

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend. It was nice to see such beautiful weather!

On Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be taking a school wide photo outside. This photo will be available for sale. It will include all students, teachers and staff. I am asking that all students, with the exception of grade 5, wear their navy blue school shirts to school. There will not be any dress up or down on Friday. Grade 5 is being asked to wear a red school shirt, if they have it. If not, please wear navy blue. Thank you for your assistance with this. We are going to form a cross with a heart in it for the picture.

Next week grades 4 and 8 will be taking the NYS Science Assessments.

If you have not sent in your registration packets, please send them in to ensure yourself a spot for the upcoming school year.

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:

- 6/1 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30.
- 6/1 - Mega Raffle Drawing 7:00pm
- 6/4 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down, NYS Science Written Test Gr. 4 & 8
- 6/6 & 6/7 - Book Swap
- 6/6 - Spring Concert, 9am, Gym
- 6/7 - Pre-K 3 Last Day
- 6/8 - Pre-K 4 Graduation, 10:00, Gym
- 6/10 - Meat Raffle, 1pm
- 6/11 - Kindergarten Graduation, 10:30
- 6/12 - 6/14 - Middle School Exams
- 6/15 - School Picnic, 1:00 Dismissal
- 6/18 - 6/19 - No School, Recording Days
- 6/20 - Gr 1-8 Last Day of School! 10:45 Dismissal, Awards Assembly 9:30am, 7:00 pm Graduation

## FUNDRAISERS BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

From May 21 – May 27, 2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was 51.88.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
May Sales-to-Date	May Profit-to-Date
\$11,967.00	\$659.60



### Mega Raffle:

Tickets Sold to date: **567**  
 Tickets Remaining: **83 & Two Days Left! Did you get yours?!**  
 The past two years we've sold out before the event!

**We are currently 84 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!

## MEGA RAFFLE



The Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, **268** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by **87** of our school families and we appreciate your support!

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

If you are interested in helping the night of the event, please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at [me garaffle@smeschool.com](mailto:me garaffle@smeschool.com) or 510-1409.

## SPRING CONCERT

Our concert will be on Wednesday, June 6th at 9:00 am 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!

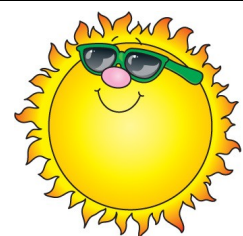
## SCHOOL PHOTO

On Friday June 1st we will be taking a school wide group photo from our rooftop. We are asking that all students in grade 5 wear a red polo and all other students wear a navy blue uniform polo. Our Pre-K friends will wear their Pre-K t-shirts if they have them, if not a navy blue shirt is preferred. Order forms are going home today if you are interested in a copy of the photo which will be a cross with a heart in the middle. Here's what we did last year!



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**SCRIP**

From September 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned by the school was \$10,738.31. **This program is vital to our school and although we have been falling short of our monthly goal recently, 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](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com) to find out how you can support this fundamental program.



We will have a limited number of special low denomination gift cards available to order 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.

**SPORTS REPORT**

The Spring Sports Banquet is scheduled for Monday, June 18th at Walden Pond. This banquet is for the following Spring teams: Varsity Boys Volleyball, Varsity Girls Softball, Co-ed Track and All soccer teams. More details to come in June!

Congratulations to Joe K., Marco F. and Damien K. who were selected as All-Stars for baseball and played at Coca-Cola field on Friday. Our boys helped bring the team to victory with a score of 18-5.

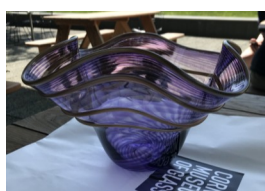


Congratulations to our All-SITA track meet participants! Being a first year team did not hold us back from taking many first place medals!  
Way to finish strong!!



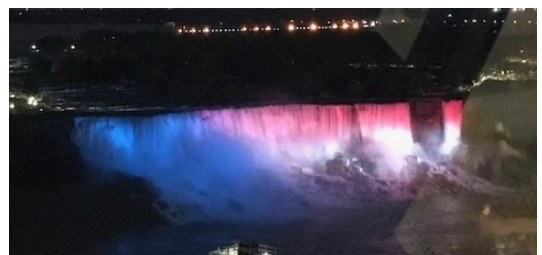
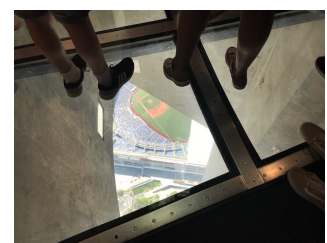
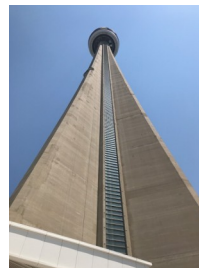
**7TH GRADE TRIP**

On Thursday May 24th our 7th Grade Students enjoyed a day at Corning Museum of Glass. They even had a chance to create a masterpiece of their own!



**8TH GRADE TRIP**

On Thursday May 24th our 8th Grade Students enjoyed a day in Canada!



**LIBRARY NEWS**

Notes are being sent home regarding outstanding library fines, and books that need to be returned.

All fines need to be paid IMMEDIATELY to clear academic accounts. Please pay the exact amount in the envelope provided. The library has no way of issuing change. All over payments will be considered donations.

Notes that ask for books to be returned are being sent home because the book YOUR student was issued was not returned. Each student is responsible for the book that was checked out to them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**STAY IN THE KNOW**

**Save the Date:** 6/6 & 6/7, Book Swap

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

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May 29, 2018

Dear Parents,

You're familiar with St. Mary's Mega Raffle, which is our largest and most important annual fundraiser to support the continued viability of our school and parish. This Friday, June 1, is the date of the Live Drawing for our third annual Mega Raffle.

During its first two years, Mega Raffle was a sellout with all 650 tickets purchased by parents and parishioners. This year, as of yesterday morning, we are 83 tickets short of this goal. At \$100 per ticket, that is \$8,300 that St. Mary's will *not* have, unless we all rally behind the effort to sell as many tickets as possible by this Friday.

I know that we ask a lot of you as an SME parent. We do so because you understand the value and the critical importance of keeping our school strong, for the unique academic and faith-filled experience that *is* St. Mary's Elementary. Just recently, Bishop Richard Malone praised our children for their achievements, enthusiasm and success, and our school for being the wonderful institution that it is. We are one of only 38 diocesan Catholic elementary schools – and I know that you share my passion for keeping SME strong and vibrant.

By selling or purchasing one or more Mega Raffle tickets this week, you will help to further strengthen SME and ensure its continued future growth. Remember, one option is to split the cost of tickets with family members, friends or coworkers. Our Grand Prize is \$25,000, with nine additional cash prizes also available. Your ticket includes admission to Friday's Live Drawing event, which is a great fun-filled evening, but you need not be present to win.

Please give serious consideration to supporting Mega Raffle. All you need to do is call (716) 253-7880, email [megaraffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaraffle@smeschool.com), or stop in the school office or the St. Mary's Rectory.

Thank you for this and for all you do for our school.

God's Peace and Love,



Mrs. Kim Kwitowski, Principal



# **St. Mary's Elementary School**



Sponsored by the St. Mary's HSA

**Sunday, June 10, 2018**

**St. Mary's Elementary School**

**2 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster 14086**

**Doors open at 1pm - First Spin at 2pm**

\$5 Presale, \$7 at the Door

Admission includes Beer, Wine & Pop

Don't forget: your own snacks, LOTS of Dollar Bills &  
a cooler of course for your winnings!!!

50/50 Splits & Basket Raffle

For ticket info please call

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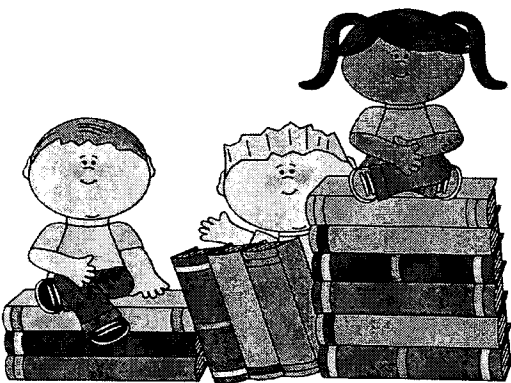
***NO OUTSIDE LIQUOR ALLOWED!***

# The Book Swap

The book swap is back! A few times throughout the year, Mrs. Wojcik and Mrs. Gasiiecki will host a book swap for students in **grades K-5**. Students can bring gently used books from home they are finished with to "swap" for new books. We hope to encourage reading at home, without costing families any money!

## How it works:

- This will be a two day process. Day 1: students bring in their books and get a ticket for each book they turn in. Day 2: students exchange each ticket for one book.



Books must be grade level appropriate!

K-1: books with pictures & simple words

2-5: at least one book must be a grade appropriate chapter book

- Notifications of the dates will be posted in the newsletter.
- Grades 2+ will have to show responsibility by keeping track of their tickets. We will track grades K and 1.
- Students may "swap" up to 3 books. Books need to be "like new" condition, but not brand new. Books with torn or missing pages will not be accepted.
- We kindly ask parents not to come to help your children pick out books, as we want them to make their own choices (we will monitor this, of course ☺).

Our book swap will start on **Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**.

We hope you will encourage your students to participate!

If you have any questions, please email us at: [wojcikk@smeschool.com](mailto:wojcikk@smeschool.com) or [gasiieckih@smeschool.com](mailto:gasiieckih@smeschool.com)

*Mrs. Wojcik & Mrs. Gasiiecki*

# Student Council Sponsored Monthly Dress Down Days

**January - Random Act Of Kindness** for \$1 on Tuesday 1/16/18

Wear your favorite warm fuzzy outfit to support random acts of kindness and celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's ideals of change through peaceful actions.

Proceeds will support your Student Council.

**February - Heart Health Awareness Day** for \$1 on Monday 2/12/18

Wear red to support the American Heart Association.

**March - Cancer Awareness Day** for \$1 on Monday 3/12/18

Wear Lavender/Purple to support Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

**April - Autism Awareness Day** for \$1 on Thursday 4/19/18

Wear tie-dye to support "My Brother Rocks the Spectrum"

My Brother Rocks The Spectrum Foundation is a non-profit organization that helps to provide an inclusive environment in all communities; to ensure ALL children can attend classes, social skills programs, and have one-to-one attendant care when needed; to support those with special needs through employment and additional resources; and to aid community leaders fighting for children of all abilities. All funds donated to MBRTS are distributed to families with children with special needs.

**May - Mental Health Awareness Day** for \$1 on Monday 5/14/18

Wear green to support Catholic Charities of WNY who do so much for families in our community.

**June - Summer Safety Awareness Day** for \$1 on Tuesday 6/5/18

Wear tropical to support local Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) & Fire Companies

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# JUNE 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
				1 Cheese Ravioli Salad Green Beans Breadstick
4 Hot dog/bun Oven Fries Baked Beans	5 Chicken Salad Wrap Veggie Stix/dip Green Beans	6 Taco Salad Corn Cucumber Salad	7 Pizza Romaine Salad Broccoli	8 Baked Penne Salad Mixed Veggies
11 Rotini and meatballs Carrots Green Beans	12 Chicken Caesar Salad Veggie Stix Tater Tots	13 Taco in a bag Corn Cucumber Salad	14 Pizza Romaine Salad Broccoli	15 Have A Safe Summer!
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	<b>Alternate Lunches Available Daily</b> B - Julienne Salad w/ 2 WG Rolls C - Yogurt Parfait w/granola and WG muffin D - Sunbutter/Jelly Sandwich on WG bread <b>Choose at least 3 of these!</b>		<b>A Healthy Lunch starts with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetable and/ or fruit</li> <li>• Lean Protein &amp; whole grains</li> <li>• Milk</li> </ul>

Menu subject to change.