



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 5/3/2017

Happy Wednesday!

Thank you to all of our families that attended our Open House. I am very proud of all of our students and their hard work in their STREAM academies, the art they created for the art show and for those who helped out during the evening. The NJHS bake sale was also a big success!

If you are still looking to attend the May 5th Bison's Catholic Schools Night at the ballpark, the link is listed below:

http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?pid=8380299&agency=BISONS_B2B19

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.

Friday, May 5th will be our Christian Witness Awards Mass and Penny Fair. Next week Wednesday, May 10th will be a brief State of the School Address and our International Night. Also, on Friday, May 12th will be the May Crowning Mass.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Penny Fair

The Penny Fair (SME's longest standing tradition) is this Friday, May 5th. We will be transforming the gym into a mini carnival with various games where the students are able to try and win candy or tickets to be redeemed at the prize table. A copy of the schedule is coming home today both electronically and in the blue folder. We invite you to come and enjoy the day with your child(ren)! Please note that our Pre-K students are welcome to visit the fair anytime between 9:30 & 12:25 with a parent/guardian.

We are still in need of workers for the game booths! Help is also needed Thursday evening when we put the fair together (5:00 - 8:00pm). If we do not have enough parent support we may not be able to run every game for every session, which causes much disappointment for our children! Workers should arrive by 8:30 Friday morning for final game preparations. If you are interested and able to help please email Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com.

Cake Walk - We need many cakes for a successful cake walk! Think musical chairs, without the chairs! Home-made or store bought cakes are accepted. If baking at home, using 8" disposable & covered cake tins works best. You can bake as simple or elaborate as you wish! With about 300 students in the school we aim for *at least 200 cakes!* We do offer service hour credit for donated cakes: 2 cakes = 1 service hour, with a maximum of 5 earnable hours. If you are able to bake please email Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com with the number you plan to donate. Cakes may be dropped off during set up Thursday evening (between 5-8pm) or by 8:15 Friday morning.



Upcoming Events

- 5/5 - Christian Witness Mass, Penny Fair
- 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 Day

Mega Raffle

Ticket sales are going very well! To date, **581** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle.
There are only 69 tickets remaining - did you get yours?

Thank you to the **130** 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, 2 families have sold 6 tickets, 3 families have sold 7 tickets, one family has sold 11 tickets and one family has sold 17 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.

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.

Save the Date!

⇒ **5/10 - \$1.00 Dress Down benefiting SET:** Several years ago, SET purchased an Ellison Machine for the school. The Ellison Machine is used to cut letters, numbers and shapes for bulletin boards, displays and other classroom projects. It uses cutting dies, and many teachers would like to add more cutting dies to the set we have. Please consider sending in \$1 on 5/10 so that your child may dress-down, and to help us purchase cutting dies for the Ellison Machine. Thank you!

⇒ **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 wojnarn@smeschool.com.

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

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?

Thank you to all of the students and Families who came out to our Open House and STREAM Fair!



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

I am so excited to announce that St. Mary's will offer Cross Country in the Fall 2017! Thank you to the students that expressed an interest in wanting to join Cross Country when I sent out the interest form last year. We finally got approval to join the Diocesan Cross Country league! Please see the enclosed flyer from Julie Wolford.

If any student still has an SME uniform from a past season, please turn it into the main office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your cooperation!

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St. Mary's Elementary School
Home School Association

Dear Parents,

It's here - Friday May 5th is the Penny Fair. We have roughly 14 booths and redemption center stocked with plenty of prizes! The games are all \$.25. Please make sure that any money sent with your child is clearly labeled with their name (ziploc bag/coin pouch etc...). There will be *many* excited children watching the games being played and money can easily be misplaced.

Thursday, May 4th - 5:00pm

At this time workers will set up their booths in the gym. Please bring with you: scissors, tape, markers. We ask that NO CHILDREN attend during setup.

Friday, May 5th - 8:30am

All workers are asked to be in the gym for last minute preparations for a fun filled day with the children! A lunch will be served for all workers following the Penny Fair.

Cake Bakers

Please drop your cakes off in the gym. Tables will be set up on the stage for your convenience. Cakes may be dropped off Thursday evening during setup or Friday morning by 8:30. A sign in sheet will be available for anyone looking to collect service hours.

The following is a schedule for the day:

Kdg, 1st, 2nd	9:30 - 10:15am
3rd, 4th, 5th	10:25 - 11:15am
6th, 7th, 8th	11:35 - 12:25pm
Workers lunch & clean up 12:30 - 2:15pm	

The younger children enjoy having someone go around with them... so feel free to come and enjoy the Penny Fair with them! Please remember that this is a day for SME students and is not open to the public.

At this time I would like to say 'Thank you' to all the people who have offered to work at the Penny Fair. The childrens smiling faces when they are participating makes it all worthwhile! If at any time you have questions please do not hesitate to email Amanda Kuhn.

Thank you again & see you at the fair!

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Introducing SME Summer Running Club and Fall Cross Country!



- Spend time with friends!
- Get in shape for upcoming sports!
- Beginners through competitive runners welcome.
- For students going into grades 6-8.
- Run competitively in fall 2017!

Summer Running Club

Summer Running Club will be open to all interested runners. (You don't have to compete in the fall). Beginning July 10, we will practice three times a week, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will alternate between mornings (9:00-10:30 am) and evenings (6:30-8:00pm) depending on what works best for most runners.

Fall Cross Country Team

Fall practices will be twice per week, times and dates tba. Competitive diocesan meets will be once per week, times and dates to be announced by the diocese. (In the past, the meets were Mondays at 4:30 or 5:00 at Cazenovia Park from September through mid-October.) The races will be 1.5 miles. Though attendance is not required, cross country team members are strongly encouraged to attend as many summer practices as possible.

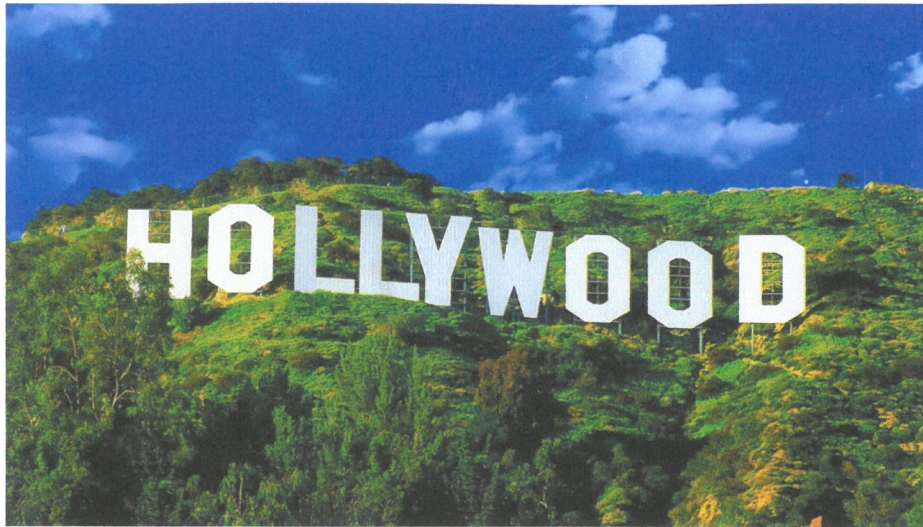
The team will be coached by Julie Wolford and her son, Michael Wolford. For more information, or if you would like to help, email Julie at jmwolford7473@yahoo.com

Return to SME attn. Julie Wolford

Yes! I am interested in Summer Running Club &/or Fall Cross Country. Please email me more information!

Name _____ grade in fall 2017 _____
Parent's name _____ phone number _____
Email _____

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**

Did you know the average person is exposed to 300 chemicals every day?

Last July, I started on a journey to replace the chemical-laden products we were using with healthier alternatives. Essential oils have played a big role in the journey. Where do you begin?

Join me for an Essential Oils - 101 class. The classes are free, informative and there is no obligatory order form passed around. You decide if it's right for you and your family.

May class dates*

Friday, May 12th @6:30 pm

Saturday, May 20th @10 am

Thursday, May 25th @6:30 pm

If you'd like to attend, please let me know by calling or texting me, Susan Duane at 716-435-0476. All classes will be held at my home.

*I'll have more classes in June. Want those dates? Send me a text and I'll be happy to share my June schedule!



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YOU'RE INVITED...

TO SME'S INTERNATIONAL NIGHT ON MAY 10TH,
2017. INTERNATIONAL NIGHT WILL IMMEDIATELY
BEGIN AFTER SAINT MARY'S ELEMENTARY *STATE*
OF THE SCHOOL MEETING AND END PROMPTLY AT
8:00 PM. 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!

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