

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This past Friday we celebrated our Hope Ribbon Mass for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It was a beautiful mass and ceremony. Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they enter into the final phase of their last year here at SME.

This Thursday we will celebrate The Ascension during mass. Please feel free to join us at the school mass in the morning. This Friday is also Penny Fair. Thank you to all of our families who continue to help to make SME great!

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

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:

- 5/9 - *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***
- 5/14 - *Dress Down Day \$1 (Wear Green)*
- 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*
- 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*



## FUNDRAISERS BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

From April 30 – May 6, 2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$99.48.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
April Sales-to-Date	April Profit-to-Date
\$555.00	\$26.26



### Mega Raffle:

Tickets Sold to date: **423**  
Tickets Remaining: **227**  
*Did you get yours?!*

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

**We are currently 150 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!



On Friday, *May the 4th*, our 4th grade class celebrated Star Wars Day by doing Star Wars STREAM activities.

They used "The Force"...  
of magnets of course!

Each student had to develop a space ship to carry their Star Wars character across a path using only the power of magnets to propel them from start to finish.

## PENNY FAIR

The Penny Fair, *SME's longest standing tradition*, is Friday! 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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LIVING..."

## 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

Spring sport schedules are in full swing and you can access your child's game schedule by locating it on the school web site, under the Athletics tab.

All Parents should have filled out the A-2,A-3 permission form in order for your child to participate in practices and games. Your Head Coach has these forms and they should be turned into your Head Coach to keep on file in case of an injury/emergency.

A friendly reminder to all athletes, PLEASE always clean up the area after your practice/games! This includes your water bottles that have been finished, any garbage and remember to take your cleats/equipment! Coaches always end up with a collection of items after practices/games so please remind your athlete to "clean up" their belongings and take the garbage with them to throw it out! Thank you for your cooperation!

Congratulations to SME track team for an excellent job at their second track meet! Team members brought home 14 first place ribbons, 19 second place ribbons, 31 third place ribbons, and 9 fourth place ribbons! Earning the first place ribbons were: Marco F.- sprint, 800 relay, 300 relay; Tyler L- softball throw, 800 relay, 300 relay; Chloe S.- softball throw, 800 relay; Jake A- 300 relay; Christine W- 800 relay; Joe K- softball throw; Lucia C- softball throw; Cameron C- long jump; Andrew U- 300 relay. Their next meet is this Saturday at the Canisius HS track (Clinton St. West Seneca) at noon.



## 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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, **182** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by **69** 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.



**May the Fourth  
be with you!**



## STAY IN THE KNOW

**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 Gradu-  
ation Day

**Save the Date:** 6/11 - Kindergarten  
Graduation Day





Join us for Catholic Schools Night at Coca-Cola Field with a 7:05 first pitch vs. the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Railriders and post game *fridaynightbash!*® fireworks!

**SPECIAL GROUP RATE ONLY \$7.00 / TICKET!**

*First pitch awarded to the Representative of the School that sells the most tickets!* Hot Dog & Coca-Cola Vouchers available for an additional \$7.50. For questions and more information, contact:

SHAUN O'LAY | 716.846.2032 | SOLAY@BISONS.COM



To order tickets, please visit

<https://groupmatics.events/s/other/Bisonscatholic>

# 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

# CAMP MERCY

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contact Molly at (716) 825-8796 ext. 320 [mgasuik@mtmercy.org](mailto:mgasuik@mtmercy.org)





MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY

# BASKETBALL CAMP 2018

MONDAY JUNE 25TH -  
THURSDAY JUNE 28TH

*Cost \$80 per camper, includes a camp t-shirt!*

*Coached by John Glose & the Mount Mercy  
Varsity Basketball Team*

## SESSION ONE

*for girls entering 4th, 5th, 6th, grade*

9:00AM - 12:00PM

## SESSION TWO

*for girls entering 7th, 8th, 9th grade*

12:30PM - 3:30PM

## REGISTER:

*Online at [www.mtmercy.org/basketball-camp](http://www.mtmercy.org/basketball-camp)  
or call 716-984-7555*

*Please make checks payable to  
Mount Mercy Academy*

