



# NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 9/28/2016

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, is our Meet the Teachers night. One of the features of the night includes two food trucks for families to get a bite to eat prior to the start of the evening. The trucks will be here at 5:30 pm. We will begin in the gym at 6:00pm and then at 7:00pm the teachers will head up to their classrooms where you are welcome to go and take a look at your child's classroom. Also, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be hosting a bake sale and bottle drive as fundraisers for their class trip. I hope to see all of our families there!



I have an update regarding show choir. Mrs. Abati-Lerner has opened her own private school and has decided to no longer work here with our show choir. I am sorry to see her go but I am happy to announce that Ms. Stringer along with some performing arts students from St. Mary's High School will be forming a choir here at SME! We will pass along more information regarding the choir soon.

Lastly, I wanted to let you know about two visitors that we will have speaking to our middle school students regarding the importance of being good citizens, local government and what it is like to be a Congressman. Stefan Mychajliw, Erie County Comptroller will be joining us on October 4<sup>th</sup> and Congressman Chris Collins will be speaking on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

- ⇒ Thank you to all that participated in our dress down day supporting our kiln fund! Together we were able to raise \$241!!
- ⇒ Thank you to all parents who pick up your child(ren) as walkers with your understanding of our new process. Having your ID's available and ready to ensure our students safety is much appreciated!
- ⇒ Please update your address books: Amanda Kuhn's email address is [secretary@smeschool.com](mailto:secretary@smeschool.com)

What's new?

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

Parents & Students alike are invited to join us on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> for Meet the Teacher night! 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 & Polish Villa II's Food Trucks 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!



## 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!

We are in need of volunteers to help stuff our Blue Folders each Wednesday morning. The commitment is every other week for roughly a two hour time span. If you are interested in helping us out please contact Amanda Kuhn at [secretary@smeschool.com](mailto:secretary@smeschool.com).



## 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.



## 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.

## Campbell's Labels for Education

Parent coordinator needed.....

We are currently looking for a parent to coordinate the Campbell's Labels for Education. If you would like to earn service hours from home this may be a great opportunity for you. Please email Mrs. Kierejewski at [kierejewskis@smeschool.com](mailto:kierejewskis@smeschool.com) and let her know if you are interested. Thank you!



## 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 **Thursday, September 29th** otherwise your student will not be able to participate in the marathon.

We will not be able to contact parents for verbal permission on Monday morning, we appreciate your understanding in this matter.

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 signups (grades 3rd-8th boys and girls) available from school nurse. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 5th.

Athletic Advisory Meeting: Monday, October 3rd @ 7:00.  
All are invited to join!

Athletic information is now available on school website:  
smeschool.com

A special thank you to Dennis Bauer (AAC Chairperson) for his dedication and work to make the handbook/athletic information available to ALL of us at SME!

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

Update: Cross Country:

First off, I would like to thank all of the families that filled out the Cross Country interest form last Spring. It was my intention for SME to have a Cross Country team at SME this Fall. Unfortunately, the Cross Country league has NOT accepted us to join the league. I have worked very hard to have at Cross Country at SME, but was told by the Diocese that at this point, they could not accept us until they have confirmation from returning schools whether or not they would have room for us. I am sorry that it didn't work for us this Fall. I will continue to work to get Cross Country at SME (hopefully) next Fall. Thank you for your understanding!

Julie Wipperman, Athletic Coordinator  
St. Mary's Elementary School  
athletics@smeschool.com / 716-683-2112 ext. 313

## 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. I'm looking forward to a great year!

~ Mary Kate DeMarzio, Head Lunch Monitor

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*"...visible examples  
of gospel living."*

## 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 business 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 a 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 for the candy bar sale are.

So if you can spare some time, send an email to janikj@smeschool.com and let me know what you are interested in doing and 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!

Coming home in today's blue folder, please find a flyer about our upcoming "My Little Sweetheart Dance". We are all very excited for this first time dance!

We are in need mom helpers for this dance. If you are interested and able please contact Mrs. Kierejewski.

## HSA

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.

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# MY LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE

Saturday, OCTOBER 15TH  
7PM-9PM

DAD, GRANDPA, UNCLE and OLDER BROTHERS are  
WELCOME TO COME WITH THEIR LOVELY LITTLE LADY  
GUEST!

semi- formal  
ATTIRE

**\$10 per person**

Payment Due:  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 7TH  
PLEASE GIVE TO  
MRS. KWITOWSKI

**Appetizers and refreshments  
will be served**

FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD  
WE WILL DONATE \$1 TO  
ST. GIANNA MOLLA  
FAMILY CENTER

## MY LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE

Names of attendees:

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TOTAL number attending:

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

\$

PLEASE RETURN MONEY AND ORDER FORM IN  
A LABELED ENVELOPE ADDRESSED:  
ATTN: MRS. KWITOWSKI/ CHILD'S NAME





# HSPT Review Course and Exam

## Placement Review Course

Wednesday, November 16 – Friday, November 18  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost is \$100 for all three classes.

Please register for the review course by November 7, 2016.

## Placement Exam

Saturday, November 19, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Exam cost is \$20.

Eighth grade students interested in attending St. Mary's must register to take the placement exam by November 14, 2016.



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