

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!
This past Friday night was our Autumn Gold Fundraiser. I was happy to see many of our families at the event. It was a fun evening. Congratulations to all of the winners!

This Thursday, November 9th and Monday, November 13th are parent/teacher conference days. If you have not signed up for a conference, please contact your child's teacher to sign up. Monday will be a 10:45 am dismissal day to accom-

modate the conferences. There is no school on Friday in honor of our country's Veterans. May God bless all the men and women who have served and who continue to serve.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

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OF THE
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BECAUSE
OF THE
BRAVE**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/9 - Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00pm
- 11/10 - No School, Veterans Day
- 11/13 - 10:45 Dismissal, Teacher Conferences 11:30-3:00pm
- 11/14 - 5th Gr. Grandparents Mass
- 11/17 - NJHS Induction following 8:30 mass
- 11/21 - Thanksgiving Mass 8:30, Oct. Christian Witness
- 11/22-11/24 - NO SCHOOL

FUNDRAISERS BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From October 30 – Nov 5, 2017, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$680.50.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00

November Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$582.09	\$2,489.37

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.

CANDY BAR SALE:

2016-2017:

10 Families Opted Out

10 x 2 boxes ea = \$480 **lost** Profit

2017-2018:

57 Families have not participated

57 x 2 boxes = \$2736 **missing** Profit

Short 2 top selling families = over 400 boxes... \$9,600 missing profit

To date we have handed out 585 boxes of chocolate. We are only 1/3 of the way to our goal of 1,500 boxes.

AUTUMN GOLD

It is with immense gratitude that I say that Autumn Gold was a success! I could not have done it without the volunteer support I received; be it with a push for ticket sales, working the event, collecting donations, and even cleaning up - I would have been lost without each and every one of you!

We were able to host an event where all of our guests be it a school family, parishioner or stranger, went away after having a good time and perhaps winning a couple dollars!

The following is a list of all prize winning tickets:
364,967,383,964,169,326,737,77,3,824,178,144,308,704,213,599,240,590,273,5,344,883,747,173,982,514,866,616,867,632,285,646,167,982,765,219,205,583,521,131,527,222,614,351,831,452. Checks are being issued by the rectory for our \$100 prize winners. All other prize winners have been notified. Congratulations to all!

We (at St. Mary's Church & School) are grateful to the attendee's who donated a portion or all of their winnings back to the event! All monies raised at Autumn Gold support both our school and church.

Once all invoices have been received and report finalized, we will publish the results. Thank you again!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our newest Student Council Representatives: President: Josh C., Vice President: Ella W., Treasurer: Anna D., Secretary: Megan W.



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LIVING..."

MERRY MOOSE

Our annual Merry Moose Holiday Shoppe is just a month away! Our students love to shop for their special someone from the assortment of gifts all priced at \$5 or less! We are now accepting donations of wrapping paper, tissue paper, ribbon, gift bags & tape! Please send them to the office ATTN: Merry Moose. Volunteer request letters are coming home today. You can also email Jenifer Carroll at jcarr2300@gmail.com. Thank you!



CHOCOLATE SALE UPDATE

We have not yet begun to make a profit, and have finally finished paying off our chocolate invoices. We need all of our families to help in any way that can! There is still time and decent weather to sell in your neighborhood. Sell after masses, sell outside stores, sell at work & selling at the mall are just some of the ways to make this sale work! We will be sending home order forms to families who have not had a chance to participate in the chocolate sale as of yet. Order forms are also available in our school office & our website. People love \$1 candy bars, they practically sell themselves!

We are in need of 1 parent volunteer to coordinate the candy bar sale in the school. It is 1 hour of work 2-3 times a week. Mrs. Weisenburg was able to help us up until now, but is unable to continue. If you are able to pick up with this task which entails labeling boxes, mixing our specialty boxes, pulling boxes for orders. Please email secretary@smeschool.com if you are able to help us.

We need all of our families to send in chocolate money as soon as they have sold a full box. We need to kick this sale into high gear in order to provide HSA with the funds they need to help the school succeed.

HSA

Our Kidstuff Coupon Book Sale is officially over! If you have not yet returned your payment/books please do so ASAP as we need to send unsold books back to the company by the end of the week.

If you are unsure of your status, please email Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com. Free books & a profit report cannot be completed until we have every student/family closed out. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

ATHLETICS

Tomorrow is the deadline to turn in the Fall sports banquet registration form and \$10.00 fee per family. The Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th from 6:00-7:30p.m. Banquet flyers were sent home in last weeks blue folder.

Congratulations to our 8th grade girls Varsity volleyball team for winning the Diocesan Volleyball Championship! An additional congratulations to the following players for making the All Tournament team, Lauren, Christine and Blair. Blair was also selected as the MVP for the 2017 Diocesan Volleyball Player of the year! Congrats to all the 8th grade athletes and Ted Kuzniarek on a very successful season!

Congratulations to our Cross Country team for placing 3rd overall in the Diocesan Championship meet! Additional congratulations to Margaret for placing 3rd with a PR of 10:04! A thank you is extended to Julie Wolford and Mike for their dedication and commitment to this Cross Country season! All of the Cross Country runners were so awesome to watch at the Championship meet and they should feel very accomplished at how much they improved throughout the season!



MISSION POSSIBLE

Thank you for your continued generosity! We are currently in the lead for Buffalo City Mission's Mission Possible Food Challenge!

There are 3 weeks left in this challenge period. Please keep the cans coming!

Your donations are helping to make a difference. So far, SME has donated 1854 cans of food!

We will share some surplus with our local Food Pantry here in Lancaster. For our Thanksgiving Mass taking place on Tuesday 11/21/17, students will bring a can/box of food with them to mass to be donated to the food pantry here in Lancaster. We will take from the donations that are received next week (11/13-11/17). Please be generous!

God Bless all of you and thank you for sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves, Mrs. Hoag



SCRIP

The faculty/staff wish lists are now available in the Scrip office. As always, if you place your order on Monday, it will be sent home on Friday.

There are only 4 order dates left before Christmas – the last order last for 2017 will be **12/11/17**. The Scrip office will remain open on 12/13/17, 12/15/17, 12/18/17 and 12/20/17 for walk-in orders.

Please make note of the following vendor updates: Olive Garden and Red Lobster are no longer available on the same gift card, and Sephora is now a \$25 card. Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program!!

We have the following low denomination gift cards available while supplies last:

- Amazon.com - \$10
- Applebee's - \$10
- Barnes & Noble - \$5
- CVS - \$10
- Olive Garden - \$10
- The Home Depot - \$10
- IHOP - \$10
- Outback - \$10
- Panera - \$5
- Red Lobster - \$10
- Regal - \$10
- Starbucks - \$5
- Target - \$10
- Walmart - \$10



STAY IN THE KNOW

My Little Sweetheart Dance: Photo's from this years dance are now available for download until November 30th. Please visit: www.kellytanskiphotography.com

Save the Date: Christmas Concert 12/16, 6:00pm

Save the Date: Joy to the World,

Living Nativity Celebration, Saturday December 16 @ 7:00

Bottle Drive: Thanksgiving weekend our 8th graders will be running a drop by bottle drive here in our parking lot. A letter will be going out next week to all of our families with more information. Until then, start saving those cans!





Hey Parents!

THE NED SHOW[®]

CHARACTER EDUCATION ASSEMBLY

SHOW DATE Thursday, November 9th
SALE DATES November 13th - 17th

The NED Show is a character education program that centers around three important messages that have life long relevance:

Never give up ★ **Encourage others** ★ **Do your best**[®]

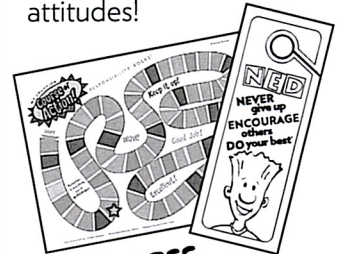
During the assembly, students will learn about NED's three messages while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humor and yo-yo tricks.

THE NED SHOW PROVIDES...

45
free printables
for using at home

23
kid-friendly
learning videos

1
unforgettable program
that creates champion
attitudes!



FREE DOWNLOADS for home!



www.theNEDshow.com/PARENTS

Access **55 mins** of yo-yo instruction for tons of **Old-Fashioned Fun** after the show!



www.theNEDshow.com/KIDZ

use NED at Home

- Share a story about **never giving up** on something that was important to you as a child.
- Be your child's #1 **encourager!** Recognize something that your child is trying to be awesome at and applaud their efforts.
- If your child is excelling in a particular area, identify new challenges that will keep them **doing their best!**



The Pay-it-Forward[®] Sale

NED gear is available for purchase for **5 days after the show** at our school.

Our school gets The NED Show for free because we're hosting a **Pay-It-Forward** sale. When you purchase a NED item, you help send this assembly on to the next school.



NED[®] YO

Glow-in-the-dark

\$8



BOOMERANG[®]

Auto-return feature

\$10



EXCELERATOR[®]

Professional ball bearing yo

\$15



Replacement String Pack \$4



Yo-Yo Holster \$5



Prices include tax (where applicable).

Send order form and payment to school with your child.

Student: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

	QTY.	PRICE
NED Yo	_____	_____
Boomerang	_____	_____
EXCELerator	_____	_____
String Pack	_____	_____
Yo-Yo Holster	_____	_____

Total _____

Make checks payable to our school.

There are only 4 more order dates before Christmas!!

November 13th, November 27th, December 4th and December 11th



Scrip Gift Card Sales:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00-10:00 am



Last day of regular scrip sales for 2017 is December 20th

Merry Christmas



For a limited time, you will be able to order these select gift cards in low denominations and the faculty/staff wish list is now available in the Scrip office.



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Walmart - \$10



MERRY MOOSE HOLIDAY SHOP

Is coming to our School!

Find Something for Everyone on Your List.

The In-School Holiday Shopping Program,

That's Fun For Everyone!

As a special service for your child, our school is offering "Merry Moose In-School Holiday Shop". Children will have the opportunity to pick out their own inexpensive, high quality gifts for family and friends during school hours. "Merry Moose Holiday Shop" will be set up in the school and will be run by parent and school volunteers. Gifts are priced with a child's budget, with most ranging from \$1.00-\$5.00.

Before your child's shopping days your child will bring home a "Merry Moose" budgeting envelope allowing you and your child to decide together how much can be spent on each gift.

"Merry Moose Holiday Shop" is designed to be a safe, Child-Centered Environment where children can learn how to budget and spend wisely, while they also experience the "Joy of Giving Gifts"

We are always in need of volunteers to help.

If you're interested in giving the gift of time please send this part of the sheet back to school with your child.

Someone from our parent group will be happy to contact you.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



Greeting SME Families!

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You can learn more about the Buffalo City Mission by visiting their website at www.buffalocitymission.org. They do a lot of good serving the poor and vulnerable in our city and are a wonderful example of what it truly means to be disciples of Christ.

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Data from The Buffalo City Mission Website:

POVERTY IS THE ROOT CAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS

- Over 45% of people in Buffalo and Erie County live below the poverty line.

HOMELESSNESS DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE

- Each year, an estimated 5,500 individuals are homeless in Western New York.
- Over half are experiencing homelessness for the first time.
- What is today's face of the homeless? Homelessness does not discriminate. It impacts all races.
 - 52 % are Black or African-American
 - 37% are White
 - 5% Other
 - 4% are Multiple Races
 - 1% are American Indian or Alaskan Native
 - 1 % are Asian

THEY ARE EDUCATED

- Two out of three homeless individuals have a high school or greater education.
 - 37% have less than a High School education
 - 36% have either a High School or GED diploma
 - 18% have some College or Technical training
 - 9% have a Bachelor's, Certification or greater

REASON OF HOMELESSNESS

- Four out of five are due to issues that could happen to any of us.
 - 28% due to housing (fire/foreclosure/eviction)
 - 21% due to other reasons
 - 17% due to health (mental illness/disabilities)
 - 14% are from household disputes
 - 12% are economic related (loss of job / income)
 - 8% are domestic violence and other family issues