



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 9/21/2016

Dear Parents,

This week marks the beginning of one of my favorite times of the year. Even though it happens every year, the beginning of autumn always takes us a bit by surprise. Almost as if a switch has been turned, one day late in the summer you feel it – a subtle crispness in the air, although this year summer seems to be hanging on a bit longer. Before you know it, it's pumpkin-spice-everything everywhere! I love all of the fall colors and the changing of the leaves. I think that it is important to remember that as busy as we all can get, we should take time to sit and watch the leaves turn. As F. Scott Fitzgerald stated: "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."

Our teacher and staff pictures have all been uploaded to the website as well as all email addresses. I encourage you to dress down with me on Monday, September 26, when as a community we raise money for a kiln for our art room.

Thank you for in advance for your support.

Have a great week!!
God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Upcoming Events

- 9/29 - Room Parent Social
- 9/30 - NO School
Meet The Teacher Night
5:30 Food Trucks
6:00 meeting begins 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 NewsNotes is your one stop shop for all of the latest happenings at SME! Be sure to check it out to stay in 'the know'!
- ⇒ Hard copies of the NewsNotes will continue to go home with every blue folder as well as being posted on our website & Facebook
- ⇒ Please update your address books: Amanda Kuhn's email address is secretary@smeschool.com

Marketing Committee

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! See the flyer in today's blue folder!



SME's Marketing Committee is looking for new members. Our next meeting will be October 18th. If you are interested please fill out the flyer that came home in today's Blue Folder. Thank you.

St. Mary's Community News

This week St. Mary's will begin offering Meditation and Yoga as Christian Spiritual Practice sessions twice a month. The first session will be held Tuesday, October 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Cafeteria at St. Mary's Elementary School. Classes are free of charge. Donations will be accepted to benefit our parish. Sessions will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. See the bulletin for more information.



Meet The Teacher Night & Harvest Homecoming

"Meet the Teachers Night" & Harvest Homecoming, Friday, September 30th 5:30-8pm

As we welcome all our families back to school, we invite you to join us on Friday, September 30th to Meet your Teacher! Here you will have the opportunity to meet with your teacher in a group setting in the gym and then go up to their classroom to see what our SME students have been up to so far this year! Something new...Anderson's Food Truck will be here that evening for dinner type foods and ice cream for you to purchase. The doors will open at 5:30 for you to get some dinner or a quick treat if you would like. We will have tables set up in the gym for you to sit down and socialize with great friends before meeting with the teachers. We hope to see you there! More information will be coming home next week!



Catholic Schools Marathon

The Catholic schools marathon will be held on Monday, October 3rd.

Just a friendly reminder that all pledge forms must be signed and returned by Monday, September 26th otherwise your student will not be able to participate in the marathon. You do not need to collect the pledge money by this date. We will send home the forms for students who participated in pledges after the Marathon to collect. Thank you!



Athletic Department



Basketball sign-ups now available in the nurse's office!

Students in grades 3rd-8th grade (boys and girls) may stop by the nurses office during their lunch period to pick up a sign-up form. The nurse will verify that your child's physical is current. The Athletic fee is \$40.00 per player. Anyone interested in coaching basketball may fill out the bottom portion of the sign up form. If more than 1 parent is interested in the same coaching position, a coaches application will be sent home to be filled out. All basketball sign-ups are due Wednesday, October 5th, 2016.

Anyone interested in joining the Athletic Advisory committee is invited to our 1st meeting of the year. The AAC will meet on Monday, October 3rd, 2016 at 7:00. We are inviting YOU! We hope to have some new families join us!

The Athletic handbook is ready to be viewed on the website! Check out all information about our amazing sport program here at St. Mary's Elementary school!

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.



Our students in K-6th grade had a chance to review bus safety with the Lancaster Transportation Department this week. They learned the importance of how to get on and get off a bus, how to behave inside the bus as well as what to do in the event of an emergency! Parents please take a few minutes to discuss with your children about what they learned in bus safety. Thank you!



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

Our Candy Bar Sale is well underway and going amazingly!! Orders can be submitted to the office any time via the order form found on the Fundraiser section of the school website, or found in the school office. Orders received are often filled and distributed the same day, based on chocolate availability.

If at any time you have any questions, please email Mrs. Janik at candybar-sale@smeschool.com.



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Fall Festival

Saturday, September 24th, 2016

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Lancaster Youth Bureau – 200 Oxford Ave.

Tons of Fun for the Family!

Games Pony Rides Entertainment
Kids' Crafts Face Painting Petting Zoo
Theme Basket Raffle
Pizza Hot Dogs Snacks
Hot & Cold Drinks Donuts and Cider

Also including...

OPERATION SAFE CHILD
And Driving & Texting Simulator

**Join the fun and support your community for a
Drug and Alcohol Free Family Fun Day!**

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Marketing Committee



We are looking for new members to become a part of our Marketing Committee. You do not have to have marketing experience but if you do that would be great. The committee meets once a month. If you are interested in joining please fill out the form below and send it back to the school office, or if you have any questions please call/email Mrs. Kierejewski at 683-2112 ext. 125 or kierejewskis@smeschool.com. Our next meeting will be held on October 18th at 5pm at the school please mark your calendars. Thank you.

Name - please print

Phone #

Email

_____ Yes, I am interested in the Marketing Committee

_____ Yes, I will be at the meeting on October 18, 2016

Attn: Mrs. Kierejewski – Advancement Coordinator

Lancaster School District

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Lancaster School District Flu Immunization Program

Flu season is right around the corner!

Beat the bug! Lancaster School District would like to help you and your family stay healthy this coming flu season by announcing the *2016 Lancaster School District Flu Immunization Program!* We have partnered with Independent Nursing Care, LLC to vaccinate you and your family this fall.

- *All vaccinations will be administered by a Registered Nurse!*
- Flu shots will be available.
- Vaccinations available for those 4 years of age and up.

Get your flu shot and beat the bug!

- Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016
- Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm
- Location: William Street School, 5201 William Street, Lancaster 14086



Schedule a family appointment today!

- Call 805-1020
- Call between 9:00am – 4:00pm

Bring your insurance card!

- Most insurance plans accepted as payment (BC/BS, IHA, Univera, Cigna, MVP, Medicare, Excellus and Aetna).
- For those without insurance the cost will be \$30.00 per injection.

**For additional information please contact:
Independent Nursing Care at 805-1020**