



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School

11/30/2016



Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody had an enjoyable, relaxing Thanksgiving. With Thanksgiving behind us, we are now onto our countdown to Christmas. It is hard to believe that we are now looking at only 26 days until Christmas!

On Friday, December 2, 2016, we are going to re-present our 2016-17 National Junior Honor Society inductees to our school family. Some of the grades were unable to attend the original ceremony and I wanted them to be able to see of all of the inductees. If your child was inducted, you are welcome to join us for mass on 12/2. Also on 12/2 is our Merry Moose in the gym during the day.

Please remember that if you ordered wreaths or poinsettias from the 8th grade that they will be delivered to the school on Monday, December 5th for you to pick up. This day is also a 1:00 dismissal and dress down day.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Upcoming Events

- 12/2 - Christian Witness Mass, NJHS Photo Retake
- 12/2 - Merry Moose Shop, Middle School Dance 7-9pm
- 12/4 - xSTREAM Games @ St. Joe's 12:00-4:00pm
- 12/5 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day, Poinsettia/Wreath Pick Up 1-7pm
- 12/8 - School Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 12/9 - **No FAST Club**
- 12/17 - Christmas Concert 5:00, Living Nativity 6:00
- 12/23 - 1/2 - Christmas Break, No School

Merry Moose Holiday Shop

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We look forward to seeing you and/or your children at the Merry Moose Shop this year. As always thank you for your support and participation!

Merry Christmas!

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XSTREAM Games

Please join us at the XSTREAM GAMES taking place Sunday Dec. 4th at St. Joe's Collegiate from 12-4pm. Come and see our Diocesan STREAM schools in action! Our own SME students will be participating in the Robot Challenge. We will also have Roller Coasters on display as well as Arcade Academy games to play. Bishop Malone will be there from 1:30-2:30pm to meet students and see for himself all of their hard work!

Admission is 1 non-perishable food item. Snacks are available for purchase.

Any students attending should wear something with our SME logo/name.

Schedule:

12:00 - Robotics Competition begins in the main gym

12:30 - Science Scrimmage begins in the commons

1:00pm - All STREAM Academy demos until 2:30pm

*Roller Coasters Gallery Walk in the Library

* Arcade Games in the cafeteria

1:30pm - Mini Shark Tank Fun in the Lecture Hall

2:00pm - Kitchen Chem Bake Off in the Art Room

3:30pm - Robotics Finals and Awards Recognition in the main gym

Please contact Mrs. Hoag with any questions. We hope to see you there!

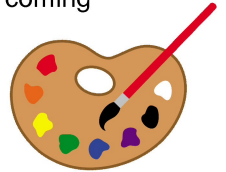
Middle School Dance

The first school dance of the school year is Friday, December 2th, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. A \$5.00 fee will be charged at the door. Permission slips will be available Friday, 12/2 during lunch.

We are in need of parent chaperones! If you are interested and able to help out please email Ann Murphy at pamurphy4@aol.com

Art Club

Art Club runs Mondays after school from 2:30-3:15. There is a one time \$10 fee for those who will be coming every Monday. Grades 2-8 are welcome!



Athletics

A special thank you is extended to all that attended the Fall sports banquet! It was a great night awarding our student athletes and their coaches!

I need to extend an additional thank you to Ann Murphy for her coordination with the banquet and Cory Brown for all of her help in the kitchen. I thank them for ALL they did that evening!

This Saturday, Dec. 3rd, the following basketball teams are playing at St. Mary's:

12:30 6th grade boys
1:30 3rd grade co-ed
2:30 4th grade boys

Come out and support your friends!

Julie Wipperman, Athletic Coordinator
athletics@smeschool.com, 716-683-2112 ext. 313



Mega Raffle

Information re: purchasing Mega Raffle tickets will be coming home soon! If you are interested in joining our committee, or earning service hours by helping out, please contact Mary Kate DeMarizo at me garaffle@smeschool.com or 510-1409.

Upcoming service hour opportunities include:

- Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00 - stuffing envelopes for a bulk mailing
- Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00-12:00 – selling tickets at M&T Bank on Broadway
- Saturday, December 17th from 9:00-12:00– selling tickets at M&T Bank on Broadway

Scrip

The countdown is on!
Scrip Order Dates Left Until Christmas:

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We only have 3 more order days left before Christmas! Get your orders in soon to make sure you have all of your gift-giving needs covered.



Monday, December 5th
Monday, December 12th
*** Friday, December 16th***



Scrip sales: Monday-Friday 8-10am
Saturday, December 3rd 9-11am

The Teacher Wishlist is now available on the Scrip page of the SME website.

We have a new local vendor-Dark Forest Chocolate. Gift certificates are \$20 with a 10% rebate/proceed.

8th Grade Corner

Our 8th Grade Students are selling 'All About Buffalo' Coupon books. The books are \$25 and make the perfect gift for that hard to shop for someone on your list! If you would like to order a book please email Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com.

Poinsettia/Wreath Pick up is Monday, December 5th from

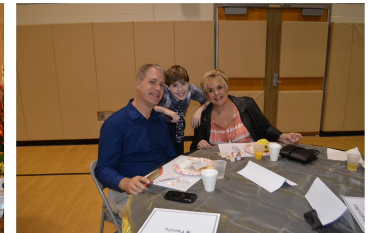


What are they up to?

6th Grade Students were studying the Neolithic & Paleolithic Era's. We have gone back in time to visit the Lascaux Caves and to top it off we are learning about the Otzi the Iceman. He was a well preserved man who lived in 3,300 B.C. and he was found in the Alps. Students in Mr. Lemiesz's 6th grade Social Studies class were asked to come up with a monument and eulogy memorializing Otzi.



Mrs. Wojnar's 7th graders have just finished reading "The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton. To celebrate, each class dressed up as either a Greaser or a Soc from the novel! They also enjoyed movie concessions and watched the film in class. They will be writing their own movie review to conclude the unit.



Mrs. Heaters 5th Graders celebrated their wonderful Grandparents with a special Mass and reception for them.



Miss Trometer's class is learning about the body system. Students have learned about the skeletal and muscular system so far. They have been working in groups adding different parts of the body as they learn them.



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The schedule for the day is as follows:

Pre K	anytime during the day with a parent	4 th	11:17 -11:48
Kindergarten	8:45 - 9:27	8 th	11:50 – 12:27
5 th	9:29 - 10:03	2 nd	12:29 – 1:03
6 th	10:05 -10:39	3 rd	1:05 – 1:39
7 th	10:41 – 11:15	1 st	1:41 – 2:09

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The Book Swap

This December 15th and 16th, 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

2-4: at least one book must be a grade appropriate chapter book

5-8: grade appropriate chapter books only

Our second swap will start on Thursday, December 15th.

We hope you will encourage your students to participate! Especially middle school, we did not have enough participation from them to have a successful swap in their grade levels.

If you have any questions, please email us at: wojcikk@smeschool.com or gasiieckih@smeschool.com

DECEMBER 2016



*Merry
Christmas*

Child lunches are \$2.75. Adult lunches are \$3.90. All students must take, at the least, three of the five offered components to meet the requirements of a full lunch. Fresh fruits/vegetables are offered daily when available. If you have any questions, please call the kitchen manager at 683-2112 x119

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>A Healthy Lunch Starts with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable • Fruit (or take both) • Lean Protein & Whole Grains • Serving of Milk <p>Choose at least 3 of these!</p>			1 Personal Pizza Romaine Salad Green Beans	2 Tuna Boats Carrot Stix Mixed Veggies
5 French Toast Stix Sausage, Hash Brown Pattie Mashed Sweet Potato	6 Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Rice Broccoli Mixed Veggies	7 Tacos in Bag Corn Cucumber Salad	8 Pizza Romaine Salad Glazed Carrots	9 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Green Beans
12 Hamburger/ bun Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans	13 Chicken Patty Sandwich Carrot Stix Corn	14 Rotini w/ meatballs Romaine Salad Green Beans Bread Sticks	15 Stuffed Crust Pizza Romaine Salad Mixed Veggies	16 Vegetarian Chili Corn Bread Peas Celery Sticks
19 Hot Dog / Bun Oven Fries Baked Beans	20 Chicken nuggets Pasta Salad Green Beans Carrot Sticks/Dip	21 Egg, Ham & Cheese on a Croissant Hash Brown Patty Peas	22 Pizza Romaine Salad Corn	23 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS VACATION
26 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS VACATION	27 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS VACATION	28 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS VACATION	29 Alternate Lunches Available Daily: B- Julienne Salad w/ 2 Whole Grain Rolls C- Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola and Whole Grain Grahams D- Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich on Whole Grain Bread & String Cheese Non-fat white or non-fat flavored milk sold daily for \$.50	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> I will spend a few extra minutes in prayer today.	28 I will do my work well today and with joy for God.	29 I will secretly do a kind act for someone.	30 <i>St. Andrew</i> I will obey my parents, my teachers, and others in charge of me.	1 I will try to show special love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely.	2 I will work hard today and do my best.	3 <i>St. Francis Xavier</i> I will eat more of what is good for me today and less of what is not.
4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> I will try to be more thoughtful of others.	5 I will be a peacemaker today in school and at home.	6 <i>St. Nicholas</i> I will donate like-new toys and books I've outgrown to needy families.	7 <i>St. Ambrose</i> I will make a special effort to be kind to those I find it hard to like.	8 <i>Immaculate Conception of Mary</i> I will honor Mary in a very special way today by being cheerful.	9 <i>St. Juan Diego</i> I will be kind in a special way to someone I do not like much.	10 I will try to be patient today.
11 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> I will find a quiet place and sit for a few minutes, just letting God love me.	12 <i>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> I will ask Mary to help me make room for Jesus in my heart.	13 <i>St. Lucy</i> I will keep calm and not lose my temper when I am pushed or treated rudely.	14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i> I will do some work for my parents to help them rest after a day of work.	15 I will do what I can to please my parents and family in a special way today.	16 I will not complain today, even if I must do things I do not want to do.	17 I will do a kind act for each member of my family.
18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> I will be grateful and thank God today for all the food I have.	19 I will be satisfied with the things I have instead of asking my family for more.	20 I will be helpful at home these last days before Jesus' birthday.	21 <i>St. Peter Canisius</i> I will speak kindly to all I meet today.	22 I will thank God for all he gives to me.	23 I will give a smile to all I meet today.	24 I welcome Jesus with great love and offer him all the good acts I have performed and the prayers I have said during Advent.
25 Merry Christmas!	ADVENT <h1>2016</h1> <p><i>May Christ our Savior bring light into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.</i></p>					
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