



# NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School

3/22/2017

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody had a chance to come out and see our production of Annie Jr. this past weekend. It was fabulous! I couldn't be prouder of our cast and crew for all of their hard work. It definitely showed. I was happy to see so many of our families at the performances as well. A huge "Thank You" needs to be sent out to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fudoli. The countless hours of hard work and dedication that they put into the play to make it such a success for our students is amazing and to be commended. THANK YOU!!

Please note, the Meat Raffle scheduled for this Friday, 3/24 has been cancelled.

Next week our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the NYS ELA Assessments on 3/28-3/30. Also next week, 3/31, our students will present the Living Stations at 1:00 and 7:00.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



### Upcoming Events

- 3/23 - Sports Banquet 6:00
- 3/23 - Book Swap - Part I
- 3/24 - Book Swap - Part II
- 3/28 - 3/30 - NYS Testing, Grades 4 & 8
- 3/31 - Living Stations 1:00 & 7:00
- 4/3 - 1:00 Dismissal & Dress Down Day
- 4/6 - Easter Candy Pick Up
- 4/7 - Christian Witness Mass
- 4/10 - 4/17 - Spring Break
- 4/18 - School Resumes
- 4/25 - 4/27 - Spring Book Fair
- 4/26—Spring Open House, Art Show, HSA Meeting

Due to the snow days last week, the Early Registration Discount date will be extended until Friday, March 24. After this date, the full Commitment Fee rate will apply.

All Service Hours Forms were due Wednesday, March 15. Due to the snow days last week, the submission date will be extended until Friday, March 24. After this date, fees may be assessed for any unfilled hours. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Jezuit at [jezuitn@smeschool.com](mailto:jezuitn@smeschool.com).

Thank you.

## Mega Raffle

Ticket sales are going very well! To date, **455** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle.  
*There are only 195 tickets remaining - did you get yours?*

Thank you to the **75** 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.

**INCENTIVE:** The first 50 families to sell 5 or more tickets will earn \$50.00 in SCRIP credit. **6 families have sold 5 or more tickets so far, and one of those families has sold 13!**

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

Flyers are available on the Mega Raffle tab of the school website as well as in the front office if you would like to bring them to your place of business - people love a raffle!

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fund raiser 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. 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.

If you are interested in joining our committee, or earning service hours (we are in need of volunteers happy night of the event), please contact Mary Kate DeMarizo at [me garaffle@smeschool.com](mailto:me garaffle@smeschool.com) or 510-1409.

# Bison Fund

Giving Parents a Choice. Giving Children a Chance.

Welcome to March!!! It's a busy month for BISON!

The deadline for the Pre-Application was February 28, 2017 and we will be holding a lottery drawing to award new scholarships on March 10, 2017. Any family that applies after the deadline will be placed on our waiting list. We do take families off the waitlist as more funds become available so please continue to encourage families to apply. I will be notifying families with the results of the lottery drawing by e-mail on March 13, 2017. If a family is selected to receive funding, they will receive a link to complete a full application online. The deadline for new families to complete the full application is April 30, 2017.

The deadline for families to recertify for the 2017-2018 school year is March 31, 2017. We mailed our families a letter notifying them of the new online procedure and to verify that we had the correct email address on file. On February 13<sup>th</sup> we sent them an email with the link to recertify for the upcoming school year. As a reminder, they have the capability to upload their financial documents in step 3 of the process. If they are unable to upload them, they will have the option to print a cover letter and mail them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy McDonald at 716-854-0869 ext. 1 or [cmcdonald@bisonfund.com](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.com).

## Athletics

The winter sports banquet is tomorrow night, Thursday, March 23rd starting at 6:00. The banquet program will begin promptly at 6:15 so please arrive on time. Players should arrive wearing their team jersey for a team photo that will be taken by Lifetouch for the yearbook. (The team jersey will be turned in and collected by your head coach at the banquet.) Individual photos and team photos may be purchased. Order forms will be available and payment is due with order form. Cash or checks made payable to: Lifetouch will be accepted.

I would like to thank all of the families for their cooperation on Friday, March 10th for sending in the necessary outfit for the Spring team photos! (Soccer, Varsity girls softball and Varsity boys volleyball) The athletes looked great in the photos and you will see them in the yearbook this year! If you would like to order a team photo, please get an order form from the main office. (Checks made payable to: Lifetouch)

A special thank you is extended to Christine Meyo for all of her time and dedication to getting the photos for sports and club pictures taken. Thank you to Chris Wanat for helping distribute the uniforms to the Spring team athletes! (Parents: your athlete brought home their soccer or softball jersey on 3/10/17. Please keep in a safe place until their season begins.)

Congratulations to our 4th grade girls basketball team & 6th grade boys basketball team for both winning the Christ the King basketball tournament! Here are 2 interesting facts: it was the first time Christ the King had a 4th grade division and our girls were the 1st winners and all received individual trophies! Coaches Jen & Nick Fulciniti: Congrats on your 1st tournament win! Our 6th grade boys team ended their season with an outstanding record, 22-0! Congrats to Coaches Mike Wolford & Steve Wass on a very successful season!



## Tuition Discount

Registration is going strong for the 17-18 school year! We would like to thank all Pre-K and K-8 families who will be joining our SME family next year by offering a \$50 discount off your tuition if you decide to pay your tuition in full by July 15, 2017. Payment will only be accepted by Check or Cash in order to receive this \$50 discount. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Jezuit, Director of Student Affairs at [jezuitn@smeschool.com](mailto:jezuitn@smeschool.com). Thank you!!



Attention: Parents of SME who will have a child ready to enter **Pre-School** for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in a spot for your child, please request a Registration Packet to be sent home, as our classes are beginning to fill up quickly. Thank you!

What are they up to?

## **Congratulations to the Cast & Crew of Annie Jr. for an outstanding performance!**



**A Special Thank You goes out to Mrs. Fudoli, Mrs. Smith, Mr. R.J.,  
Mr & Mrs. Ziomek & Mrs. Wanat for all you did  
to make the show happen!**

Thank you very much for the donations for the  
Mega Raffle 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 last NewsNote or email  
[megaraffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaraffle@smeschool.com) to see how you can help!

### *Lenten Offerings*

Parents, Lenten Boxes and Cards were sent home a few weeks ago. Each year the students of SME participate in collecting donations (spare change) in their boxes to help with raising money for Catholic Charities. If your child is able to collect a donation we will need the boxes or cards back to the school office by March 31<sup>st</sup>. All proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities. Thank you!

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of gospel living."*

### *Yearbook Orders*

Ordering your yearbook(s) online  
[ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) - Yearbook code #1501617  
is a fast, easy, convenient & reassuring way to order!  
The order deadline is April 3, 2017 for all orders.

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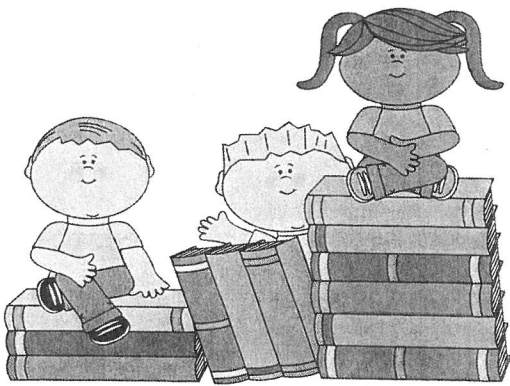


# The Book Swap

On Thursday, March 23rd and Friday, March 24th, 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

2-5: at least one book must be a grade appropriate chapter book

Our next swap will start on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We hope you will encourage your students to participate!

Unfortunately, due to previous lack of participation, middle school will not be included in this swap.

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

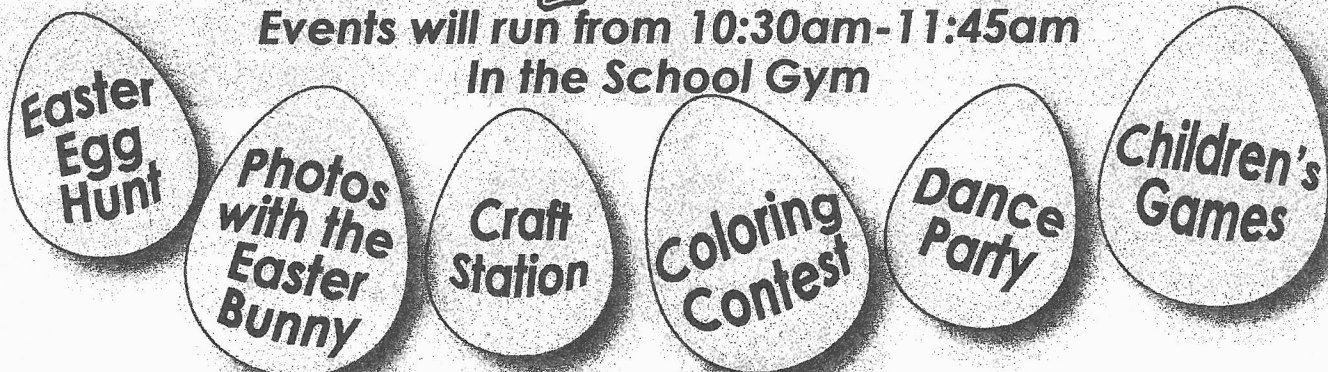
# Easter Bunny Brunch!

St. Mary of the Assumption Church  
1 St. Mary's Hill Lancaster, NY 14086

## Saturday, April 15th

### Doors Open at 10am

Events will run from 10:30am-11:45am  
In the School Gym



\$4 per child (adults free)

Includes: Cereal, Juice, Pastries, Fresh Fruit & Bagels



Reservations Necessary!!

Please return the form below with payment to the Rectory by April 7th

Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_