copies of The Book Thief, more than 20 copies of Crash, and 50 copies of Hatchet. Happy Reading!!! Email any questions to jmwolford7473@yahoo.com.

Star Saver Program

Lancaster-Depew FCU Star Saver Program is available to all students in grades **K-6**. Students will be able to set up a savings account with the Credit Union and make weekly deposits at school. We will have a deposit box, located in the main office, where deposits can be made once a week. There will be a 'saver station' where students will have the opportunity to redeem stickers they have earned from their deposits for prizes. The deposit dates will be every Monday.

More information on this program is coming home in the blue folder today!



Reminders

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Any & all emails regarding changes in dismissal/absences etc... need to be sent to both your child's teacher as well as Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com. If a teacher is absent and emails are not sent to both parties, adjustments cannot be made appropriately.

If your child is going home on the bus with a friend the following steps must be taken as instructed by the district bus garages:

- * A Note from BOTH families must be received giving permission to send and receive each student. The notes will be photocopied together to be given to the bus driver.
- * Students **MUST** reside in the same school district. Crossing districts is prohibited by the transportation departments.

What are they up to?

Congratulations to the girls' 7th & 8th basketball team for winning third place at the Immaculate Conception tournament! Margaret Nawojski was selected for the All-Tournament Team.



More Living Nativity pictures...



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of gospel living."*

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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 4th and 5th grade division will be held in the cafeteria. The 6th, 7th & 8th grade division will be held in the gym. New this year: Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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.

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

Lancaster-Depew FCU Star Saver Club

Program Outline

Summary

A Youth Savings Program will be provided by the Lancaster-Depew FCU. Students will be able to set up a savings account with the Credit Union and make weekly deposits at school. Each school will have a deposit box, located at their main office, where deposits can be made once a week. There will be a "Saver's Station" where students will have the opportunity to redeem stickers they have earned from their deposits for prizes. The frequency, date, and location of this day are to be determined by each individual school. This program will be available to all elementary students in Lancaster Schools (K-3).

Deposit Days

A "deposit day" will occur once every week. The main office will house the secure lock box for deposits. Students can make a deposit into their Star Saver account by filling out a deposit slip, placing the slip and money or check (s) inside their pouch, and dropping them in the secure lock box before morning announcements begin.

A Credit Union employee will come to the school at a specified time to pick up deposits. They will log each deposit by name, and have this information verified by a designated office staff member. The credit union employee will place any stickers for that week in each student's pouch. The pouches will be placed in the corresponding teacher mailboxes to be handed back to students in class.

Reward System

Students will earn 1 sticker for every dollar saved up to a maximum of 5 stickers weekly. These stickers will be given weekly and placed in their pouches. Stickers can be placed in the Star Sticker Book provided to each student. Students can earn prizes based on the number of stickers accumulated. Prizes get better with higher amounts of stickers. Students have the option to save their stickers or turn them in right away. Any student who wishes to choose a prize from one of the tiered prize bins will turn in their sticker book and receive a new one.

Tiered prize levels are as follows:

Completed Star Sticker Books – Choose 1 Prize from our "Grand Prize" bin

30-49 Stickers – Choose from the GREEN prize bin

10-29 Stickers – Choose from the BLUE prize bin

Any student that has less than 10 stickers will be given a small prize and can keep adding to their sticker book the next month.



LancasterDepew
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION



STAR SAVER CLUB

YOUTH SAVINGS PROGRAM

Open a savings account for your child with our in-school savings program! Help your child learn about money management and personal responsibility, all while making actual deposits into their new savings account.

Students will earn stickers and prizes and participate in educational and fun events centered around financial literacy and education. Help your child save for their future starting today!

Please sign attached card to begin the
account opening process



Your savings federally insured to
at least \$250,000 and backed by
the full faith and credit of the
United States Government



WHAT IS IT?

A youth savings program, supported by the Lancaster-Depew Federal Credit Union, that introduces students at St. Mary's elementary to the benefits of saving.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students were introduced to the program via school mailing to their parents in December. They brought information home to their parents to get their account set up.

Once the account is set up, they can participate in our weekly deposit days that will start at the beginning of January. Students will receive a pouch for their deposits, and will drop these deposits into a lock box every week in the morning at school. This lock box will then be collected by **MARY SULLIVAN**. For every deposit the student makes, they earn 1 sticker. Once they accumulate 20 stickers they can turn their sticker book in for a prize!

ST. MARY'S DEPOSIT DAYS

Monday, January 2nd
Monday, January 9th
Monday, January 16th
Monday, January 23rd
Monday, January 30th

Monday, February 6th
Monday, February 13th
Monday, February 27th

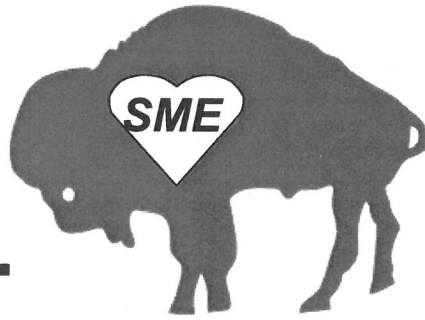
Monday, March 6th
Monday, March 13th
Monday, March 20th
Monday, March 27th

Monday, April 3rd
Monday, April 17th
Monday, April 24th

Monday, May 1st
Monday, May 8th
Monday, May 15th
Monday, May 22nd
Monday, May 29th

Monday, June 5th
Monday, June 12th





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.)

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