



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School

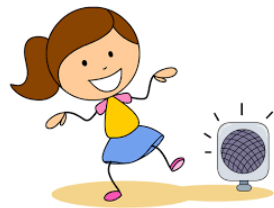
10/12/2016

Happy Wednesday!

Looks like we are finally transitioning into Autumn! Thank you to the families that have emailed me questions/concerns for the State of the School Meeting tonight. Please feel free to still send me an email with any questions/concerns that you would like to have addressed at the meeting. I will check the email right up until the meeting. The email address is stateoftheschool@smeschool.com. The meeting will take place in the gym and will last from 6-7 pm.

Just a little reminder: Autumn Gold is quickly approaching. It will be held here at the school on November 4th. I am looking forward to attending my first Autumn Gold Event! I hope that many of our families will be there as well. Please plan on attending the event if you are able to. It is one of our school's major fundraising events and your generosity will go a long way. Extra tickets are also available if you would like to purchase an additional ticket.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Upcoming Events

- 10/12 - State of the School Meeting, 6:00 in the Gym
- 10/15 - My Little Sweetheart Dance, 7:00-9:00
- 10/18—Marketing Committee Meeting, 5:00
- 10/26—What is SCRIP Meeting, 6:00 in PC
- 10/26 - Progress Reports Uploaded
- 10/27 - Picture Day Make-Up's
- 10/28-10/29 - Fall Book Fair
- 10/29 - Family Fun Night Halloween Party 6:00-9:00
- 10/31 - Happy Halloween!

Wow!! What a turn out this will be! - This SATURDAY, October 15th is our first "My Little Sweetheart Dance" in the school gym 7-9pm. Please remember that this is a Semi-formal dance. Snacks/drinks/music will be provided. "Your Event DJ" will be here rocking the music on the dance floor, so come with your dancing shoes ready!

If there are any Moms who would still like to help out that night, please email Mrs. Kierejewski (kierejewskis@smeschool.com). If there are any Dads that could stay to help put chairs/tables away, we would appreciate that too. Thank you!

Coats for Kids

It is that time of the year for SME's annual Coats for Kids program!

The SME Spanish Club is looking for your support once again to make this event even more successful and be able to donate numerous winter items to children in need throughout our community.

We hope you are able to donate new and/or gently used Children's winter items such as; coats, snow pants, gloves, hats, scarves, boots, etc.

Items may be dropped off in the Coats4Kids bins next to the SME school office and Religious Ed. Office for the next few weeks! Gracias!



SCRIP

What is Scrip? Come to an informational meeting on Thursday, October 20 from 6-7 pm in the Parish Center. Pick up tips, testimonials, and learn how to maximize the fundraising/tuition reduction through every day shopping for nearly every need. Light refreshments will be served. Looking forward to seeing you there!

We also have a few \$100 Pottery Barn cards available for purchase "in the box".



Congratulations to our September Christian Witness Recipients!

Fall Book Fair



Check out today's folder for more information on our Fall Book Fair including information on when each class will be shopping & information about the 'all for books' dress down days!

SME Sports



SME's 5th grade girls volleyball team won 4 out of 6 matches against St. John Vianney School last week Thursday!

Parents if you are at your child(ren)s sports games please send Mrs. Kierejewski photos so she can put them in the NewsNotes or on FB. Also, please send a little information about the game too. Please email any information to kieriejewskis@smeschool.com.

Coaches, if your team won a game or lost, and you feel that someone or many should be recognized for something GREAT that happened during the game, please send this information to Mrs. Kierejewski so she can let our families know about all the great accomplishments of our students!

Athletic Department

Basketball registration is closed. Coaches will be notified of their position by phone call by Friday, October 14th. Coaches will then notify players of their practice schedule AFTER the Coaches scheduled meeting on Sunday, October 16th.

Fall sports teams updates:

Congratulations to ALL of our teams for having very successful seasons so far!

VOLLEYBALL

Varsity 8th grade girls volleyball team, Coach Paula Meller: record 6-0.

Varsity 7th grade girls volleyball team, Coach Ted Kuzniarek: record 4-0. And, congratulations on placing 2nd in the Nativity volleyball tournament!

JV 5th grade girls volleyball team, Coach Michelle McRae: record 2-4.

BASEBALL

Varsity 6th-8th boys baseball team, Coach Jay Gianni: record 8-0! Congratulations on finishing in the top seed out of 36 teams! We wish you the best of luck in the playoffs this week!

SWIM

Swim team: Coaches Jen Fulcinitti and Kristen Helwig: It has been another exciting season of SME swim. We are 31 swimmers strong, and range from grades K-8. We are students of St Mary's and St John's in Alden. Every week involves three days of practice, and a meet on Sunday at Buffalo State College. Although the numbers do not reflect our efforts and our enthusiasm, we are never weary when facing teams that are double or near triple in size to us. It is an honor and privilege to represent St Mary's Elementary, and St John the Baptist School. We all look forward to the Neumann Catholic Swim League Championship at UB in November. As parents and coaches, we are very proud of our swimmers. Go SME!

HSA - Candy Bar Sale

The Chocolate Candy Bar Sale is very much in full swing, and selling candy bars is only the tip of iceberg. There is much more work to be done. WE NEED YOU to help with fundraising and scheduling. If you could dedicate a couple hours - day or evening, to do the following:

- Scheduling - we need 4 folks to call local businesses and see if our SME families can sell chocolate at or in their location (foyer/lobby) any given night or weekend in November. We have some contacts from doing this over the years, but we need your creative ideas too to find new opportunities. No place is too big, not place is too small.

- Fundraising - We all saw the great list of prizes that are being offered this year. We need 4 folks to help raise the funds or acquire the prizes to offset the cost of the sale. The more you get free, the bigger the profits are for the candy bar sale.

So, if you can spare some time, send an email to janikj@smeschool.com and let me know what you are interested in doing. We can discuss how you can earn volunteer hours in this way. DO NOT START ON YOUR OWN, Please contact me first... via email.



Thank you all for your continued support!

There will be a Marketing Committee Meeting on October 18th at 5pm. If you are interested in still joining the team please email Mrs. Kierejewski at kierejewskis@smeschool.com

SME Politics



Mrs. Heater's fifth graders have been hard at work on an elementary presidential election! Students have been learning about our government, the voting process, and what makes a great leader. Reese

McCrea and Griffin Smith were voted the top 2 candidates by our 4th and 5th grade students! The fifth grade has split into 2 political parties to work hard and begin the campaign process over the next several weeks. All elementary grades K-5 will vote for their SME elementary president around Election Day! Good luck candidates!

Scrapbook Club

Last week Thursday, SME's first Scrap Booking Club was off to a great start! Students in grades 2-8 had a great time with Ms. Gasiiecki and Mrs. Wojcik as their mentors.



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AUTUMN GOLD XXII
FRIDAY, NOV. 4th, 2016

Doors Open at 6pm
Party 7-10pm - Raffles Begin at 8pm

To be held at:

St. Mary's Elementary School
2 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster

◆◆◆ **\$20,000 in prizes - 48 prizes in all** ◆◆◆

Tickets: \$60 / Admits 2 Adults

Must be at least 21 to attend

Includes: Light Dinner, Beer, Wine & Pop

Tickets are available at St. Mary's Rectory or School

For more information please call 683-6445 or 683-2112

50/50 Split Clubs, Basket Raffles, and Bring your own snacks!
(No Carry In Liquor Please)

Autumn Gold Needs You!



On Friday November, 4th we will again be hosting our Autumn Gold event right here in our school! This is a major fundraiser for our school and parish and the success of the event cannot happen without you!

If you are interested and able to help please return the bottom with your assignment preference. The doors open at 6:00 and the party runs until 10:30. We will begin with tear down immediately following the event for anyone that can stay.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Amanda Kuhn at kuhna@smeschool.com.

Yes! Count me in for Autumn Gold! I understand that this event is one of our Major Fundraisers counting towards our family requirement of 10 hours towards a major event.

I would like to help out:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Selling Autumn Gold Raffle Chances | <input type="checkbox"/> Working in the Kitchen | <input type="checkbox"/> Security Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selling 50/50 Split Tickets | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Admissions | <input type="checkbox"/> I love to help - put me anywhere! |

Name(s): _____

Email: _____



Saturday, October 29, 2016

6:00 – 9:00pm

in the Parish Center

**PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES & DO THE
MONSTER MASH WITH DJ GARRY!**

Pizza will be served @ 6:30

This is a Family Event. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.

\$6.00 per person includes:

Pizza, Drinks, Dessert for all, Treats for the Kids & Door Prize!

There will be prizes for the best Costume & Best Dressed Family!

This Event is NOT a Fundraiser –

Just a night for SME families to have a ghoulishly good time together!

Please return this portion (which serves as your door prize entry)

by Wednesday 10/21 Attn: HSA

Yes! We will be attending Family Fun Night!

Family Name: _____

Adults + _____ Children = _____ X \$6 = \$ _____

Cash or Checks payable to St. Mary's Elementary School – HSA



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All for Books™

Dear Families,

Our school is collecting funds for our All for Books program. By donating dollar bills or loose change you help us to:

- purchase books for classroom libraries for all the children to enjoy
- give more children greater access to books and help get more kids reading





The All for Books money we collect also helps readers beyond our school and community. Scholastic Book Fairs matches monetary donations with a donation of up to **one million books** to the Kids In Need Foundation and Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc.

We are promoting this as follows:

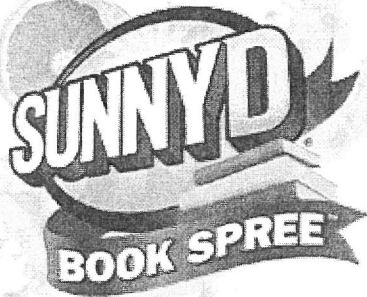
2 Dress Down Days Monday, October 17th and Thursday, October 20th
Pay \$1 for each dress down day and you will also get a raffle ticket for a chance to win a basket of books. Purchase extra raffle tickets too! We will pick one winner from grades k-3, 4-6, and 7-8. Please remember no clothing with rips or tears are allowed.

Please enter your name & class on each ticket below for every \$1 donated.

On behalf of the students and teachers of our school, THANK YOU!

 <hr/> <p>Your donation helps connect more kids with books. <i>Thank you!</i></p>	 <hr/> <p>Your donation helps connect more kids with books. <i>Thank you!</i></p>	 <hr/> <p>Your donation helps connect more kids with books. <i>Thank you!</i></p>	 <hr/> <p>Your donation helps connect more kids with books. <i>Thank you!</i></p>
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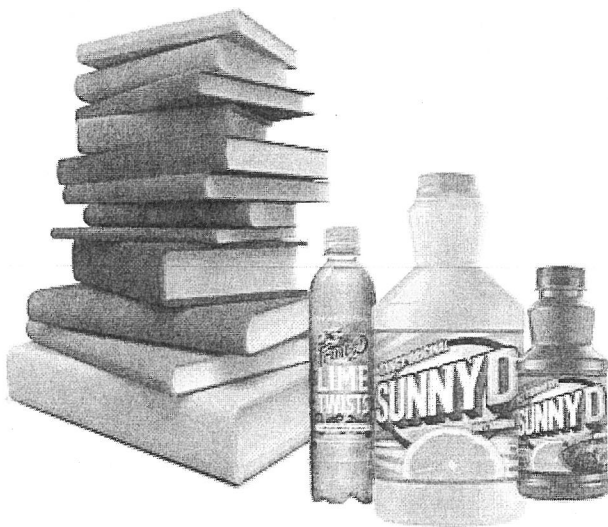
Please send in an envelope on the dress down day marked to the attention of: **Darcie Fudoli/All for Books**



Miss Fitzpatrick's Class
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Hello Parents!

If you haven't helped your child's teacher participate in the SunnyD Book Spree® before, now is the perfect time to start. Since the program began in 2009, the SunnyD Book Spree® has donated over \$6 million in books to classrooms across the country. We expect to give away even more books to schools and classrooms this year, but your child's teacher needs your help!

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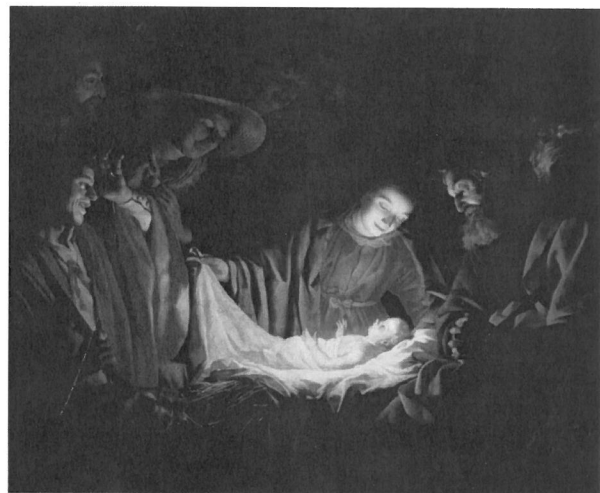
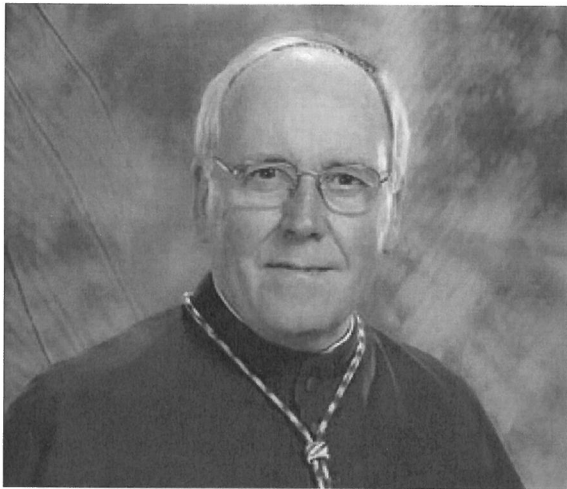
Ends 11/30/2016. While supplies last. 20 bottle UPCs. K-7th grade only via teacher entry. 1 per class/teacher.

The nation will celebrate Christmas Mass from Buffalo!

“Come Let Us Adore Him”

**Celebrated by the Most Reverend Richard Malone
Bishop of Buffalo**

**Airing nationally on ABC-TV Affiliates
Distributed by the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission**



To continue the energy created at World Youth Day, Bishop Richard J. Malone will celebrate the Christmas Mass before a young adult crowd

**The mass will be recorded at Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel on
Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 at 10AM
20-30 Year old Catholics, dressed for Christmas,
are needed for the congregation**

Seats are very limited call now!

To register contact:

Ann Przybylski (716)847-8721 or
APrzybylski@buffalodiocese.org