

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

It bears repeating with the impending cold in the forecast that in the event of a school closing you will be notified by one of the following means of communication:

A phone call from: 1 (866) 419-5001

A text from: 761-27

An email from: kwitowskik@smeschool.com

Additionally, if Lancaster Central School District closes, we are closed as well.

Congratulations to our students for such a strong showing of support for Part I of the Mission Possible food drive. We placed FIRST among the nine schools who participated. We donated 486.15% over our projected goal! Of the overall Mission Possible goal of 30,000 cans, between the nine schools 16,590 cans were donated this past

fall. As a collaborative team we have just 13,410 left to go for Part II which begins on February 5th. Here's hoping we are able to hang onto our title!

Today we hosted a dress down day for Lakeview Animal Sanctuary. With the support of our students and staff we were able to collect \$179.00. Thank you all!

Next Monday, January 8th we will have a dress down day benefiting our Ready SET Read used book sale. Please send in a gently loved book with your student(s) if they wish to dress down.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/5 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- 1/8 - RSR Dress Down with book donation
- 1/12 - Ready SET Read / Battle of the Books, 6:00pm
- 1/15 - No School, MLK Jr. Day
- 1/17 - HSA Meeting 6:00
- 1/28-2/3 - Catholic Schools Week

FUNDRAISERS BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From Dec 11 – Dec 17, 2017, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$796.38.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
December Sales-to-Date	December Profit-to-Date
\$40,606.00	\$2,498.10

CANDY BAR SALE:

We still have 54 boxes left in inventory:

Fowler -

10 - Regular Mix 5 - Orange
1 - Milk 1 - 1/2 Orange & 1/2 Milk

Niagara -

16 Regular Mix

Gertrude -

8 - Regular Mix 4 - O-La-La Luscious
3 - Dark & Delicious 3 - Light & Lively
3 - Snowflake Mix

Mega Raffle:

If you would like a specific number, be sure to order soon! Orders will be picked up each Monday and will be sent home or mailed out by the corresponding Friday. If you are interested in joining our committee, or helping with the event in any way, please contact Mary Kate DeMarizo at megaraffle@smeschool.com or 510-1409.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

We were able to proudly donate \$200 raised by our student council candy cane sale to a local family in need for Christmas!



Our SME Student Council

The Student Council also hosted an ugly sweater contest! Here are our winners:

- 2nd - Rydor
- 1st - Connor
- 3rd - Joe



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SNOWBALL DANCE

The 7th Annual Snowball Dance will be held on Friday, February 2nd at St. Greg's Ministry Center.

This dance is sponsored by the Catholic Elementary School HSAs in the Northtowns.

Grade's 5 & 6 will dance from 6-8pm
Grades 7 & 8 will dance from 9-11pm

If you have any questions or are interested in helping with chaperoning please contact Amanda Wentland at tawentland@aol.com.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The 2018 Battle of the Books will take place on Friday, January 12th at 6:00pm.

4th/5th grade Titles

Rollergirl by Victoria Jamieson
Swindle by Gordon Korman
Tornado by Betsy Byars

6th/7th/8th grade Titles

El Deafo by Cece Bell
The Teacher's Funeral by Richard Peck
The Menagerie by Tui and Kari Sutherland

Books Wanted! SET is collecting gently used books for the book sale at Battle of the Books/Ready, SET, Read Night on January 12. A donation box is located in the school office. Thank you for your help!

CHOCOLATE SALE

Thank you to everyone that answered the call and ordered our newly created Snowflake Mix!

We currently have 54 boxes left in our inventory:

Fowler -

- 10 - Regular Mix
- 5 - Orange
- 1 - Milk
- 1 - 1/2 Orange & 1/2 Milk

Niagara -

- 16 Regular Mix

Gertrude -

- 8 - Regular Mix
- 4 - O-La-La Luscious
- 3 - Dark & Delicious
- 3 - Light & Lively
- 3 - Snowflake Mix

Accounting notes will be going home soon regarding outstanding balances.

The snow is here; we would like to get going with some of the prizes.

Please send in your money ASAP. Chocolate does not need to be sold to submit payment. Prepaid chocolate means the money from the sale goes back to you.

Thank you, The Chocolate Team



READY SET READ

Pre-K3 through Grade 3 students: Help your class win the "Ready, SET, Read!" Classroom Reading Challenge starting on January 3!

This year we will have two divisions:

Our Pre-K classes will have a head to head competition and our kindergarten through grade 3 classes will compete against each other.

The challenge runs from January 3rd through January 11th. The winners will be revealed at Ready, SET, Read Night, on January 12. More information will be sent home about this fun battle!

The Battle / Ready SET Read signup sheet is included again in the electronic version of the NewsNotes.



SCRIP

November and December were very strong months for sales – let's keep the momentum going! Together, we can continue to 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.

The Scrip office is now back to the regular schedule of Mon/Wed/Fri 8:00 - 10:00am. The next order will be placed on 1/8/18.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program!!

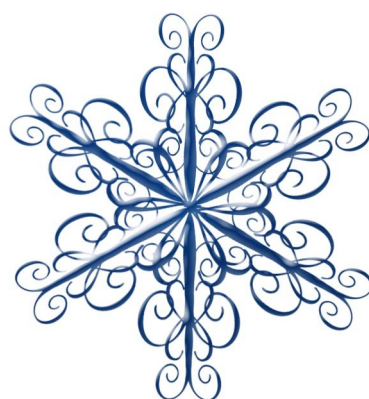
FEBRUARY FREEZE

Mark your calendars for the 2018 February Freeze!

This basketball tournament, hosted by SME will be for 5th through 8th graders.

It will take place from Thursday, February 15-Sunday, February 18 at SME.

If you would like to help in the preparation for this tournament, please email Julie Wolford at jmwolford7473@yahoo.com.



STAY IN THE KNOW

Save the Date: RSR/Battle Dress Down Day - January 8th with the donation of a book for the book sale!

Save the Date: Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books, January 12th

Save the Date: February Freeze Basketball Tournament 2/15 - 2/18/18

SME's School Effectiveness Team presents...

Battle of the Books and Ready SET Read Night!

Friday, January 12, 2018 6:00-8:00pm

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS is for students in grades 4-8. There are two Battle of the Books divisions. The 4th & 5th grade Battle will be held in the school cafeteria. The 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Battle will be held in the gym. There will be cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team in each division. There will also be a "Team Spirit" award in each division for the team that has the most creative team name, costumes, & poster. Teams can have one to four members. All students should sign up their teams with Mrs. Janik in the school library. Please complete and return the form below and send in registration fees.

READY SET READ is a fun literacy event for students in grades pre-K 3 through grade 3 and their families. Does your family like camping, the outdoors, and s'mores? This year's theme is "Camp Cozy" and will include guest readers, crafty activities, reading challenge, raffle, and more! Put your pajamas on and join us for a reading adventure that starts in the Parish Center. Please complete and return the form below and send in registration fees.

USED BOOKS WANTED! S.E.T. is collecting gently used books for the book sale at this event. A used book donation box can be found in the school office.

*****SABRES TICKETS RAFFLE WILL BE HELD AT THIS EVENT*****

To help us prepare for this event, please let us know if you and your child will be attending. Complete and return the below portion of the page along with a payment of \$5 per child. The fee is used to cover the cost of crafts, activities and prizes at the event. Please include an additional \$10 per family to cover the cost of pizza and subs for the entire family. Return the form and payment in an envelope labelled "SET" by Dec. 22.

We are asking that each family bring the following items to the event:

Pre-K, Kindergarten, grades 6 & 7- a side dish (salad, fruit, chips, veggies)

Grades 3-5- a dessert

Grades 1, 2 & 8- two 2 liters of pop or equivalent of water or another beverage

If you have children in multiple grades, choose one item from any of those grades.

Yes, we will be attending Battle of the Books/ Ready SET Read night!

Family Name _____ Family email _____

Name and grades of children attending:

Student's name:	Grade:	\$5 per each child attending:
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Include \$10 per family for pizza and subs.	\$10.00
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Total enclosed:	_____
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Total number of family members that will be eating pizza and subs:	_____
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Food item that we will bring to the event: _____

What?
It's a game show style competition to test teams' knowledge of three books.

When?
Friday, January 12
6-8pm

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Who?
4th & 5th graders
in one division
6th-8th graders in
the other division

Prepare!
Read all 3 books selected for your division or let each team member read one. Come up with a team name, make a poster, wear costumes.

How?
Sign up your team of 1-4 members in the school library and send in the registration form. Team members can be in different grades within the same division.

Win!
Cash prizes for the top 3 scoring teams in each division. Candy prizes for best posters and costumes!

Why?
Have fun with your friends!
Enjoy a pizza and sub party!
Win cash prizes! Beat the teacher teams!