



# NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School

10/5/2016

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody has been enjoying the sunshine. Thank you to all of our families that joined us for the Meet the Teacher Night. I was happy to see so many of you. There was plenty of good conversation as well as good food! If you did not have a chance to sign up for parent/teacher conferences or you were unable to attend the event to sign up, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher to sign up for a conference time.

Next week Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, is our State of the School Meeting from 6-7pm. Please feel free to send me an email with any questions/concerns that you would like to have addressed at the meeting. A special email has been set up for these questions/concerns. A separate flyer should have come home with your student yesterday containing this email, which is [stateoftheschool@smeschool.com](mailto:stateoftheschool@smeschool.com).

Just a little reminder: all children attending, but not participating in a sporting event, need to be supervised. Please do not just drop them off to watch the event. While we appreciate them wanting to cheer their SME teams on, we need for them to remain in the gym and supervised. This is for their safety. Thank you for your help!

Lastly, this Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be dismissing students 15 minutes early for our Emergency Release Drill.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



### Upcoming Events

- 10/7 - 15 min Emergency Early Release
- 10/10 - Columbus Day - No School
- 10/12 - State of the School Meeting, 6:00 in the PC
- 10/15 - My Little Sweetheart Dance, 7:00-9:00
- 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!



Middle School Students enjoyed their guest speaker Stefan Mychajliw, Erie County Comptroller on Tuesday, Oct. 4th. He spoke about his job and what he does, his faith and his personal life. The students asked many great questions which he was really impressed with. If you have a moment, speak with your child(ren) about what he talked about and some of the great questions that were asked!



## SME Band

Calling all instrumental students! Band is starting this week! If you have not signed up, there is still time. The band is growing larger everyday. We have an excellent low brass section this year. We have the potential of having a great sound this year but we could always use some more experienced players. If you have experience playing an instrument, please consider lending your expertise to our program. Also, if you are interested in playing the Saxophone, we still have one available for use, free of charge. Contact Ms. Stringer for more information and to sign up for band. Let's make this years band the best one SME has had yet!



## SCRIP

Scrip is in need of volunteers to help with Mass Gift Card Sales. This entails selling Tops and Tim Hortons gift cards in Church after Mass (Saturday 4:30pm, 7:00pm or Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm).

For just 15-20 minutes of your time, you will get credit for 1/2 hour of volunteer time. You can volunteer for as many shifts as you would like. If your child is an altar server, you can be scheduled based on your child's altar server schedule.

We also need a seller on the 3rd Thursday of the month 8-10 in the school. This is an easy way to rack up your volunteer hours!

If you're interested or have any questions, please email Scrip at [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com) or call 683-2112 ext 312.



## Box Tops for Education

Did you know that for each Box Top you send in we receive \$.10? Included in today's folder are collection sheets. Once complete, each sheet brings in \$2.40 for our school! Please consider completing one, two, three or more! What an easy way to help continue to make our school great!



## Catholic Schools Marathon

Students and Staff at SME had a wonderful time walking around the school ground Monday, October 3rd in honor of Catholic Schools Marathon Day. They walked and walked about 10 miles... no just kidding about 10 laps. They had a wonderful time enjoying the beautiful day and laughing with their friends. What more could you ask for?! Thank you to all students for collecting pledges from our families and their friends to help our technology department. We are truly blessed with all these great people at our





## Athletic Department

Today is the LAST day to sign your child up for basketball. (Grades 3rd-8th boys and girls) Basketball practice times are picked by the Head Coach of your child's basketball team. Practice times will not be determined until the 3rd week of October.

Additionally, anyone that has signed up to be a Head Coach MUST have had the VIRTUS training and must be current with the bulletins. If you are not current, you will NOT be allowed to coach a basketball team. If more than one coach is VIRTUS compliant and signs up to coach, a coach's application form will be sent home to be filled out. The Athletic Advisory Committee will review applications and determine the coach best qualified for the position.

Please refer to the information on the website at [smeschool.com](http://smeschool.com) and click, Athletics. Many questions that you may have can be answered here!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Falls sports banquet (swim, baseball and volleyball teams) Thursday, November 17th @6:00.

Please continue to read the Athletic Department updates EACH week in the newsnotes. This is my way of communicating important information to everyone interested in sports!

**Save the Date :** There will be a meeting for all Basketball Coaches on Sunday, October 16th. Coaches will be notified by phone if they've been selected as a head coach. Details for the meeting will be given at this time.

Julie Wipperman, Athletic Coordinator  
St. Mary's Elementary School  
[athletics@smeschool.com](mailto:athletics@smeschool.com) / 716-683-2112 ext. 313

## 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](mailto: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!

## Cafeteria

Volunteering in the cafeteria is a great way to earn service hours! We enjoy getting the students outside for a bit of fresh air once they finish eating, but we need additional volunteers to do so. 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.

Also, we are strongly in need of volunteers on Tuesday's and Thursday's. If at any time you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at [lunch-monitor@smeschool.com](mailto:lunch-monitor@smeschool.com). I'm looking forward to a great year!

~ Mary Kate DeMarzio, Head Lunch Monitor

## Scrapbook Club

The first meeting of the Scrapbook club will be tomorrow from 2:15-3:15. Please see the blue folder for more information!



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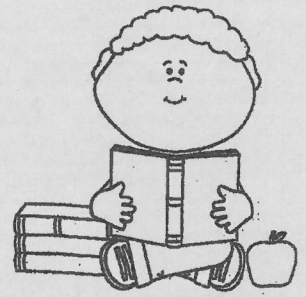
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of gospel living."

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**Family Literacy Workshops  
2016-2017  
Lancaster Central School District**

*Presented by: Mrs. Patty George  
Certified Literacy Specialist*



**Workshop 1: How to Help Your Child Learn to Read  
(Thursday, October 13, 2016)**

Suggestions will be given for how to help children emerge as readers and writers in preparation for the early years in school.

This workshop is for parents of children ages birth through grade 1.

**Workshop 2: Working with Words  
(Thursday, November 3, 2016)**

At-home literacy techniques will be shared for building basic word recognition skills.

This workshop is for parents of children in grades PreK- Grade 2.

**Workshop 3: Understanding What You Read: The Keys to Comprehension  
(Thursday, December 1, 2016)**

Comprehension strategies will be explained and modeled for parents. Parents will be taught how to "think-aloud" while reading to their children and how to use various strategies when comprehension breaks down.

This workshop is for parents of children in grades PreK-Grade 4.

**Workshop 4: Raising a Writer: What Parents Can Do to Encourage Young Writers  
(Thursday, February 2, 2017)**

Ways to encourage writing at home will be shared as well as techniques for improving writing skills.

This workshop is for parents of children in grades PreK-Grade 4.

**Workshop 5: Vocabulary: Improving Your Child's Understanding of Word Meanings  
(Thursday, March 2, 2017)**

Strategies for developing academic vocabulary will be shared to help promote comprehension and improve achievement in ELA, Science, Math, and Social Studies.

This workshop is for parents of children in grades PreK-Grade 4.

**Workshop 6: Summer Reading and Writing Tips  
(Wednesday, June 1, 2017)**

Are you worried your child will forget the important strategies learned in school this year? Join us to discover what you can do at home to keep your children reading, writing and learning all summer long!

This workshop is for parents of children in grades PreK-Grade 4.

All parent workshops are free of charge and will be held from 7:00-8:00 PM at the Lancaster Public Library on 5466 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086.

These workshops will benefit parents of children at all ability levels!

You may attend any or all of the sessions.

**Call 686-3390 and register today. Seats are limited!**



## SCRAPBOOK CLUB REMINDERS

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- Your \$10 cash supply fee is due now
- Bring 3-5 photos from home that you can cut
- Bring any supplies of your own that you would like to use or share. We have bins you can use in the room to leave your items
- Bring your scrapbook if you have it
- Bring a snack if you would like

**See you on Thursday, 10/6! Pick-up is at 3:15 sharp. Late arrivals (after 3:20) will be directed to Fast Club.**



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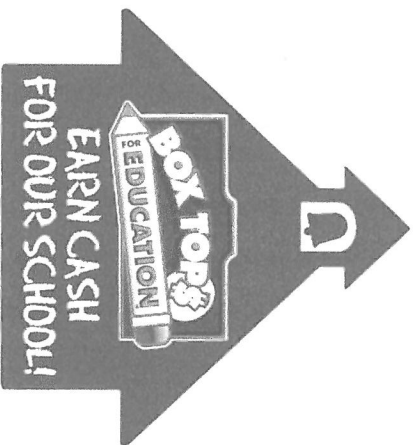
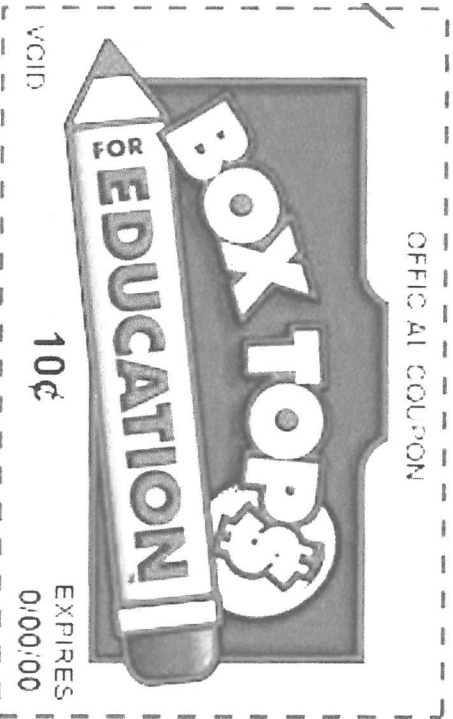
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Please send in your box tops! You can put them on sheets  
or even in a zip lock bag!

Each Box Top raises **10 cents!**

Fall deadline is fast approaching! Please don't forget to  
ask your relatives and friends!  
This is an easy way to raise money for  
our students at St. Mary's!  
Katherine Paradis – Box Tops Coordinator



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Start clipping Box Tops today! Each one is worth 10¢ for your child's school. They add up quickly and your school can use the cash to buy whatever it needs. For more information on Box Tops for Education, including a list of participating products and how much your child's school has earned, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com). Thanks for your help!

- 1 **Clip Box Tops.**  
Don't forget to check the expiration date.
- 2 **Tape or glue Box Tops on this sheet.**
- 3 **Send completed sheet to your school.**