

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Thank you to everybody who came to our Meet the Teacher's Night. It was great to see so many families.

If you were not able to join us, please contact your child (ren)'s teachers in order to schedule a parent/teacher conference. Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 9th from 3:30-

7:00 and on Monday, November 13th from 11:30-3:00.

This Friday will be our first Christian Witness Mass. It is also a 15 minute early release day.

Be sure to check out the flyer for our new *Dinner & Dialogue's* which will be held on in October!

Our 2nd Annual My Little Sweetheart Dance is next

Saturday. Be sure to return your RSVP & corsage order

Thank you for all of your continued support of SME!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/6 - 15 min. Early Release Drill
- 10/5 - Autumn Gold Meeting 5:30-6:30
- 10/9 - **NO School** - Columbus Day
- 10/14 - My Little Sweetheart Dance
- 10/25 - Book Fair Preview Night, 6-8pm
- 10/26 - Picture Re-Take Day
- 10/26-27 - Book Fair 8am - 2pm
- 10/28 - HSA Family Fun Night



SCRIP

From September 1 - 30, 2017, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$941.11. To help ensure that our SCRIP program continues to assist with our tuition costs, we would like to earn at least \$1,500.00 per month in SCRIP profit. As you know, these funds are allocated directly to the school to help keep the tuition costs down.

SCRIP Challenge:



Our average profit from SCRIP sales is ~5% so this makes our monthly goal ~\$30,000 in SCRIP gift card sales. \$30,000 is a lot, but we all know that many hands make light work!

When we work together on this monthly goal, it is less than a \$200 purchase in gift cards per family, per month, through the SCRIP program. Since SCRIP cards can be purchased for Tops Gasoline, Tops groceries, Amazon, Tim Hortons, paying your Kohl's bill, etc I am sure we can all find easy ways to help with this goal. Each week we will update what we have sold towards the monthly goal of \$30,000 in SCRIP sales.

We have placed a locked box outside the Scrip office so that you can drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you! There will also be one in the back of the church.

Thanks for your support in making 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.



AUTUMN GOLD

The 23rd Annual Autumn Gold event will be here before we know it! I am still looking for assistance with Advertising, Raffles, Bar & Entertainment. If you are able to help please email at AutumnGold@smeschool.com.

Have you purchased your ticket yet? Tickets are available through the school office. Please email your request to AutumnGold@smeschool.com with your ticket number choices. Tickets are just \$50 and admit two to this **adult only** event.

We will be holding our next planning meeting on Thursday, October 5th at 5:30pm. All are

welcome!

In last weeks NewsNote we sent home a flyer asking for assistance in making our basket raffle great! Thank you to everyone who has already submitted items or full baskets! Please be sure to label your item(s) with your child's home-room number.

We thank you in advance for your continuous support of our school and parish!



CHOCOLATE SALE

Although selling chocolate is not mandatory, it is necessary to keep our school running ship shape. If you have not ordered any chocolate... what are you waiting for... Halloween? That's a great time to help SME... give out candy bars! Kids love the house on the street with the full size candy! Place your order today!!

Are you wondering how to reach your prize goal easily? Coordinate a day to sell at Wal-Mart, Value, Big lots, Tops. Shopping season has started, lots of potential customers. Place your order today!

Do like the big sellers do.. ask local business if they would have your box on their counter!. Many know someone who went to SME, and

are happy to help our school. Place your order today!

Now that the weather is cooler, take your boxes to sporting events, everyone loves chocolate. Think of the things you could do with \$30,000. Well, the school has a long wish list as well. Place your order today.

The excitement around school is about "tape the teacher to the wall" prize. 6 of our teachers have volunteered to be taped to the wall. Selling 5 boxes is all it takes to have your child participate.

So please print out an order form from the school website, or come in the office and pick one up, and sell, sell, sell. **Bottom line... place your order today. Thank you for your support.**



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LIVING..."

CAFETERIA

Now that summer is winding down, do you have any gently used hoola-hoops, jump ropes, playground balls, or other equipment that you would be willing to donate to the cafeteria for recess? Our items from last year are desperate to retire! If so, please send them to the school office to my attention – thank you in advance!

Also, I am currently looking for extra volunteer help during the 3rd lunch period (12:14-12:51). The weather has been so amazing for getting the students outside for a bit of fresh air after, but we need help from our parents/grandparents to do so. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!
~ Mary Kate DeMarzio
Cafeteria Supervisor

MISSION POSSIBLE

We are getting ready to kick off a whole school service learning project called MISSION POSSIBLE! We are working in conjunction with the Buffalo City Mission and are registered in a challenge to collect canned foods. 14 area schools are participating in this challenge and we hope to come out on top! Attached to the NewsNotes this week are some flyers that include more information about this project. Please read the information. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me. Our 8th grade Social Justice Class is helping to lead this endeavor and I am very proud of their enthusiasm and participation.



Challenge Period 1 takes place October 9th - December 8th. All students will participate in a kick-off assembly on October 6th here at SME. Each student will receive a bag to collect and transport food items to school.

Here are our goals for this period:

PREK - 6th grade = 50 cans each grade (which equals 5 full bags for each grade)
7th & 8th grades = 100 cans each grade (which equals 10 full bags for each grade)
Teachers/staff = 50 cans (which equals 5 full bags)
Grand total = 650 cans (65 full bags)

We are blessed by and thankful for your generosity and your willingness to serve others. We hope to exceed our goal! I imagine that through your generosity we will. Cans can be brought into school beginning Monday October 9th. The 8th grade Social Justice class will collect and count the cans each Friday throughout the challenge period. We will keep you updated in the NewsNotes as to how we are doing.

Thank you and God Bless you,
Mrs. Hoag and the Social Justice Class
hoagb@smeschool.com

HSA

Our Kidstuff Coupon book kicked off Monday!

Thank you to everyone who has already sold your book(s) and returned payment!

The sale will run until Oct. 16th. If you are unable to sell your books simply return them to the school office by 10/16.

BOOK FAIR

Our fall Scholastic Book Fair will be October 25-27th. All proceeds from this sale will benefit our STREAM Program!

We will have a schedule available prior to the sale so you know when your child's class will be shopping.

If you are interested in helping with the book fair please email Darcie Fudoli (dfudoli@yahoo.com).

We are still looking for a parent or team of parents to take over our book

fairs. If you are interested or are just looking for more information, please email Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com.

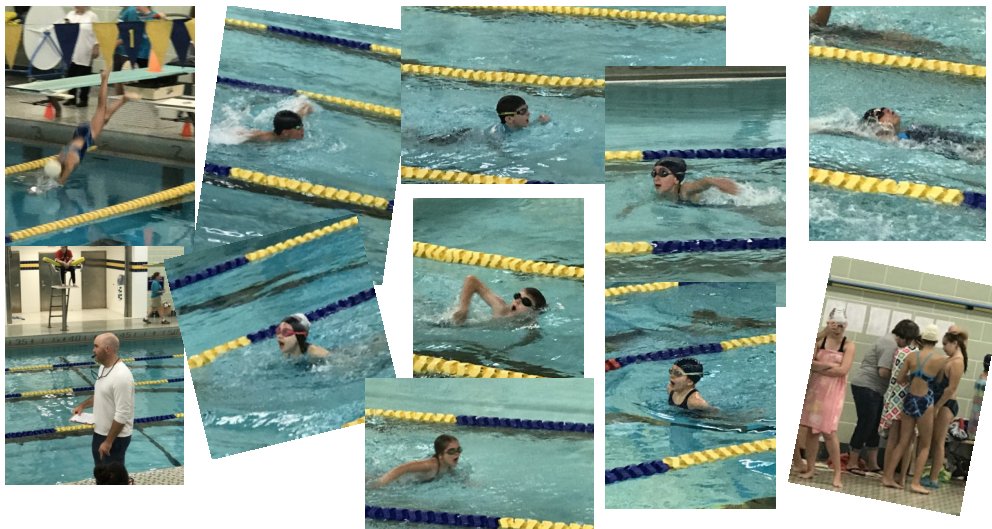
**BOOK
FAIR**
COMING SOON!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MARATHON

Our students had a great time during our Catholic Schools Marathon!

Did you check out our pictures on Facebook yet? Did you know you can check out all our posts through our website if you don't have an account?! Check it out today!

Pledge sheets are coming home today to any student who collected pledges. All pledge money is due by October 27th.



ATHLETICS

Today, Wed. Oct. 4th was the LAST day for your child to register for basketball. (Grades 3rd-8th boys and girls) Basketball practice and times are selected by the Head Coach of your child's basketball team. The coach will notify you when it will begin. Practices will begin after November 1st.

Head Coaches MUST have had the VIRTUS training and must be current with their bulletins. Head Coaches will be notified by the Athletic Department. There will be a meeting for all Head Basketball coaches on Monday, October 16th from 6:30-8:30.

Anyone interested in joining the Athletic Advisory Committee, our next meeting is Thursday,

October 12th from 8:00-9:30. All are invited to join!

The Fall Sports banquet is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th at 6:00. More information to follow as it gets closer.

Please continue to read the updates EACH week in News-notes!

Julie Wipperman
Athletic Coordinator
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Save the Date: Pancake Breakfast 10/29

Paint Night: Sign up forms are coming home today! Paint Night will be held Wednesday, October 25th.

Bottle Drive: Our 8th grade bottle return drive will continue throughout the school year. Bins are located in the school foyer and cafeteria. Large donations can be brought to either Cash for

Cans locations or Deposit Depot.

Pop Machines: We are in need of a new parent to oversee the filling and ordering of product for our pop machines. If you would like more information please email Amanda Kuhn.





This year we are starting a new event: Dinner and Dialogue with the Principal. During this parent event we will have dinner and discuss any suggestions that you may have for the school. It will also be a great opportunity for parents to meet one another.

We will be having 3 events, according to grade levels:

- Pre-K - 2nd grade; Wednesday, October 11th from 5:30-7:00pm.
- Grades 3-5; Thursday, October 19th 5:30-7:00pm.
- Grades 6-8; Thursday, October 26th from 5:30-7:00pm

Please send back the RSVP form below if you would like to attend.

I hope to see you there!

Mrs. Kwitowski



Family Name

Grade

attending

ST. MARY'S FAMILY PAINT NIGHT FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF SME!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25TH

6:00-8:00 pm

Location: School Gym

Open to families with students in 3rd-8th Grade

Cost is \$35 for Adults \$20 for Students

**SPACE IS LIMITED!
RESERVE NO LATER THAN
OCTOBER 18TH**

**PLEASE WEAR AN OLD T-SHIRT
OR APRON.**

Please detach and return
with payment to the School
office in a labeled envelope

Make Checks payable to SME

Name: _____

Phone# : _____

Number Attending: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE FALL 2017 CANNED GOODS LIST

PRIMARY NEEDS

**YAMS
CUT GREEN BEANS
TURKEY GRAVY
CRANBERRY JELLY SAUCE
TUNA
CHICKEN
SOUPS/STEWES**

SECONDARY NEEDS

**PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY/JAM (PLASTIC JAR)
APPLESAUCE CUPS
PINEAPPLE CHUNKS
BAKED BEANS
CANNED HAM
ASSORTED VEGETABLES**

You can donate other varieties of foods as well

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Tuesday, October 10, 7 PM

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Contact April's Music with Mar.: call/text 716-563-4926 or
aprils@musicwithmar.com

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