

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Thank you to everybody who attended our Living Stations. Our students did an amazing job of bringing the story of Jesus' Resurrection to all those who attended.

I hope that everybody has a restful break and a very joyous and blessed Easter!

*Let not your heart be troubled
Let not your soul be sad
Easter is a time of joy
When all hearts should be glad
Glad to know that Jesus Christ
Made it possible for men
To have their sins forgiven
And, like Him, to love again
So at this joyous season
May the wondrous Easter Story
Renew our faith so we may be
Partakers of His glory
~ Helen Steiner Rice*

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!

Transportation requests are due to Public School Districts on April 1. Parents of Catholic school students must request transportation services directly from the public school district in which they live. The deadline for submitting written requests for transportation is April 1, 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year. Failure to submit a request by this deadline might lead to the suspension of bus privileges for those families. Chris Riso, Assistant Superintendent of Government Services and Special Projects for the Diocese is urging parents of the necessity of meeting this deadline. Since April 1st falls during Easter Break, please submit requests no later than March 27th.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/29 - Holy Thursday, No School
- 3/30 - Good Friday, No School
- 4/1 - Easter Sunday
- 4/2 - 4/6 - No School
- 4/9 - School Resumes
- 4/11 - 4/13- NYS Testing ELA Gr. 4 & 8
- 4/13 - Christian Witness Mass (March), 8:30
- 4/24-27 - Spring BOGO Book Fair
- 4/25 - Parent Night / Open House 6-8:00pm Art Show, Book Fair, HSA Meeting
- 4/27 - Christian Witness Mass (April), 8:30am
- 5/1 - 5/3 - NYS Testing, Math Gr 4 & 8
- 5/4 - 8th Gr. Hope Ribbon Mass & Reception

FUNDRAISERS BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From Mar 19 – Mar 25, 2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$183.48.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
March Sales-to-Date	March Profit-to-Date
\$10,604.00	\$563.55

Easter is almost here and we have gift cards in stock for all of your needs: Tops, Federal Meats & Crusciki Bakery for your Easter feast; Fowler's & Dark Forest Chocolate Makers to help fill your baskets and Kohl's & Target to help you look your best!

CANDY BAR SALE:

Our sale has ended.
Please remit your payment today!

Mega Raffle:

Tickets Sold to date: **290**
Tickets Remaining: **360**
Did you get yours?!

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

Have you gotten your group together to split a ticket? Even split 4 or 5 ways brings home a good chunk of change!

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Per the directive of the Diocesan auditors, we are no longer able to supply families with our Tax Identification Number. The recommendation for any family requesting this information is to indicate "Religious Exemption" in the area where the Tax Identification Number would be placed. The practice of sharing this information has ended since 2017 and we have not had any issues with regards to this change in procedure. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy DiBerardino: Administrative Assistant (ndiberardino@buffalodiocese.org 716-847-5504).

HSA

Thank you to the families that came to our Pancake Breakfast & a big thank you to all the parents & students who were there to help with the event!



REPORT CARDS

Report cards were uploaded to the Parent Portal on March 21st. We operate on a Trimester Schedule which means you will see 1st, 2nd & 3rd Semester reports when uploaded. Our next upload will be a progress report on May 11th. These dates are indicated on the annual calendar.

SCRIP

Toys R Us has officially filed to liquidate and close all US stores. A spokesperson for Toys R Us stated on March 15, 2018 that they will accept gift cards for the next 30 days. We have **just 2 - \$20** cards in stock. If you are interested in purchasing them and using them for Easter gifts, spring/summer gear, etc, please submit your order as soon as possible! If you have any remaining Toys R Us gift cards or ScripNow we suggest you use them immediately while they can still be redeemed. **We cannot accept returns.**



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LUNCH PROGRAM

A survey was sent out to every family Monday morning requesting your help with incorporating new ideas into our Lunch Program. We encourage you to participate in this survey. You are able to submit the form one time for each child that attends SME.

If you did not receive the email with the survey please contact Mrs. Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com for a copy.

If you prefer, the following is a link to the survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/dbCBPxpziTeWVDw63>

The April lunch menu is included with today's News-Note.



BISON FUND

Giving Parents a Choice.
Giving Children a Chance.

Current families will be e-mailed a link to complete the requalification process starting on February 15, 2018. The families will log into the scholarship database and upload their financial information. As a reminder the deadline for that paperwork is April 13, 2018.



8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Our 8th Grade Class of 2018 is holding a Chia-vetta's dinner on Friday April 13th from 3:00-7:00 here at school.

Tickets are available for \$10 pre-sale or \$12 day of. To purchase tickets please email Mrs. Kasinski at jbkasinski@cavtel.net or Mrs. Morrella.

As part of their 8th grade service project, they have also integrated a donation to the Buffalo City Mission.

Want to pay it forward and help those in our community? Buy one for you and one for donation! Want to support but can't commit to picking your dinner up that night? You can choose to have it donated! That evening a volunteer will load up the hot meals and drive them to the Mission to be served for dinner.

Thank you for your support of our graduating class!

SPORTS REPORT

I would like to thank everyone that attended the Winter sports basketball banquet! It was an awesome night honoring our athletes and amazing coaches! Special recognition was given to Coaches Ted Kuzniarek, Bernie Wipperman and Dave Czuprynski for their many years of dedication and commitment to coaching elementary school basketball. Thank you to Alexis Kuzniarek, Sue Nawojski and Donna Czuprynski for their amazing speeches honoring Ted, Bernie and Dave! Additionally, I would like to thank Maria Cudeck for her help with the banquet and program booklet and also to Shannon Bauer, Sherri Kobis and Darcie Fidoli for their help in the kitchen and making things run smoothly with the food and desserts! Thank you to all the coaches for their hard work and great job honoring their athletes individually and also to the parents for their continued support! It was a great evening!

Spring sport teams: Last week, uniforms were distributed to the following teams, 1st/2nd gr. soccer, 3rd/4th gr. soccer, 7th/8th gr. soccer, girls softball team and track. Please keep those uniforms in a safe place until your games begin. The 5th/6th gr. soccer team will be contacted by their soccer coach regarding their team jersey. Additionally, the 5th/6th gr. track participants will wear their SME gym uniform for track meets. Boys volleyball did not receive a uniform on Wednesday.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy Easter!

Julie Wipperman, Athletic Coordinator
athletics@smeschool.com
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MISSION POSSIBLE

ROUND 2 of our whole school service learning project, MISSION POSSIBLE, is coming to an end.

Thanks to your generosity, we have reached our goal of 700 cans and are presently in 2nd place.

We are just 80 cans/boxes of food behind the leader.

Our final donation count will take place Friday, April 13th.

We are asking each student to donate at least 3 more cans/boxes of food by April 13th.

This would allow us to donate approximately 600 more cans/boxes of food to the Buffalo City Mission.

This time of year is not traditionally a giving season and the people the Buffalo City Mission serves are still hungry.

We are blessed by and thankful for your generosity and your willingness to serve others. We hope to further exceed our goal!

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



*Congratulations to our
Christian Witness Recipients
for the month of February*

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We are in need of a parent (or two) to coordinate the submission of our box tops. Our current coordinator, Ms. Kathy Paradis, has an 8th grade student this year and is willing to advise anyone interested in taking over this easy & rewarding fundraiser. How rewarding? In her time as coordinator we have raised just under \$18,000 by submitting those tiny tickets! Amazing! Please tell your friends, family & neighbors that your child is collecting and send those in! A collection bin is always located in the school office. The next submission date is Nov. 1st but she is looking to walk you through the process for a June submission. Please contact the office if you are interested in this position. Thank you for your anticipated support!



MEGA RAFFLE

The Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, **98** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!! Every ticket sold gets us closer to our goal and makes sure we have a successful drive! Thank you again for all of your continued support on this important fundraiser.



Prize winners will be announced at the live drawing 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.

CANDY BAR SALE

43 students received coupons for a Karaoke Party based on the number of chocolate candy bars sold. Those students are able to sign up alone or with a maximum of four friends during lunch for a day to sing a song after morning announcements. Signups will close at the end of the month! Students should bring the music for their song to the office for approval prior to rehearsing. If your song is not approved, you will need to choose a different song.

**All candy bar accounts are now past due.
Please send in your payment today!**

Thank you very much for all of your support.
The Chocolate Candy Bar Team



STAY IN THE KNOW

Save the Date: 4/9 Lenten Collection Boxes Due

Save the Date: 4/15 Mission Possible Round 2 Ends

Save the Date: 4/19 Autism Awareness Dress Down \$1 - Tie Dye

Save the Date: 4/29 Benefit for the Lipiarz Family @ SMHS

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APRIL 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
2	3	4	5	6
9 Cheeseburger/bun Baked Beans Oven Fries	10 Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Broccoli and Carrots	11 Taco in a bag Corn Cucumber Salad	12 Pizza Romaine Salad Green Beans	13 Lasagna Salad Mixed Veggies
16 Pizza Puppies Baked Beans Oven Fries	17 Chicken nuggets Buttered Noodles Broccoli and Carrots	18 French Toast/sausage Hash Brown Pattie Green Beans	19 Pizza Romaine Salad Cauliflower	20 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Mixed Veggies
23 Pasta w/ meat sauce Romaine Salad Green Bean Medley	24 BBQ Chicken Roasted Potatoes Peas & Carrots	25 Mini Pancakes/sausage Tater Tots Green Beans	26 Stuffed Crust Pizza Romaine Salad Cauliflower/Broccoli	27 Fish Sandwich Oven Fries Cole Slaw
30 Chicken Alfredo Mixed Veggies Green Bean Medley		Alternate Lunches Available Daily B - Julienne Salad w/ 2 WG Rolls C - Yogurt Parfait w/granola and WG muffin D - Sunbutter/Jelly Sandwich on WG bread Choose at least 3 of these!		A Healthy Lunch starts with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable and/ or fruit • Lean Protein & whole grains • Milk

Menu subject to change.



Faith Focus

This week's family connection activity is based on the Gospel reading for *Sunday, April 1st*.

Peace,
Mrs. Hoag

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Family Connection

**From Loyola Press*

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. **Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened?** Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."



Faith Focus

This week's family connection activity is based on the Gospel reading for *Saturday, March 31st*.

Peace,
Mrs. Hoag

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-7

The women find that the stone from Jesus' tomb has been rolled back, and an angel reports that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Family Connection

**From Loyola Press*

In the Easter story, we learn that God responded to the Crucifixion of Jesus by raising him from the dead. This act of God was more than anyone could have imagined. Mark's Gospel reports that the women who found Jesus' tomb empty were utterly amazed. The angel chides them for being amazed and sends them to share his words with Peter and the other disciples. Amazement can lead to paralysis, or it can empower us to be witnesses to God's action in our world. We pray that our praise of God leads us to share with others the good news of God's power over death.

As you gather as a family, name some of the signs you have observed of God's power in the world and in your lives. Talk about how you feel when you experience the awesome mystery of God. Remind yourselves that at Easter we celebrate God's power over death as he raised Jesus from the dead. **Read together today's Gospel, Mark 16:1-7. Pray together praising God for his wondrous deeds. Invite each family member to name some of the wonderful things God has done for us. After each is named, pray this response: Alleluia! Alleluia! God has done wondrous deeds!**

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How can you motivate your child to read more? Here's how:

- Be a good reading role-model. Let your kids see you read.
- Have a collection of books in the home. Update it often to keep up with your child's changing tastes and reading skills.
- Shop our school's Book Fair and allow your kids to choose their own books.

Our Scholastic Buy One, Get One Free* Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. Not only will your child be able to choose from a wonderful selection of titles before the summer vacation starts, they will be able to **get one free book for every book they buy!**

Please join us at our Book Fair and be a part of your child's reading journey.

Book Fair dates: April 25 – April 26

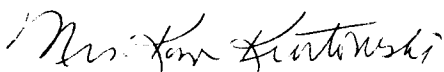
Shopping hours: 4/25 – 8:20-2:20 & 6:00-8:00 PM

4/26 – 8:20-2:20

Special activities: All for Books; Raffles; Games;
and **NEW** for 2018: Make Purchases with E-Wallet!

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Kim Kwitowski
Principal

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