



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School

5/10/2017

Happy Wednesday!

Tonight is our State of the School Address and International Night from 6-8 pm. You can begin touring the "world" through our classrooms immediately following the address.

On Friday, May 12th will be our May Crowning Mass. We would love for the students to bring flowers to place in vases at the statue of Mary following Mass. In the evening, National Junior Honor Society will be hosting a Hollywood Themed dance. Coming up next week will be the Spring Concert on 5/16 at 1:00 and the Hope Ribbon Mass on 5/19.

A reminder: Our classes are filling up so, if you have not re-registered yet and you are planning on doing so, please send in your forms and fees as soon as possible.

I am also asking that you check on your VIRTUS accounts. It is very important for all volunteers to stay current on their bulletins.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Upcoming Events

- 5/10 - State of the School Meeting, 6:00pm, International Night
- 5/10 - NUT Day - \$1.00 for SET
- 5/12 - May Crowning
- 5/12 - NJHS Dance 7-9:00
- 5/16 - Spring Concert 1:00
- 5/19 - Hope Ribbon, 7th & 8th Grade
- 5/24 - NUT Day - \$1.00 for JDRF
- 5/25 - School Mass, Ascension Thursday
- 5/26 - NO SCHOOL
- 5/29 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial

SME's 1st International Night!

We would like to invite you to SME's International Night on May 10th, 2017. International Night will immediately begin after Saint Mary's Elementary *State of the School Meeting*. Our students have been actively preparing to showcase their countries of study in the classrooms. Come explore the world! Taste samples of food from various countries, learn about cultures, and explore how humanity is all connected in this world that God created for us.

Mega Raffle

Ticket sales are going very well! To date, **603** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle.
There are only 47 tickets remaining - did you get yours?

Thank you to the **131** families who have sold or purchased tickets as part of the fundraising option of the tuition agreement.

All tickets were to be paid in full by 4/15/17. If you have not yet sold or purchased your tickets, please contact me ASAP. **As of this point, all remaining tickets will be made available to the community, and you will be responsible for the \$200 payment, without the guarantee of receiving tickets.**

INCENTIVE: Each family that sells 5 or more tickets will earn \$50.00 in SCRIP credit. **7 families have sold 5 tickets, 1 family has sold 6, 1 family has sold 7, 3 families have sold 8, 1 family has sold 9, 1 family has sold 11 tickets and 1 family has sold 18 tickets!**

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

Flyers are available 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.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for making our Spring Book Fair a bigger success than the last two years, especially Mrs. O'Grady!

It was the support of all of the families with our coin challenge & dress down days, not to mention all the workers that made it such a great success!

Read On & we'll see you at the Fall Fair!



Another shout out to all of the great parent support we had during this years Penny Fair!

There were smiles and prizes galore as fun was
had by all... young and old!



Save the Date!

⇒ **5/12 - NJHS Hollywood Theme Dance, 7-9:00**

We are still in need of parent chaperones. If you are interested and available please email Mrs. Wojnar at wajnarn@smeschool.com.

⇒ **5/24 - \$1.00 Dress Down benefiting JDRF**

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas loses the ability to produce insulin - a hormone essential to turning food into energy. It strikes both children and adults and is unrelated to diet and lifestyle. With T1D, there are no days off, no cure (yet) and they have it for their whole life. Through fundraising efforts, we have the power to turn Type One into Type None. Won't you help us?! To join the O'Grady team for this years JDRF One Walk please contact Jayne text/call 716-713-8332 or email shortyograde7@gmail.com.

Cafetería Corner

Hello parents and grandparents!

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we will 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. We are most in need of volunteers Mondays-Thursdays. 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!

Please contact me at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com or 510-1409 if you're available to sign up.

Mary Kate DeMarzio



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?

Our 8th Grade class enjoyed a *Book Tasting* last week. Students "tasted" seven books with a similar theme (persevering through tragedy) in a restaurant-like setting. Based on their choices, they will be put into groups and complete a group project analyzing their selected novel!



Roses are red, violets are blue
Your poem was read, and we're so proud of you!

Congratulations to the winners of our Poetry Contest:

PreK: Cecelia
2nd Grade: Emily
3rd Grade: Charlotte, Lillian, Gabby
4th Grade: Ethan, Anna, Jamison
5th Grade: Salvatore, David, Isabella
7th Grade: Joe, Nicole and Claire, Aloise

Poetry

Scrip

New Retailers: Prime Membership from Amazon.com. A one year membership is \$99 plus applicable taxes for physical and ScripNow eCards with an 8% rebate. Also, Audible.com Gold Gift Membership is \$45 for a 3 month membership. Both physical and ScripNow eCards are available with an 8% Rebate.

We have a limited number of special small denomination gift cards available, perfect for teacher and grad gifts! These cards will only be available while supplies last, so don't wait to place your orders. The following cards are available:

Amazon \$10 Applebees \$10 Barnes & Noble \$5
CVS Pharmacy \$10 Olive Garden \$10
Starbucks \$5 Target \$10

For a complete list, please go to www.shopwithscrip.com.

Thank you for your continued support
of the SCRIP program!

Pre-K Donations Needed

Pre-K needs your help! We are looking for gently-used tricycles and bikes that are safe to use on our newly resurfaced gym floors.

Bikes must have rubber tires/wheels only, not hard plastic tires/wheels like big wheels. As you start your spring cleaning and come across bikes that your children have outgrown, please keep us in mind!

If you have such items or have any questions, please email Ms. Jones Jonesk@smeschool.com or drop your donation off in the main office.

Thank you!!
~ Pre-K Team



Sports

Attention to all 8th grade athletes: Please remember to turn in your self-nominated essay for the Athlete of the Year by this Friday, May 12th. No late submissions will be accepted.

If you are interested in joining the summer running club/ cross country, please remember to turn in the interest form that was included in last weeks NewsNote to Julie Wolford at your earliest convenience.



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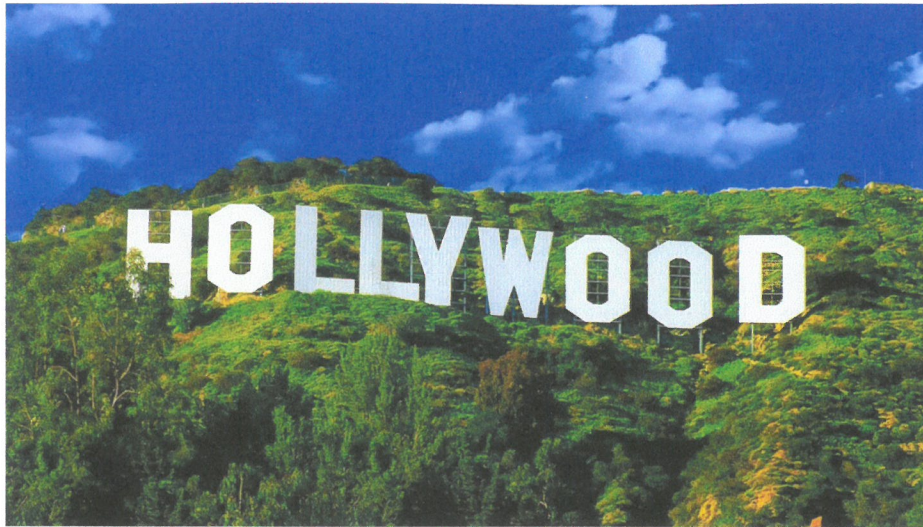


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NJHS DANCE!!!



Where: SME Parish Center

When: May 12th 7:00pm -9:00pm

Theme: Hollywood

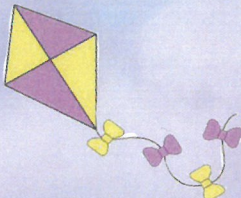
**Admission is only \$5 and there will be a
gift card giveaway and raffle baskets**

**Pizza, Pop and other treats will be
served for \$1.00**



Come Fly A Kite For Homeless Veterans

please join us for a Free Family Event





**June 3rd, 2017
12noon ~ 4p.m.
Gratwick Waterfront Park
North Tonawanda, NY**

**Food & Refreshments will be available for purchase
(please do not bring any alcohol)**

Free Kites will be available for everyone

**Any questions please call
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Donations will be accepted. All proceeds will go to help Homeless Veterans in WNY





SPRING CONCERT

Please join us Tuesday, May 16 at 1:00 in the Gym for our Spring Concert

“A Community of Peace”

Students in Grades K-8 will be performing.

We hope you will be able to join us!