



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School

10/19/2016

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody is enjoying this latest burst of warmth! Thank you to the families that joined us for the 1st annual My Little Sweetheart Dance this past Saturday night. It was a lot of fun and the ladies as well as the gentlemen all looked wonderful. I loved all the "twirly" dresses! Thank you to all the moms and dads who lent a hand with setup and clean up.

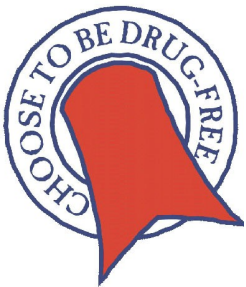
I want to share some reminders for a few things that are quickly approaching. First, next week we will be participating in Red Ribbon Week. This is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention campaign that is observed every year in October throughout the United States. We have different activities planned for the week. In addition to the Red Ribbon Week activities planned for next week, the middle school students will attend a talk given by Chris Collins in the PC on 10/25. Finally, Autumn Gold is quickly approaching. It will be held here at the school on November 4th. I hope that many of our families will plan on attending the event. It is one of our school's major fundraising events and your support will go a long way.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Upcoming Events

- 10/20 - What is SCRIP Meeting, 6:00 in PC
- 10/20 - Dress Down day \$1 Donation to All for Books
- 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!



We will be celebrating National Red Ribbon Week October 23-31st. Please see the flyer coming home in the blue folder today. You will have information about different dress down days and activities the students will be participating in. "SME pledges to be Drug Free!"

There was excitement in the air this past Saturday at SME! We hosted our first "My Little Sweetheart Dance". All our little girls... WOW they were all so beautiful! Their Dads/Grandpas and Uncles all looked terrific too. Thank you for making this a great success. We hope to see you again next year! Thank you to the committee for all their time putting this dance together. Thank you to our Moms who helped with set-up and clean up. A big Thank you goes out to "Your Event DJ" who did an AMAZING job with the music. We would like to give a special THANK YOU to Mrs. Tanski for donating her talent and time photographing everyone that night. We would also like to thank all the Dads who stayed and help put away all our tables and chairs. We truly are blessed here at St. Mary's with all these great people wanting to make our school the best that it can be. We LOVE you all!!!



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

Just a reminder that the Scrip information meeting is this Thursday, October 20 from 6-7 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!

Scrip is in need of volunteers to help with Mass Gift Card Sales after weekend masses. For just 15 minutes of your time, you will get credit for 1 hour of volunteer time. If you're interested, please email Scrip at scrip@smeschool.com.

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is next Thursday (October 27th) for any student wishing to have their picture re-taken or for anyone who missed our original picture day.

Order forms are available in the main office. If you would like one sent home with your child, please contact Mrs. Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com.

Don't forget
to smile.

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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!

What are SME Students up to?



Congratulations to our SME Varsity Baseball Team! The team had a great run this season making it all the way to the second round of playoffs undefeated!



Mrs. Darling's third grade class visited Tift Nature Preserve on Thursday, April 13. The field trip included a guided tour and hands-on workshops. Students explored the outdoors on a walking tour of Tift Nature Preserve where they observed three natural habitats: fields, woods, and aquatic areas. In the two workshops, students discussed the characteristics of the three habitats and learned how animals adapted to their preferred environments. Also, students enjoyed working in small groups to design and create animals that lived in one or more of the natural habitats they observed on their nature walk. It was a fun day for all exploring nature!



Athletic Department

Congratulations to the 7th grade girls Varsity volleyball team (coach Ted Kuzniarek) for winning the St. Mary's high school volleyball tournament on Saturday, Oct. 15th. The games were exciting and some great competition made it enjoyable to watch! Great job girls!

Basketball coaches have been selected and they are as follows:

8th grade boys: Jay Gianni
7th grade boys: Dave Czuprynski
6th grade boys: Mike Wolford & Steve Wass
5th grade boys: Jeff Smith & Scott Corcoran
4th grade boys: Alan Bookmiller
3rd grade boys: Jeff Brown

7th/8th grade girls: Ted Kuzniarek
6th grade girls: Joe Gill
5th grade girls: Bob Ziolkowski
4th grade girls: Jen Fulciniti
3rd grade girls: (team still in need of a min. of 2 girls, deadline is today if interested. email: athletics@smeschool.com by tonight!)

The basketball coaches will contact you when practices will begin.

Just a friendly reminder, when you fill out the A-2 Parent permission form and the A-3 form Sport Code of Ethics, turn them into YOUR HEAD COACH. Do not turn them into the school office. The coaches will hand you these forms at practice. Thank you kindly!

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!

Are you looking to do service hours from your home? Then this may be a job for you. We are looking for a volunteer to wash around 25 of our black tablecloths. We need them back by next week Friday, October 28th. If you are interested please email Mrs. Kierejewski at kierejewskis@smeschool.com. Thank you!

STREAM Academy

Rollercoaster construction is underway! Middle School STREAM students broke ground on Fri. 10/14. Which team will build the best coaster? Only time will tell...



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Cafeteria Corner

Our cafeteria has new management! Look for new items on the menu.

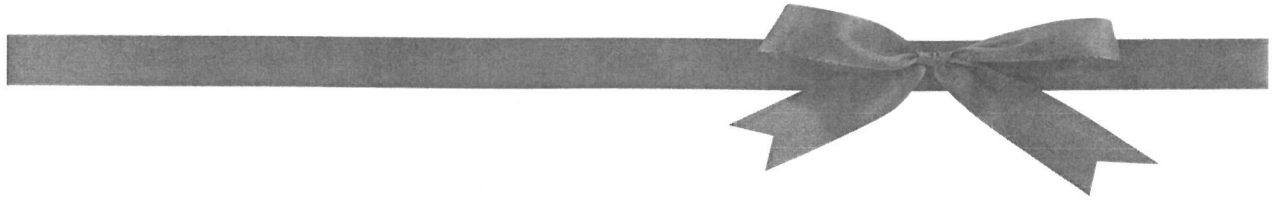
Starting November 1st, homemade soup will be available daily with lunch. The BIG news is the November drawing for a Kindle Fire!! Each time you purchase lunch in November your name will be entered in the drawing. Winner to be announced December 2nd.



kindle fire

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National Red Ribbon Week



The effort to keep kids away from drugs goes on every day but the fall is an especially important time of the year. From October 23-31st, “National Red Ribbon Week” will be observed in schools and communities across the country. During this week people all over the country will wear red ribbons and clothing; decorate schools in red and hold assemblies to show their commitment to living free of drugs.

St Mary’s Elementary school will be participating in the campaign to keep students drug and alcohol free. Please see the information below for our week of commitment to being Drug and Alcohol Free.

Monday, October 24th Show your support and be drug free and dress down in whatever “RED” you have. Each student will receive a red ribbon to wear pinned to their shirt each day of the Red Ribbon Week and sign a contract to be Drug & Alcohol Free. Our students will also have a chance to sign a banner during lunch stating they will be drug free. The banner will hang in a school hallway for the remainder of the school year.

Tuesday, October 25th “Put a Cap on Drugs”. Students and teachers may wear a “CRAZY HAT” in school. We really want to see CRAZY!! Also, Tuesday Night in the Parish Center Gym, The University of Buffalo Professional Business Students will be presenting a free Family Movie Night starting at 6:30pm. There will be games to play and snacks will be provided. (please see flyer in the blue folder)



Wednesday, October 26th “Sock it to Drugs”. Students and teachers may wear “CRAZY or Mismatched Socks” to school. Officer O’Brien from the Lancaster Police Department will come to speak with students about drugs.

Thursday, October 27th “Be a JEAN-IUS, Be Drug Free”. Students and staff may wear jeans today to school. (school uniform shirts should be worn).

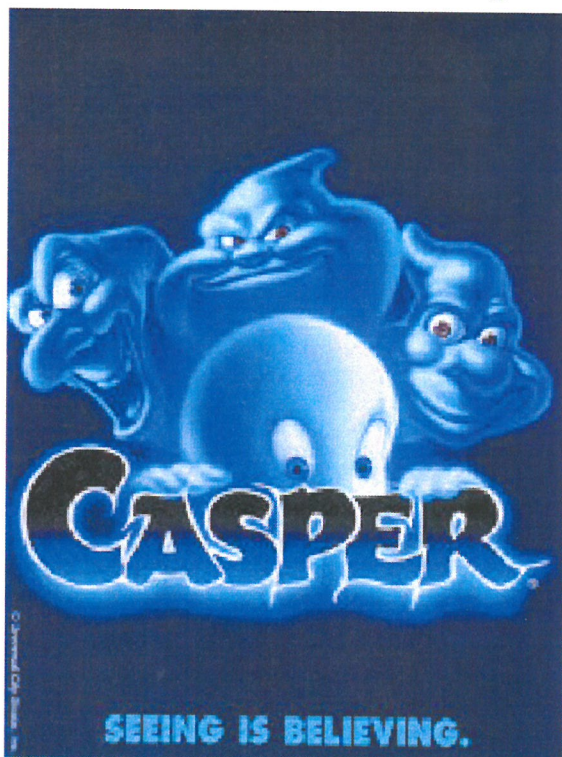
Friday, October 28th “SHADE out Drugs Day”. Students may wear sun glasses AFTER Mass all day in school.



University of Buffalo Professional Business Students
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MOVIE NIGHT

A FREE, fun, family event!



**Tuesday
October 25th**

**The fun starts
at 6:30pm**

**Casper
101 min RATED PG**

St. Mary's Elementary Parish Center

Games to Play, Snacks Provided

For more info: (716) 880-7189

