



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School

3/29/2017

Happy Wednesday!

This week Thursday, 3/30/17, we are going to have our first NUT (no uniform to-day) day! For a \$1.00 donation to Catholic Charities, your student may dress down. I am planning on having more NUT days throughout the remainder of the year!

On Friday, 3/31, our students will present the Living Stations at 1:00 and 7:00. Please join us in the church for this wonderful presentation by our 8th graders.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



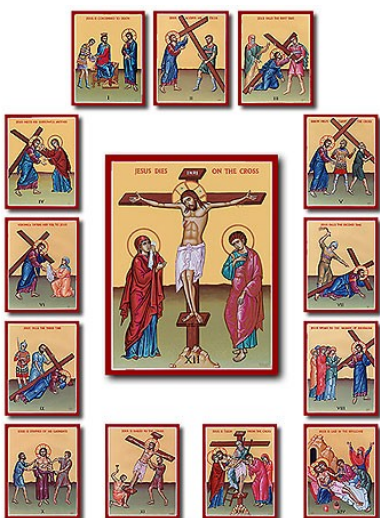
Upcoming Events

- 3/28 - 3/30 - NYS ELA Testing, Grades 4 & 8
- 3/30 - NUT Day! \$1.00 Dress Down
- 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

8th Grade Living Stations of the Cross Presentation Friday March 31st 1:00pm & 7:00pm St. Mary's Church

The 8th Grade Presentation of the Stations of The Cross will take place on Friday March 31st at 1:00pm and at 7:00pm that same evening in the Church. It is a long held tradition at SME that the 8th graders present this Lenten event. We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special form of prayer.

Presenting the Stations of the Cross live is a unique way to bring the Passion before others and it is also an exceptional means of contemplating Jesus' love for humanity.



Mega Raffle

Ticket sales are going very well! To date, **481** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle.
There are only 169 tickets remaining - did you get yours?

Thank you to the **87** 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. **2 families have sold 5 tickets, 2 families have sold 6, one family has sold 7, one family has sold 10 and one family has sold 14!**

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 the night of the event), please contact Mary Kate DeMarizo at megaraffle@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 13th 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.

Athletics

Thank you to everyone that attended the winter sports banquet! It was a great evening honoring all of our amazing basketball teams and their coaches!



A special thank you is extended to Ann Murphy and Cory Brown for all of their years of service helping with the banquets and also to all of you that assisted in the kitchen or with clean up! Thank you so much for all of your hard work!

Spring sports teams:

All soccer, softball and volleyball players; your child's coach will contact you at their earliest convenience. They will inform you of the practice and game schedule as soon as it becomes available to them. Thank you for your patience with this!

Cafeteria Corner

Hello parents and grandparents!

Now that the weather is beginning to get warmer, we will soon be able to head outside for recess after lunch!! The students need your help though, as I am unable to take them out unless I have two volunteers present. Please contact me at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com or 510-1409 if you're available to sign up.

Also, I ask that you please refrain from parking in the section of the lot closest to the grass/hill, as this is our play area. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!

Mary Kate DeMarzio
Head Lunch Monitor



The Book Fair is Coming!

The Scholastic Spring BOGO Book Fair will take place Wed. 4/26 - Fri. 4/28. Start saving your change for our Coin Challenge! A flyer is coming home today outlining the theme days and coin requested. All money raised will go towards All For Books which helps buy books for the classrooms & library! There will be raffles for every grade and for volunteers!

Volunteers are needed for set up on Tues. April 25th from 11:30 - 2:00. Wednesday, 8:20 - 2:00 & 6:00 - 8:00 during our Open House, Thursday 8:20- 2:00 & Friday 8:20 - 3:00 which includes disassembling the fair. If you are interested in helping please email Jayne O'Grady at shortyograde7@gmail.com or call 713-8332. There will be a special raffle for all volunteers for \$25 worth of books!

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. 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?

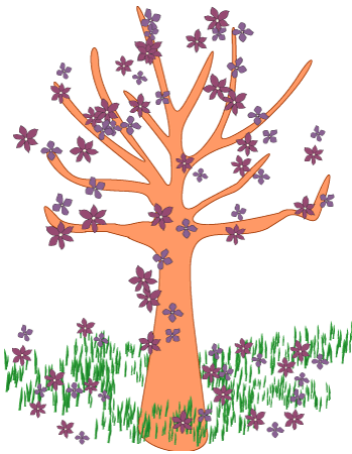


Congratulations
Christine and Margaret!

Christine received Honorable
Mention all-star team
& Margaret received First
Team all star and All conference team all-star.



The 6th graders participated
in Earth Hour 2017 during
their Physical Education
class. On Monday, they
played "Scatterball" with the
lights off from 1 - 2 pm.



SME's 4th grade girls basketball team closed their 2016-2017 season with a tournament win at Christ the King School in Snyder, New York. The tournament has a forty year history, with SME taking girls varsity wins in 1991 and 1988. Our school can now proudly boast of tremendous play in 2017, not only by our 4th grade girls, but our 6th grade boys, as well. Our girls have made incredible strides since first signing up to play last year. The final game was capped off with trophies for each of the girls, a trophy for our school and special recognition for the game MVP, Isabella. Each player deserves a spotlight for team contributions. Our eleven contributors are as follows; Kaitlyn, Marissa, Mia, Mae, Madison, Elena, Kara, Katelyn, Isabella, Ashleigh and Anna. Congratulations, 4th grade girls! You've earned this moment, these great memories. Even SME has captured the March Madness spirit.



Thank you very much for the donations for the Mega Raffle gift baskets. We will continue to accept donations through April 15th. Please refer to the list of requested items from each grade included in the last NewsNote or email megaraffle@smeschool.com to see how you can help!

Are you or someone you know getting rid of an apartment sized refrigerator? We are looking to replace the fridge in the school office with a slightly larger one in order to hold extra supplies for the nurse. If you are able to help, please email Mrs. Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com. Thank you!

Scrip

The 2016/2017 SCRIP year ended on Monday, March 20. Thank you for your support of the SME SCRIP Program.

Consider purchasing a Fowler's Chocolate gift card through the SCRIP program for your Easter candy needs. Fowler's gift cards offer 40% profit. Dark Forest Chocolate Makers (located in the Village of Lancaster) gift certificates are also available at 10% profit.

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 31st. All proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities. Thank you!

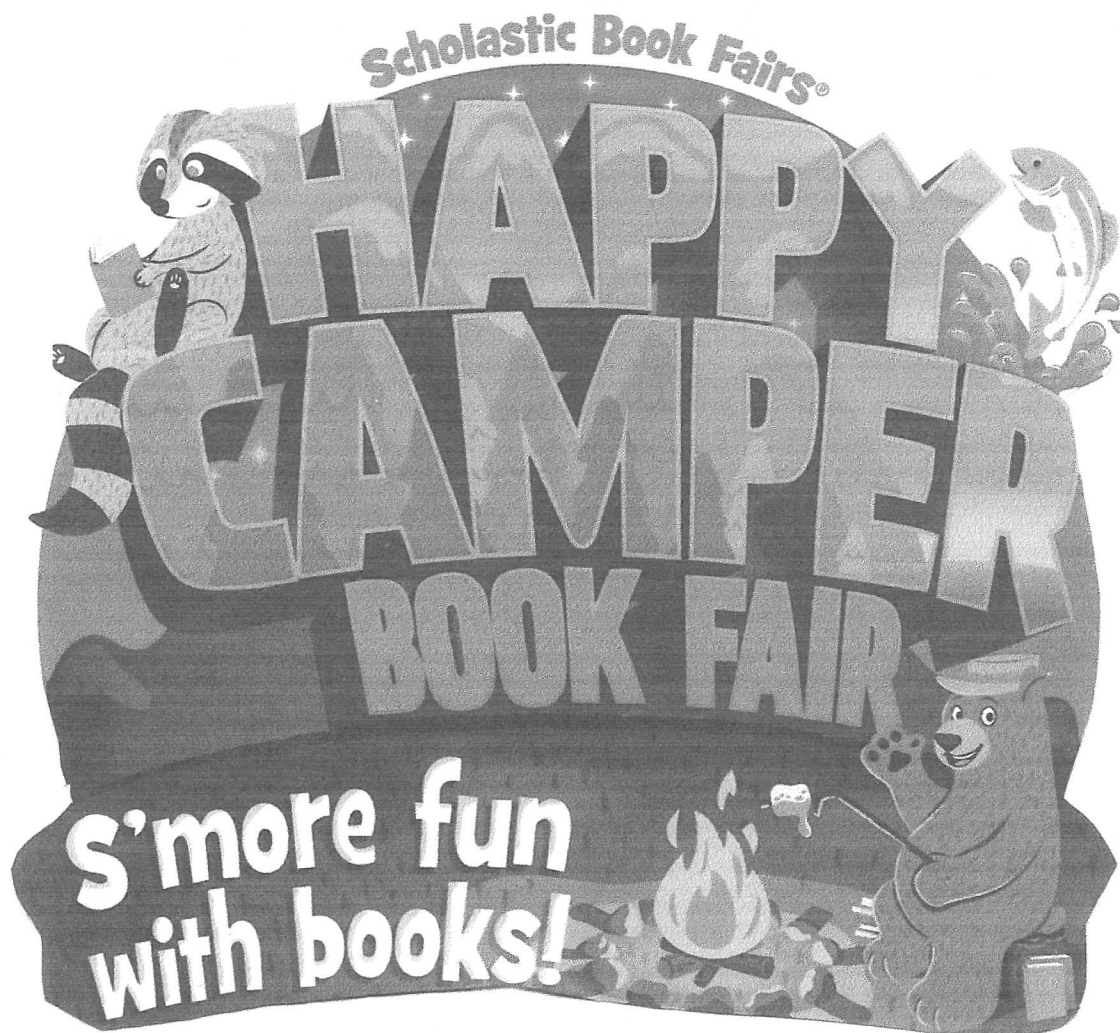
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of gospel living."

Yearbook Orders

Ordering your yearbook(s) online
ybpay.lifetouch.com - 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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Join us in our coin challenge to help build our
Teachers' classroom libraries and our School library!

Trail Mix-it Up Tuesday (April 18th) ---PENNIES

Mix or match everything you wear for pennies

Buggin out for Books Pajama Day (April 19th) ---NICKELS

Pjs day for nickels

Camo/ USA Thursday (April 20th) ---DIMES

Dress in Camouflage or Red, White & Blue for dimes

Favorite Friday (April 21st) ---QUARTERS

Bring in quarters for drop everything and read your Favorite book

**Scholastic matches donations with a donation of up to
One million dollars in books to charities
Such as the Kids in Need Foundation!**

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