



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School

5/17/2017

Happy Wednesday!

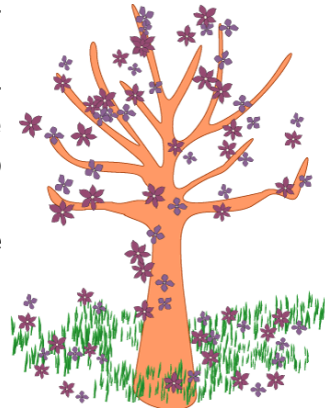
Thank you to all of our families that attended our State of the School Address and 1st Annual International Night. The students did an amazing job at bringing the feel of their particular country to the classroom. I have already received some suggestions as to how to make it even bigger and better next year.

Our 8th grade students will be receiving their Hope Ribbons at a Mass on Friday, 5/19. The ribbons that our 8th graders receive are symbols of the hope that the whole school community has for their future successes on their path through High School.

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. Included in this weeks blue folder are new copies of the Uniform Volunteer Questionnaire and Code of Conduct. These forms will need to be completed and returned in an envelope Attn: VIRTUS. We are beginning to update our files and prepare for the new school year. Anyone who is planning to help in any way at the school will need to have one on file. Additional copies are available and can be sent home by emailing Mrs. Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Upcoming Events

- 5/19 - Hope Ribbon, 7th & 8th Grade, *No Mass for PreK-6*
- 5/24 - NUT Day - \$1.00 for JDRF
- 5/25 - School Mass, Ascension Thursday
- 5/26 - NO SCHOOL
- 5/29 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 6/2 - Mega Raffle 7:00
- 6/5 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down
- 6/8 - Pre-K 3 Last Day
- 6/9 - Christian Witness Mass, Pre-K 4 Last Day
- 6/12 - Kindergarten Graduation

Mega Raffle

Ticket sales are going very well! To date, **623** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle.
There are only 27 tickets remaining - did you get yours?

Thank you to the **133** 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. **6 families have sold 5 tickets, 1 family has sold 6, 3 families have sold 7, 2 families have sold 8, 1 family has sold 9, 1 family has sold 10 tickets, 1 family has sold 11 tickets and 1 family has sold 19 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.

Pre-K Donations

Pre-K needs your help! We are looking for gently-used tricycles and bikes that are safe to use on our newly re-surfaced 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

Looking for an outstanding basketball camp this summer for your son/daughter? Hilbert College runs a great camp that I highly recommend! You can register online by going to www.hilberthawks.com. Receive a \$25.00 discount by registering before June 1st!

IMPORTANT: For the safety of your son/daughter, please arrive on time when picking up your athlete from a game/practice. It is also very important to have your child's arrangements made to and from games by YOU prior to the date of the scheduled event. Please be more considerate of this for the remainder of your child's spring season. Thank you for your cooperation!

The season opener for the SME 2nd grade Mites was an amazing example of athletic talent. The team held on to an early lead over St. Greg's winning the game 10-1. Goals were scored by Jack and Marin. The Mites defense was strong throughout the entire game! The Mites continue their season today! Way to go!



Save the Date!

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

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HSA Update: Thank you to everyone for making this year's Easter Chocolate Sale a success. With your help we were able to earn a profit of \$ 5,168! All profits raised by fundraising efforts go right back to our school via check donations as well as into the events for our children such as the penny fair and school picnic!

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!!

Cafeteria 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



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?

For the 3rd year in a row, our 7th graders hand made rosaries (in religion class) for our 3rd graders in honor of their First Communion. Our 7th graders prayed for our 3rd graders while making the rosaries. Additionally, each 7th grader wrote a message to a third grader encouraging them on their journey of faith. Father Paul blessed the rosaries and our 3rd graders at Mass on May 12th.



Students in fourth grade were learning about electricity. Through the ESP kits from STREAM, the students were able to make several types of electric currents and write about each one.



Mrs. Heater's 5th graders created models to illustrate the layers of the Earth. Students were able to use any materials to show the crust, mantle, outer core, and the inner core of the Earth. Additionally, students included information they learned such as the thickness, state of matter, temperature, and composition of each layer.

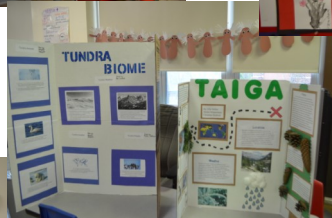
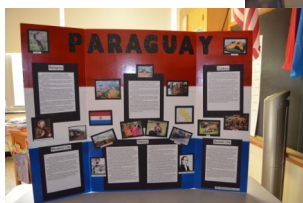


Kindergartners made piñata's during their Spanish class!



Congratulations to our April Christian Witness Award Winners!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our 1st International Night!
What a great event traveling around the globe as you traveled around the school!



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**Having trouble deciding what to do with your kids this summer?
Check out St. Mary's Elementary**



July 10th – August 11th

Monday-Friday 8am-2pm

St. Mary's Elementary

2 St. Mary's Hill | Lancaster, NY

716-683-2112

School age: entering grade 1-grade 6

- Children will get involved in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities every day. Craft and sport activities will keep them busy! Our teachers will be running this camp, so activities to reinforce Math and ELA skills will also be included every day. Keep your students busy and help them get ready for the next school year with us!

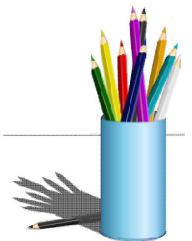


Each camp is **\$30/day per child for 6 hours** of camp each day.

After one child is paid for, each sibling gets a 10% discount.

Registration and payment is due by **May 31st**.

Limited spots are available, so please reserve your spot today!



5 days/week	3 days/week	2 days/week	*Please indicate on your registration form which weeks & days your child will attend
5 weeks- \$750	5 weeks- \$450	5 weeks- \$300	
3 weeks- \$450	3 weeks- \$270	3 weeks- \$180	
1 week- \$150	1 week- \$90	1 week- \$60	

- Please provide the following: a peanutfree snack & lunch, water bottle and sunscreen will need to be sent in with your child each day.
- Weather appropriate clothes (we may be going out each day) and sneakers (please no flip flops or sandals) are a must.

Contact Mrs. Wojcik at wojcikk@smeschool.com for school age camp questions.

We also offer a camp for children in Pre-K/K:

- Contact Kristen Jones at jonesk@smeschool.com with Pre-K camp questions.

SME 1st- 6th Grade Summer Camp 2017

Please fill out and sign registration form. Submit form and fee to the main office by **May 31, 2017**.

1. Child's Name _____ Child's DOB _____
 2. Child's Name _____ Child's DOB _____
 3. Child's Name _____ Child's DOB _____
 Home Address _____ Home Phone # _____
 Parents' Names _____ Mother's Cell # _____ Mother's Work # _____
 Email Address _____ Father's Cell # _____ Father's Work# _____

Please list the names & numbers of two alternate adult contacts, available during program hours in case of an emergency:

Name _____ Relationship to Child _____
 Home # _____ Cell # _____

Name _____ Relationship to Child _____
 Home # _____ Cell # _____

Please list any medical concerns or allergies. _____

Week:	Please circle which days your child(ren) will attend:
July 10 th -14 th	M Tu W Th F
July 17 th -21 st	M Tu W Th F
July 24 th -28 th	M Tu W Th F
July 29 th -August 2 nd	M Tu W Th F
August 7 th -11 th	M Tu W Th F

I understand that Summer Camp runs from 8:00am-2:00pm Monday through Friday, from July 10-August 11, 2017 and that the cost indicated on the flyer is due at the time of registration. I understand that class size is limited, and that spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. No phone or mail in registration will be accepted. SME reserves the right to cancel due to insufficient registration.

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

Office Use Only- _____
 (Registration Form and Fee Received- Date and Time)

Each year, JDRF One Walk brings together thousands of people to change the futures of everyone living with Type 1 diabetes (T1D). Many have T1D themselves, and many more are friends, family, or coworkers of someone challenged by the disease. No matter what their connection is, they fundraise and walk because they believe in a world where T1D no longer exists.

Please join us on the JDRF One Walk on June 11, 2017 or make a donation. Together, we can change the future for everyone affected by T1D.

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JDRF is the only global organization with the plan, influence, and the ability to progressively remove T1D from people's lives. Through our Fundraising efforts, we have the power to turn Type One into Type None. Won't you help us!

To join the O'Grady team, please contact Jayne O'Grady text/call @ 716-713-8332 or email shortyogrady7@gmail.com

Buffalo JDRF One Walk **Sunday, June 11, 2017**

Delaware Park - 300 Parkside Ave., Bflo
Check In: 9:00a.m. Walk Begins: 11:00a.m.

The Book Swap

On Thursday, May 18th and Friday, May 19th, during lunch periods, Mrs. Wojcik and Mrs. GasiECKi 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, May 18th.**

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 or gasiECKih@smeschool.com

Mrs. Wojcik & Mrs. GasiECKi

A small, stylized signature or mark in the bottom right corner of the page.

From: **Lundquist, Geoff** <glundquist@bisons.com>
Date: Tue, May 16, 2017 at 12:00 PM
Subject: May 5th Bisons Rainout Tickets
To:

Hello everyone,

Thanks again for bearing with us with the weather for the Catholic Schools game on May 5th. I have spoken with some people about what to do with their tickets, but here is a reminder of what those that had tickets for the game should do.

The people that chose Print At Home to get their tickets, or picked them up at Will Call that night, can bring those to the box office to exchange for new tickets for the game they would like. The people that have tickets still in Will Call can pick them up there when they want to come back, mention that they have tickets they didn't pick up for May 5th, and then exchange those for new tickets. Hot dog & soda vouchers from that game will be honored at the concession stands throughout the season.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We'll hope for some sunshine next year!

Thank you.



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