



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 9/27/2017

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday, September 29th is our Meet the Teacher Night. It is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and to meet parents of other students in the classroom. Be sure to come hungry! We have 2 food trucks coming. I hope to see all of our families there!!

Thank you to all who came to our 1st pancake breakfast. It was a big hit and delicious pancakes were enjoyed by all. Be sure to join us for the 2nd breakfast that will be held on October 29th. A special thank you to all of our volunteers.

The students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade had bus safety drills this week. They learned the rules for on and around the bus to ensure the safety of them and everyone around them. Parents, please be sure to exercise proper bus safety which includes moving around a stopped bus with their red lights flashing in our lot. There is a \$250 fine that can incur should they take your license plate and report you.

Remember that our Catholic Schools Marathon will be on Monday, October 2nd. Students should dress in SME attire. It is a 1:00 dismissal.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Upcoming Events

- **9/29** - Fall Harvest / Meet the Teacher Night 5:30-8:00 *with Food Trucks*
- **10/2** - 1:00 Dismissal, Catholic Schools Marathon, SME Attire
- **10/6** - 15 Min. Early Release Drill
- **10/9** - No School - Columbus Day
- **10/14** - My Little Sweetheart Dance
- **10/25** - Book Fair Preview Night, 6-8pm
- **10/26** - Picture Retake Day
- **10/26-27** - Book Fair 8am -2pm
- **10/28** - HSA Family Fun Night

Fall Harvest - Meet the Teacher Night



"Meet the Teachers Night"
Friday, September 29th 5:30pm – 8:00pm

We are happy to announce that we will have the following Food Trucks up and ready at 5:30pm:
Ted's and Anderson's!

Parents & Students alike are invited to join us on Friday, September 29th 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! Sign up sheets will also be out for our various events and parent/teacher conferences.

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!



Catholic Schools Marathon

The Catholic Schools Marathon will be held on
Monday, October 2, 2017.

PERMISSION SLIPS WERE DUE MONDAY!

If you have not yet returned your form please do so ASAP. Only physical permission slips will be accepted.

All monies may be collected after the Marathon and are due by
October 27, 2017.

Students are to wear their SME attire or their gym uniforms.



This is a rain or shine event, so please dress your child in weather appropriate attire.

Arts & Crafts

Interested in Crafting?

Students in grades 3-5 are invited to join Craft Club with Mrs. Michalek and Mrs. Laidman!

Craft Club will be held on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:15pm in room #104 (10/3-11/7). There is a sign up sheet outside room 104, but don't delay! There is space for just 12 students! There is a \$10 craft fee for this club.

Scrip Corner

Football season has officially kicked off, and if you plan on watching all the games at Dave & Buster's® you can play more for less! Place an order for \$25 or more of Dave & Buster's® Scrip and receive a bonus \$20 for \$20 Dave & Buster's® electronic Gameplay Coupon! Supplies are limited so mark your calendars! Offer valid on physical or ScripNow eCards on ShopWithScrip.com **from September 30 - October 6.**

Coming soon! There will be a locked box in the church foyer and outside the Scrip office so that you can drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you!



Autumn Gold



The 23rd Annual Autumn Gold Event will be here before we know it! I am looking for parents who are interested and able to help keep this important fundraiser going! Assistance is needed with: Advertising, Raffles, Bar, Food & Entertainment.



If we are able to exceed our expectations with this fundraiser we anticipate there will be no change to our tuition rate for the '18-'19 school year. If we are unable to reach our fundraising goals we are certain to see an increase.

The event will be held on November 3, 2017 right here in our school. The raffle boasts \$20,000 in prizes, a total of 48 prizes in all! Tickets are just \$50 and admit two adults to the party.



We are asking for assistance from our school families to donate baskets for our raffles for both Autumn Gold & Mega Raffle. If you are a 'Mompreneur' with an at home/direct sales business and are interested in donating a basket we would love to promote you! We ask that your basket be valued at a minimum of \$50. All donations can be dropped off in the school office. Additionally we are asking that each grade send items in to complete a themed basket. Please see the flyer in today's blue folder for more information. We thank you in advance for your support! Please note that by NYS law, raffle baskets *cannot* include any alcoholic beverages.

This will be my last year running this important fundraiser. If you are able to join the AG Team for this year and/or beyond please email Amanda Kuhn at AutumnGold@smeschool.com. Thank you in advance for your assistance and commitment to SME!

Our next Autumn Gold Meeting will be Thursday, October 5th at 6:00 in the school as we continue to plan our event.

Athletics

SAVE THE DATE: The Fall sports banquet is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m. The sport teams included in this banquet are: Varsity Boys Baseball, Varsity Co-ed Cross Country, Swim Team, Varsity and JV Girls volleyball teams. More information about the banquet will come as it gets closer.

Are you interested in joining the Athletic Advisory Committee? Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12th from 8:00-9:30. All are invited to join!

This is my last year as Athletic Coordinator and I would love to start training a new person to take over! If you are interested or have any questions, please email me at: athletics@smeschool.com

Basketball signups (grades 3rd-8th boys and girls) are available from the school nurse. **The deadline for basketball signups is Wed. October 4th!**

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

Chocolate Bar Sale

Selling opportunities:

Saturday and Sundays are available for candy bar sales at the Boulevard Mall starting now and running until mid November. If anyone is interested in more information on this selling opportunity please contact Lori Forys directly at: loriforys@yahoo.com or 684-3742. Many Sundays are still available through the end of the year.

Fr. Paul is allowing one family per mass to sell outside the back and side doors of the church for the month of October. Please be sure to bring your own supplies (table/chairs/chocolate bars & change) for an effective sale. Students are asked to please wear SME attire. Please go to <https://ttsu.me/npdw9g> to sign up for your date before they're all gone!

Chocolate order forms are available now on our school website. If at any time you have any questions regarding this sale please email candybarsale@smeschool.com.



Home School Association

Thank you to everyone who responded and was selected as a Room Parent for the 2017-2018 School Year. We look forward to meeting you today at the Room Parent Social!

Next week we will begin our Kidstuff Coupon Book sale. The books are \$25 each and offer a wide variety of coupons for shopping, activities and food! Don't be caught at the check-out without one! With so many options you'll want one for each car!

Although fundraising is not required of each family, the participation and commitment from our parents ensures our ability to continue the fun events we've offered to the children in the past, and enable us to make them better each year! If each family sells just two books, we will earn \$6500 for our school!

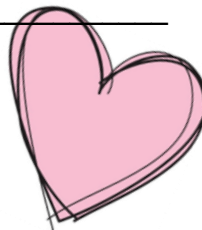
My Little Sweetheart Dance is Saturday, October 14th 7-9:00pm. We are looking for some of our Mom's to come and help out that night. We will need help with set-up, during the event and clean up. If you would like to help that evening, please fill out form below and send back to the school office. Thank you! More information will be coming home soon....

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____ set-up during event

VIRTUS Trained? Yes or No

clean-up



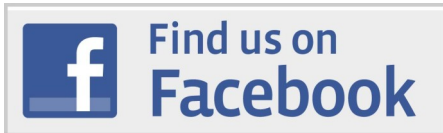
Emergency Evacuation Drill

On Friday, October 6th students will be dismissed 15 minutes early from school!



Have you liked our page yet?
Find us on Facebook and stay in the know with the latest info and pictures!

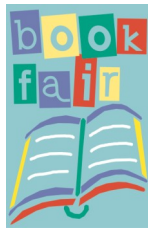
Not on Facebook?
View all our posts on our website!



Book Fair

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be October 25-27, 2017. With every purchase our Library receives credit to purchase new books. Each teacher also creates a wish list for books for their classroom.

Darcie Fudoli will be enjoying her last book fair this year as her child is graduating. If you are interested in taking this event over please email Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com and your information will be shared with her. We thank you in advance for your consideration in continuing this tradition at SME!



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Did you know...

By dropping off your paper recycling in the bins in the school/church lot you are earning money for SME?!

Please remember that cardboard, and plastic are off limits!



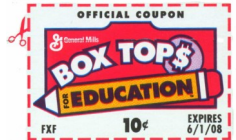
Big Savings For You, and FREE Money For Your School!

Now thru October 14th, get \$5 for you plus \$5 for your school of choice! All you have to do is register or re-register in our TOPS In Education program and you'll receive an eCoupon for \$5 off a future grocery purchase.



The Campbell's label program is ending this year! Don't delay - get those coupons in before it's too late!

We receive .10 for every box top you send in and boy does it add up fast! Collection bins are located in the school office!



Bottle Return

The Graduating Class of 2018 would greatly appreciate your help by having you donate your refundable water and pop bottles to benefit their class at the following recycling locations:

St. Mary's Elementary - entry foyer (a recycling bin has been placed for your convenience)

Cash For Cans:

2500 George Urban Blvd., Depew, NY (between Dick and Transit)

480 Aurora St, Lancaster, NY (corner of Aurora and William Sts)

Deposit Depot:

5150 Broadway, Lancaster, NY (between McDonalds and Dollar General)

Simply drop off your bottles at these locations and say "These are for St Mary's Elementary."

Thank you for your support!

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Dear School Family,

Planning is underway for our 23rd Annual Autumn Gold Event. This is the longest standing fundraiser for our school and parish. Each year we have been able to raise over \$17,000. The success of this fundraiser has much to do with the support of our school families. The income received for tuition does not cover the full cost of educating our children. We rely on fundraising to fill that gap and the church must subsidize where we fall short. The goal is to become and maintain a self supporting entity while keeping tuition rates affordable for our families.

This year we are planning to make some exciting changes to the event to make it a fun night out for your family and friends. There are **just 1500 tickets available** and tickets have been reduced to \$50.00 this year. Each ticket purchased enters you into a drawing to win one of 48 prizes totaling \$20,000! We have two Early Bird drawings left! Did you know that after a winning number is pulled it goes **back** into the spinner and is available for every single drawing!! One ticket admits two adults to the event which will be held on Friday, November 3rd. The doors open at 6:00 pm, and the raffles begin at 8:00 pm. Included in your ticket is a light dinner and drinks (beer/wine/pop). Additionally we will have 50/50, basket raffles and for just \$1 you can enter to win another Autumn Gold Ticket (Just think - for just \$1 you could win \$10,000... what a return on your investment!)

Historically, families were required to sell or purchase two tickets to this event. Although we are no longer bound to selling two, I ask that you consider purchasing those two tickets to ensure the success of not only our fundraiser, but ultimately our school. This year we are offering the ability to choose your own ticket number(s). Please return the bottom portion of this letter with your payment and ticket number choices and your ticket(s) will be sent to you.

I thank you in advance for your support! If you are interested in working on the AG Team to help plan for success please contact me at AutumnGold@smeschool.com. Questions and/or concerns can also be directed to AutumnGold@smeschool.com.

Amanda Kuhn
Autumn Gold Chairman

Mrs. Kim Kwitowski
Principal

Rev. Paul Steller
Pastor



I am committed to helping SME succeed! Enclosed is my payment for ____ tickets.
Please choose ticket numbers 1-1000

Ticket #1 number choices: _____

Purchased by: _____
Name Address Zip Phone

Ticket #2 number choices: _____

Purchased by: _____
Name Address Zip Phone

Ticket #3 number choices: _____

Purchased by: _____
Name Address Zip Phone

Ticket #4 number choices: _____

Purchased by: _____
Name Address Zip Phone

Sold by: _____

Autumn Gold/Mega Raffle Class Basket Donation Request

Hello SME Families! We need your help to make our basket raffle great for both our Autumn Gold & Mega Raffle events!

We ask that the following classes donate items to their themed basket:

Autumn Gold:

Pre-K & Grade 1 - Thanksgiving
Grades 3 & 5 - Christmas
Grade 7 - Lottery Tickets

Mega Raffle:

Kindergarten & 2nd Grade - Summer Fun
Grades 4 & 6- Guys Theme
Grade 8 - Lottery Tickets

All donations can be sent to school to the attention of your room parent.
We thank you in advance for your support!

Amanda Kuhn
Autumn Gold Chair

Mary Kate & Steve DeMarzio
Mega Raffle Chair Couple

Dear Families,

This year FAST Club will be moving towards developing a better schedule for our students. As you know FAST Club runs from 2:15pm to 6:00pm. Below will be the schedule for the year.

2:15-2:45pm snack

2:45-3:15pm academic time

3:15-3:45pm gym/parish room or outside

3:45-6:00pm games/crafts and art

During snack time we ask that you send in with your child a snack that is peanut/tree nut free. They will be able to have snack from the time they arrive until 2:45. At 2:45pm we will switch to an academic period. During this time students will work on home work. If your child is not doing homework we ask you to send your child with a book that they can read. At 3:15 we will transition into time for the students to play a group game or have free recess in the gym, parish room or outside. Around 3:45 we will head back to the cafeteria for the rest of our program, at this time the students will be able to participate in board games, crafts and free art.

We are also happy to announce that this year we will be opening FAST club up on days off. The program will run from 7:30am to 3:00pm and it will be a dress down day for the students. If you are interested in signing your child up for the first day off October 9th, 2017 please send in the below interest form by September 29th, 2017. Future forms will be sent home closer to the scheduled days off or vacations.

We are excited to have your child in FAST club this year and we know your child will enjoy participating in it. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

Ashley Farina
FAST Club Director

Interest form for Columbus Day October 9th, 2017

Name: _____

Time planning on attending (please circle or write in an alternate time):

7:30-3:00pm or other _____

Please note that your child will have to bring in their own snack, and lunch for this day.

MY LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE

Saturday, October 14th

7PM-9PM

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

FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD WE WILL DONATE \$2 TO THE MOTHER TERESA HOME

Semi-Formal ATTIRE

\$12 per person

Payment Due:
FRIDAY OCTOBER 6TH
PRE-SALE ONLY
PLEASE GIVE TO
MRS. KWITOWSKI

Appetizers and refreshments will be served

Names of attendees:
(FIRST, LAST)

TOTAL number attending:

STUDENT: _____

GUEST: _____

STUDENT: _____

GUEST: _____

STUDENT: _____

GUEST: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

PLEASE RETURN MONEY AND ORDER FORM IN A LABELED

ENVELOPE ADDRESSED:

ATTN: MRS. KWITOWSKI/ CHILD'S NAME





To our SME Family:

Thank you for your support of our mission trip to the Dominican Republic!

We were there for 10 days and the wonderful people we met will put your donations to good use!

We appreciate your generosity!



*Megan Anderson
and
Anastasia Lach*

SME Class of 2016
Sacred Heart Class of 2020

Fall Festival

Saturday, September 30th, 2017

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!