

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday is our Hope Ribbon Mass for the 8th graders. As a school we are very proud of our 8th graders!

I saw this quote by Mother Theresa and thought I would share it.

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is a beauty, admire it.
Life is bliss, taste it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is love, enjoy it.
Life is mystery, know it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is a song, sing it.

On Friday, May 18th, Bishop Malone will be joining us for mass. We are very excited to have him celebrate with us and invite you all to come as well!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

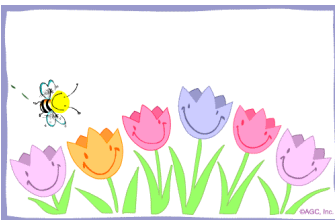


Your commitment fee now includes supplies with the exception of Middle School calculators, headphones & other technology needs!

Do you know someone who is interested in joining our family? Registration packets are available in the school office!

TUITION OFFICE

At this time, all Pre-K and K-8 tuition accounts should be paid in full. Final payments were due by April 15 as indicated on your signed Tuition Contract and recent statement. Unless alternate payment arrangements are in place with the Tuition Office, you will be receiving a copy of the payment policy and enforcement will take place May 25 if any account is arrears at that time. Please contact Nancy Jezuit, Director of Student Affairs in the Tuition Office @ 683-2112 x121 or jezuitn@smeschool.com as soon as possible if you have concerns or questions regarding your tuition account. Thank you.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/1 - 5/3 - NYS Testing, Math Gr.4 & 8
- 5/4 - 8th Gr. Hope Ribbon Mass & Reception
- 5/7 - 1:00 Dismissal, STREAM Walk-a-Thon, SME Gym Attire
- 5/9 - STREAM Flower Sale Pick up, 2:30-6:00
- 5/10 - Ascension Thursday Mass, 8:30, NO DRESS DOWN ATTIRE
- 5/11 - Penny Fair, No School Mass, **8th Grade T-Shirt & Jeans day**
- 5/18 - May Crowning Mass, 8:30, Bishop Malone will be joining us!
- 5/23 - Dress Down Day supporting the Lipiarz Family Benefit
- 5/25-5/28 - No School
- 5/30 - NYS Science Performance Testing Gr. 4 & 8

FUNDRAISERS BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From April 23 – April 29, 2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$279.21.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
April Sales-to-Date	April Profit-to-Date
\$12,080.00	\$616.71



Mega Raffle:

Tickets Sold to date: **400**
Tickets Remaining: **250**
Did you get yours?!

The past two years we've sold out before the event!

We are currently 141 tickets behind in sales from last year. For this fundraiser to be successful in keeping our tuition down, we need **ALL** families to help sell tickets. Please feel free to get creative with Social Media (posting this great opportunity to Facebook feeds, etc) as well as encouraging multiple people to chip in on one ticket!



*Congratulations
to our
Christian Witness
Recipients
for the month of
April*

PENNY FAIR

The Penny Fair *SMEs longest standing tradition* will be here before we know it! Our students will enjoy a gym full of carnival style games & activities for just \$0.25 a game! Children will have the opportunity to play games for prizes, and even flowers or a cake just in time for Mother's Day!

We are in need of volunteers to help during the course of our fair to ensure a smooth day for all! This includes setting up the fair on Thursday evening & during the day on Friday. Please reach out to Annelis Staats-Szuder if you are able to help at 510-0571.

We are also in need of cakes for our Cake Walk (think musical chairs, but you win cake instead)! Donations of cakes & baked goods can be dropped off Thursday evening or by 8:00 am Friday.

Tickets are still available for the Catholic Schools Night at the Ball Game on Friday, May 18th! While you're there, cheer extra loud as our very own Andrew from Mrs. Brinkworth's 4th grade class challenges Buster in a race around the bases! Tickets are available at: groupmatics.events/s/other/Bisonscatholic



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SPRING CONCERT

We will have a change in the date and format of our Spring Concert and Band Concert. In the past, these two events were held on separate days however, this year, we will be combining them into one large, whole-school musical performance!

Our concert will be on Wednesday, June 6th at 9:00am in the school gym. We will have performances by our SME School Band, many of our beginner instrumental students, and all music classes from PK-4 to Grade 8. We will feature instrumental performances, singing, 3rd grade recorders, classroom percussion instruments, and possibly some sign language, movements with songs, games, and basically a little bit of everything we do in music class during the year.

We hope to see you there!!

BISON FUND



Giving Parents a Choice.
Giving Children a Chance.

BISON held the lottery drawing last month and notified results to families via email. Families selected to receive funding were emailed a link to complete a full application. The deadline to complete the full application is April 30, 2018. The deadline for families to renew their scholarships was April 13, 2018. Families can still submit a pre-application on our website and be placed on the BISON Fund waiting list.

Award letters will be sent to all families at the beginning of May. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy McDonald at 716-854-0869

SPORTS REPORT

All league games/meets are now posted on the school website! You may access them under the Athletics tab on our school website. (Thank you Mr. Kroll for posting them for all families to view!)

The Varsity Girls softball team is currently undefeated with wins over both Our Lady of Victory (4/27, score of 21-1) & Saints Peter & Paul (4/30, score of 4-2). We had a great team effort by all!

The Track team had their 1st meet on Saturday April 28 at St. Francis High school. The athletes gave it their all despite the weather conditions. We placed second overall and earned 27 first place ribbons! Team members who earned 1st place in their events were:

Marco F.- sprint, 300 relay, 800 relay
Luke W.- long jump, 300 relay, 800 relay
Cameron C.-long jump, 300 relay, 800 relay
Tyler W.- softball throw, 300 relay, 800 relay

Christine W.- long jump, 800 relay
Chloe S.- softball throw, 800 relay
Andrew W.- sprint & 300 relay
Griffin S.- 800 relay, 300 relay
Jake A.- 800 relay, 300 relay
Joe K.- softball throw, 300 relay
Ariella M.- sprint
Lucia C.- softball throw
Charlotte Z.- long jump

SME team members also took home 30 second place ribbons, 17 third place ribbons, and 10 fourth place ribbons. Everyone (including 19 parent & teacher volunteers!) contributed to a great first track meet for our team! The next Track meet is Sunday, May 6th at Orchard Park High School starting at noon! Classmates, come out and cheer on our AWESOME track team at SME!



SCRIP

From September 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned by the school was \$10,738.31. **We have begun to fall short of our monthly goal, but I know we can hit it in future months if each family strives for a profit of \$250/year in Scrip rebates.** Please take into consideration the places that you normally shop and dine, including purchasing your gasoline at Tops (gift cards accepted at pump) or paying your Kohl's charge card bills using SCRIP gift cards. Together, we can make the SCRIP program a success to our school, our Parish and for our children! Please contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

Toys R Us has officially filed to liquidate and close all US stores. Gift cards are no longer able to be redeemed. **We cannot accept returns.**

We will have a limited number of special low denomination gift cards available to order through May 25th, or while supplies last. These are perfect for teacher gifts and grad parties! The gifts cards available are: Amazon.com \$10, Applebee's \$10, Barnes & Noble \$5, CVS \$5, Olive Garden \$10, Home Depot \$10, IHOP \$10, Meijer \$10, Outback \$10, Panera \$5, Red Lobster \$10, Regal \$10, Safeway \$10, Starbucks \$5, Target \$10, Wal-Mart \$10.

MEGA RAFFLE

The Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families.

So far, **162** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by **65** of our school families and we appreciate your support! If you are unsure as to how many tickets you've sold please contact Mary Kate! Every ticket sold gets us closer to our goal and makes sure we have a successful drive! Flyers are available in the front office if you would like to bring them to your place of business to sell - people love a raffle!



*Prize winners announced live
on Friday, June 1st
at 6:30 in the Parish Center.*

If you are interested in helping out please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at megaraffle@smeschool.com or 510-1409.

LUNCH NEWS

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we will be able to head outside for recess after lunch!! The students need your help though, as I am unable to take them out unless I have two volunteers present. We are most in need of volunteers Mondays-Thursdays and especially during the 3rd lunch period from 12:14-12:51. 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. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation! Please contact me at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com or 510-1409 if you're available to sign up.



SUMMER CAMPS

We are excited to be offering summer camps for students in both Pre-K/K as well as grades 1-6!

Please see the flyers coming home today for more information!



Spring is finally here.
... I think ... Maybe
... Hopefully.



Visit Jim Hunt at facebook.com/huntcartoons

STAY IN THE KNOW

Save the Date: 5/4 8th Grade Hope Ribbon Ceremony

Save the Date: 5/11 Penny Fair

Save the Date: 5/18 Catholic Schools Night at the Bison's Game

Save the Date: 6/6 School Spring Concert, Pre-k - Gr. 8, 9:00 am

Save the Date: 6/7 - Pre-K 3 Last Day

Save the Date: 6/8 - Pre-K 4 Graduation Day

Save the Date: 6/11 - Kindergarten Graduation Day



St. Mary's Elementary School Pre-K and Kindergarten Summer Camp

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Are you still wondering what to do with your child over the summer?

Well, AVOID SUMMER BRAIN DRAIN and register your child for SME's Pre-K/K Summer Camp! This year, we are hoping to offer a five week summer program, in order to do this we need your input!

The goal of our program at the Pre-K/K level is to keep newly acquired skills fresh; preventing that dreaded backwards "summer slide". Children will also enjoy music and movement, crafts, outdoor play and walking field trips. Activities will focus on different themes and will also provide socialization, learning through play, reinforcement of school skills, and fun in the fresh summer air.

Please take a minute and answer the following 3 questions below.

Your feedback is important!

Thank You!

Ms. Kristen Jones, Teacher

Mrs. Kim Kwitowski, Principal



How much of the summer would your child attend if it was offered from July 9th - August 10th?

1 Week _____

2 Weeks _____

3 Weeks _____

4 Weeks _____

5 Weeks _____

I am interested:

Half-Day Camp (8:00 - 11:30) _____

Full Day Camp (8:00 - 2:00) _____

How often would you send your child if it was offered Monday - Thursday?

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

KK

Dear SME Families,

Are you still wondering what to do with your child over the summer? Well, register your child for SME's K-6 Summer Camp!

This year, we are offering a four week program for grades K-6. Our schedule will be Monday - Thursday from 8:00 - 2:00, July 9th- August 3rd. The goal of our program is to help students retain information and prepare them for the next year. The students will participate in activities both inside and outside that incorporates STREAM, and NYS standards. Each week will incorporate a different theme that allows the students to solve challenges. Our activities will be both educational and fun, while enjoying the beautiful sunshine. Our themes will be Sherlock mystery challenge, STREAM Challenges week, Superhero Week, and Sports Olympics.

The cost of the four week camp is \$500.00, registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. Your child will be required to bring in a peanut free snack and lunch, a water bottle, and they will need to wear sneakers every day. It is also recommended that your child brings in sunscreen as we will be going outside often.

If you are interested in signing your child up for summer camp, please fill out the bottom form and send it back in by May 4th. Please remember space is limited, if there is not enough interest in the summer camp program SME reserves the right to cancel the summer program.

Thank you for your interest in summer camp. We look forward to a wonderful summer experience with your child!

Mrs. Farina

Farinaa@smeschool.com

Students name: _____

Students current grade: _____

☐ I am interested in summer camp for my child, please send me registration information.

Parent Signature

Date

JK

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish presents...

The 16th Annual St. Mary's Golf Tournament

Chestnut Hill Country Club
1330 Broadway
Darien, NY 14040

Monday, July 23, 2018

9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Shotgun Start
Lunch at the Turn

One Hour Open Bar before Dinner

4:30 PM Steak Dinner
Prizes and Awards

Prizes for... Longest Drive · Highest Team Score
Lowest Team Score · Closest to the Pin
Putting Contest · Hole in One Contest

Sponsorship Opportunities

GOLD SPONSOR \$2,000

1 Golf Foursome
Company Name on Tournament Banner
2 Hole Signs
Recognition on SME Website

SILVER SPONSOR \$1,000

1 Golf Foursome
Company Name on Beverage Cart
1 Hole Sign
Recognition on SME Website

BRONZE SPONSOR \$750

1 Golf Foursome
Putting Green and Driving Range Signage
Recognition on SME Website

LUNCH SPONSOR \$600

1 Golf Foursome
Lunch Reception Signage
Recognition on SME Website

RECEPTION SPONSOR \$300

Signage at Cocktail Hour
1 Hole Sign
Recognition on SME Website

CONTEST SPONSOR \$100

1 Contest Sign
1 Hole Sign
Recognition on SME Website

HOLE SPONSOR \$50

1 Hole Sign
Recognition on SME Website

**Proceeds to benefit
St. Mary's Elementary School**

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

☐ \$100 – Individual Golfer (will be assigned to a group)

☐ \$400 – Foursome _____

☐ \$40 Dinner Only

☐ I am unable to attend, but would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____

Sponsorships:

___ GOLD	\$2,000
___ SILVER	\$1,000
___ BRONZE	\$750
___ LUNCH	\$600
___ RECEPTION	\$300
___ CONTEST	\$100
___ HOLE	\$50

Please make checks payable to: St. Mary's Elementary School

Forms may be mailed to: SME GOLF COMMITTEE, 2 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086 · 716-683-2112

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MAY 2018

Child lunches are \$2.75. Adult lunches are \$3.90. All students must take, at the least, three of the five offered components to meet the requirements of a full lunch. Fresh fruits/vegetables are offered daily when available. If you have any questions, please call the kitchen manager at 683-2112 x119



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A Healthy Lunch starts with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable and/ or fruit • Lean Protein & whole grains • Milk 	1 Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Rice Carrots and Peas	2 Taco Salad Corn Cucumber Salad	3 Pizza Romaine Salad Broccoli	4 Turkey, Ham or Sunbutter/Jelly Sandwich bag lunches
7 Hot dog/bun Oven Fries Baked Beans	8 Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	9 French Toast/sausage Hash Brown patty Corn	10 Stuffed Crust pizza Romaine Salad Cauliflower	11 Lasagna Rolls Romaine Salad Mixed Vegetables
14 Cheeseburger/bun Tater tots Baked Beans	15 Chicken nugget Buttered Noodles Broccoli/ Veggie Stix	16 Taco in a bag Corn Refried Beans	17 Pizza Romaine Salad Green bean medley	18 Mac and Cheese Romaine Salad Cauliflower
21 Breakfast Sandwich Hash Brown Patty Mixed Vegetables	22 BBQ Chicken Roasted Potatoes Peas and Carrots	23 Taco Corn Veggie Stix/dip	24 Pizza Romaine Salad Broccoli/Cauliflower	Alternate Lunches Available Daily B - Julienne Salad w/ 2 WG Rolls C - Yogurt Parfait w/granola and WG muffin D - Sunbutter/Jelly Sandwich on WG bread Choose at least 3 of these!
28	29 Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Rice Mixed Vegetables	30 French Toast & Sausage Hash Brown Patty Peas	31 Stuffed Crust Pizza Romaine Salad Cauliflower	

Menu subject to change.



Faith Focus

This week's family connection activity is based on the Gospel reading
for ***Sunday, May 6th.***

Peace,
Mrs. Hoag

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

Family Connection

**From Loyola Press*

In family life, we have many opportunities to show love in action. Each time we postpone a task to tend to the needs of another, we show ourselves to be on the path to following the example of love shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes the sacrifices we are called upon to make for others are small. But these small choices to love and to serve others prepare us for the larger choices and sacrifices that we may be called upon to make. If we are people who have practiced showing our love for others with generosity, we will also be people who are willing to lay down our lives for those we love.

As you gather as a family, talk about the meaning of the word *generosity*. Ask each family member to describe an action that shows generosity. To be generous is to give freely to others without counting the cost. Recall that generosity is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Introduce today's Gospel reading by saying that Jesus taught us to be generous in showing our love for one another. Read together today's Gospel, John 15:9-17. What examples did Jesus give to us that show this kind of love? (washing his disciples' feet; accepting death on the cross) Jesus helps us to show this kind of love to others. In today's Gospel, Jesus promised that God will give us whatever we ask for. One of the things we can ask for from God is a generous spirit so that we can love others as Jesus did.

Conclude in prayer together by praying Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity.

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,

Teach me true generosity.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve.

To give without counting the cost,

To fight heedless of wounds,

To labor without seeking rest,

To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward

Save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.