



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 9/14/2016

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the teachers and staff, I am happy to welcome you to the 2016-17 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that our children are able to achieve their highest potential. In order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know that a strong partnership with you will make a difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Currently, links to the teacher websites can be found on their bios page. As soon as we receive the teachers' pictures from the photographer, the websites will be able to be accessed from the staff page. Thank you for your patience as we work on getting the websites up and running.

You should have received a copy of our parent/student handbook last Friday. Please review the information with your child. If you have any questions about the rules and expectations, please feel free to contact me. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding expectations related to appropriate behavior for a safe and productive school year.

The wonderful SME teachers, staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to a wonderful school year!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Upcoming Events

- 9/14 - HSA Meeting 6:00 in the Gym
- 9/19 - Picture Day
- 9/28 - Room Parent Social
- 9/30 - NO School
- Meet The Teacher Night 6:00 in the Gym
- 10/3—1:00 Dismissal & Catholic Schools Marathon
- 10/7—15min Emergency Early Release
- 10/10—Columbus Day—No School
- 10/12—State of the School Meeting, 6:00 in the Gym



- ⇒ The Weekly NewsNote is your one stop shop for all of the latest happenings at SME! Be sure to check it out to stay in 'the know'!
- ⇒ Please update your address books: Amanda Kuhn's email address is secretary@smeschool.com
- ⇒ There is much to see and read this week! As we progress into the year we will streamline what is sent home on paper vs. included electronically with our NewsNote.
- ⇒ Picture day is Monday, September 19th!! We are looking forward to seeing all the students dressed in their best!
- ⇒ Dress Down for a Cause! On Monday, September 26th, with a \$1 donation your child may dress down as we raise funds for a new kiln for the art room!
- ⇒ Our Catholic Schools Marathon will be held on Monday, October 3rd. Students may wear school appropriate shorts or jeans with SME logo shirts /sweat-shirts. See the flyer in your blue folder for more information!

There's More!

Athletic Department

Welcome to all returning families and all NEW families to St. Mary's Elementary school!! I am the Athletic coordinator for S.M.E. and I am looking forward to a great year!

The athletic office is located in room 134 which is directly across from the main office. (The space is shared with the scrip office.) Currently, the Fall sports teams are: Varsity boys baseball, Varsity and JV volleyball and swim team.

All teams have been finalized and I wish all of them the BEST with their upcoming seasons!

Coming soon to the website will be the athletic handbook and all information regarding the sports program at S.M.E.. Please continue to read the Newsnotes each week to be updated with the sports program. If anyone has any uniforms from past seasons, please send them to the athletic office as soon as possible. Currently, the best way to contact me is through email, athletics@smeschool.com. Thank you everyone for your interest and support of the athletic department!

Julie Wipperman

SME Yearbook

It may seem far off, but the time is now to begin working on our yearbook. Our current yearbook parent team is looking for help not only for this year's book, but for someone who would be willing to shadow them to take over the yearbook when their daughters graduate in June. This volunteer opportunity does involve at home computer work.

The yearbook committee is also looking for someone to help collect photos during various SME events, sports games, assemblies etc... If you've got that eye for a good shot and a passion for creating memories then this job is for you!

If you are interested in helping out please contact Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com.



Scrip

Your SCRIP envelope, with a new order form enclosed, is included in your blue folder today. Please use this envelope when sending in your order with your child. More information is attached to your new Scrip envelope.

Thank you to all SME Families who have signed up for ShopwithScrip.com. If you have not yet signed up, you can at anytime – just send in the enrollment form. If ordering ScripNow, please be sure to double check your order, as certificates cannot be returned or exchanged.

Remember, 100% of your first \$300 in profit from your card purchases will be credited directly to your tuition account. Scrip is sold every day from 8:00am-10:00am when school's in session. Saturday sales begin on, 9/17, from 9am- 11am. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at scrip@smeschool.com. As always, thank you for your support of the SCRIP program!

Cafeteria

Welcome Back!

It's that time again... Lunch Monitor Time! If you are interested in volunteering in the cafeteria please take a look at the flyer in this week's folder for more information. 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 Mondays and Fridays. If at any time you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com. I'm looking forward to a great year!

~ Mary Kate DeMarzio, Head Lunch Monitor

HSA

Included in your folders today is a sign up slip to be put into the lottery to become a room parent for your child's class.

Room parents act as an additional set of hands both in the classroom as the kids enjoy holiday parties and service projects as they get older; as well as outside the classroom assisting in activities such as the Catholic Schools Marathon & school picnic.

Please consider sharing your time and talent with both your child's teacher and classroom friends.

Please see the included sign up for more information.

We are looking forward to a great year!

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