

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Next week is our Open House. We will also be having an art show that evening which showcases student work. The Open House will be on April 25th from 6:00-7:30. Please come out and see some of the amazing work that our students have been doing.



Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Chiavetta’s Chicken BBQ this past Friday. It was a huge success thanks to all of your efforts. I am also happy to announce that due to your generosity, 81 meals were donated to the Buffalo City Mission! Way to go SME!

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:

- 4/19 - Autism Awareness Dress Down \$1 - Tye Die
- 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
- 5/7 - 1:00 Dismissal, STREAM Walk-a-Thon, SME Gym Attire
- 5/10 - Ascension Thursday Mass, 8:30
- 5/11 - Penny Fair, No School Mass
- 5/18 - May Crowning Mass, 8:30
- 5/25-5/28 - No School

FUNDRAISERS BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From April 9 – April 15, 2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$179.41.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
April Sales-to-Date	April Profit-to-Date
\$3,390.00	\$179.41



Mega Raffle:

Tickets Sold to date: **335**
Tickets Remaining: **315**
Did you get yours?!

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

We are currently 108 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!

STREAM

Spring is here and so is our STREAM Flower Sale! The sale will run from April 16 - April 27th. Pick up will be on May 9 from 2:30 - 6:00.

Our STREAM Walk-a-thon is right around the corner on Monday, May 7th. We ask that the students wear their SME gym attire. Permission/Pledge forms are going home today!

With just \$80 in flower sales & \$40 in donations for the walk per student we are sure to reach our \$8,000 goal!

*Congratulations to our
Christian Witness
Recipients
for the month of March!*

*May you continue to be a
“...visible example
of Gospel living”*



The 7th grade took a field trip to Old Fort Niagara to enrich their understanding of the War of 1812 and other events that they are studying in Social Studies this year. They learned about the local history of WNY going back to when the fort was built by the French in 1726. Hands on musket and marching demonstrations allowed the students to glimpse what life was like for a colonial soldier and take a trip back in time.



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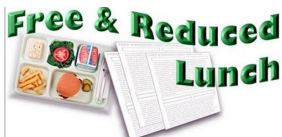
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LUNCH PROGRAM

Applications for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program are available throughout the school year on our website, e-School & office.



Our Lunch Survey has closed! Thank you to all of the students who took the time to voice their suggestions!



Congratulations to our 5th Grade for completing their Winter Wonder mural during Library.

Every student had a hand in drawing or painting. Teamwork at its best. Mrs. Abbatoiy added her artistic touches to round out the project.

Great Job 5th grade!



SCRIP

From September 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned by the school was \$10,121.30. **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 25th, 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.

Look how easy it is to help us reach our goal:

Vendor	Value	Profit %	# Purchased	\$ Purchased	Rebate Earned
Tops	\$100	5%	4	\$400	\$20
Kohl's	\$100	5%	1	\$100	\$5
Tim Horton's	\$10	5%	2	\$20	\$1
Monthly total				\$520	\$26
Annual total				\$6,240	\$312

CHOCOLATE SALE

This Friday, April 20 The Chocolate Candy Bar Team will be hosting the Glow Party reward in the afternoon. Students who are eligible have been notified. Uniforms need to be worn to school, however eligible students can bring in a shirt that will glow under the black lights, and be able to change into it before the party. Students will enjoy music, dancing, fun & games. Thank you for all for your hard work!



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.

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

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

MEGA RAFFLE

The Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, **116** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by **50** 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.



Thank you to everyone who made our
Chiavetta's Chicken Fundraiser a success!
From, the Class of 2018



STAY IN THE KNOW

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

Save the Date: 4/20 Middle School Dance, 7-9pm \$5, USA Theme

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

Save the Date: 5/4 8th Grade Hope Ribbon Ceremony

Save the Date: 5/11 Penny Fair

Save the Date: 6/6 School Spring Concert, Pre-k - Gr. 8, 9:00 am



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**STREAM WALK-A-THON
PERMISSION/PLEDGE SHEET
TO BE HELD MAY 7, 2018**



My child(ren) has my permission to participate in the STREAM Walk-A-Thon on the premises of St. Mary's, Lancaster, NY.

PLEDGE SHEET DUE BACK BY THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH SIGNED AS PERMISSION FORM

****Pledge Money due back by Thursday, MAY 24TH, 2018****

CHILD'S NAME _____	GRADE _____	CHILD'S NAME _____	GRADE _____
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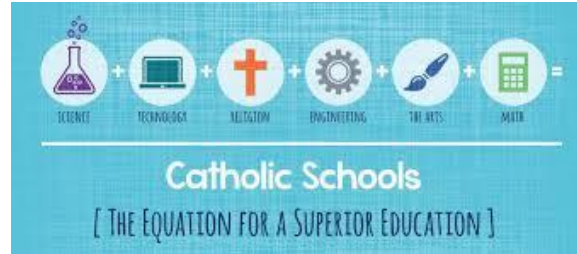
Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____
IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD(REN) TO WALK THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED. THANK YOU.

PRINT SPONSOR'S NAME	PRINT SPONSOR ADDRESS	FLAT PLEDGE		AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT COLLECTED	CHECK #	CASH
				SME COORDINATOR FILLS OUT	TOTAL		





Walk-A-Thon for STREAM



*The STREAM Education Initiative at
St. Mary's Elementary School*

STREAM educates students for their future!

The idea of emphasizing the subject areas of **STEM**: **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, and **M**ath has been driven by the business community to prepare a more agile, educated workforce for our country's future. However, in recent years, it has been increasingly evident that our economy is truly driven by innovation and the creativity and communication nurtured through the "**A**rts" is an essential component to innovation and worthy of emphasis as well. Rooted in our faith as Catholic schools, "**R**eligion" is woven throughout all subjects and completes the picture for a holistic approach to education.

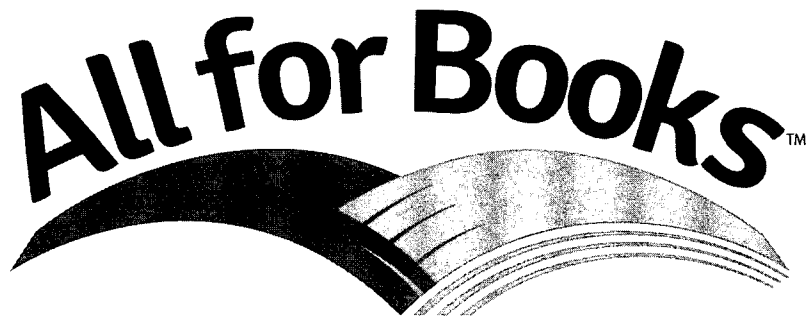
STREAM Education makes learning relevant! STREAM Education allows academic concepts to be coupled with increased real life application in all the disciplines. Students become involved in hands-on projects where problem solving, collaboration, and the results of their efforts make lessons more relevant than a textbook alone. Increased technology to enhance learning is emphasized, and career connections as well as exposure to working professionals further relates students to their own learning and their futures!

We need your support in order to be able to continue the STREAM Initiative at SME! Funds raised for STREAM will be used directly for purchasing supplies, materials, new kits, etc. in order for us to continue to provide creative, hands-on opportunities for all students that:

- Focus on inquiry, creativity, complex thinking and FUN!
- Emphasize STREAM education learning areas and nurtures the innate curiosity of every child!
- Provide a runway for our next generation of believers, innovators, scientists and leaders!

STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR SME GYM T-SHIRT, SME SWEATSHIRT/HOODIE. JEANS ARE PERMITTED WITH NO RIPS/TEARS





Dear SME Families:

Get ready to celebrate the love of reading with our upcoming Scholastic BOGO Book Fair! We will have many fun reading activities and events planned for your child as part of the Fair. We hope you can join us! Visit the Book Fair with your student on April 25 and 26 from 8:20-2:20, and April 25 during the HSA meeting.

This year, one of our Book Fair goals is to ensure as many children as possible have access to and receive books. One of the ways we can do that is through the All for Books program.

Not only does your donation help our cause, but Scholastic Book Fairs will match monetary donations with a donation of up to **\$1 million** in books from The Scholastic Possible Fund, which distributes books to children in need through organizations such as Kids in Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc., and the National Center for Families Learning.

Please take a moment to donate \$1 or loose change, and sign the attached "Paws for Books" slip with your name or child's name. All signed book slips will be displayed at our school. As an incentive, students who bring in signed slips will receive a dress down ticket, for use at a future date.

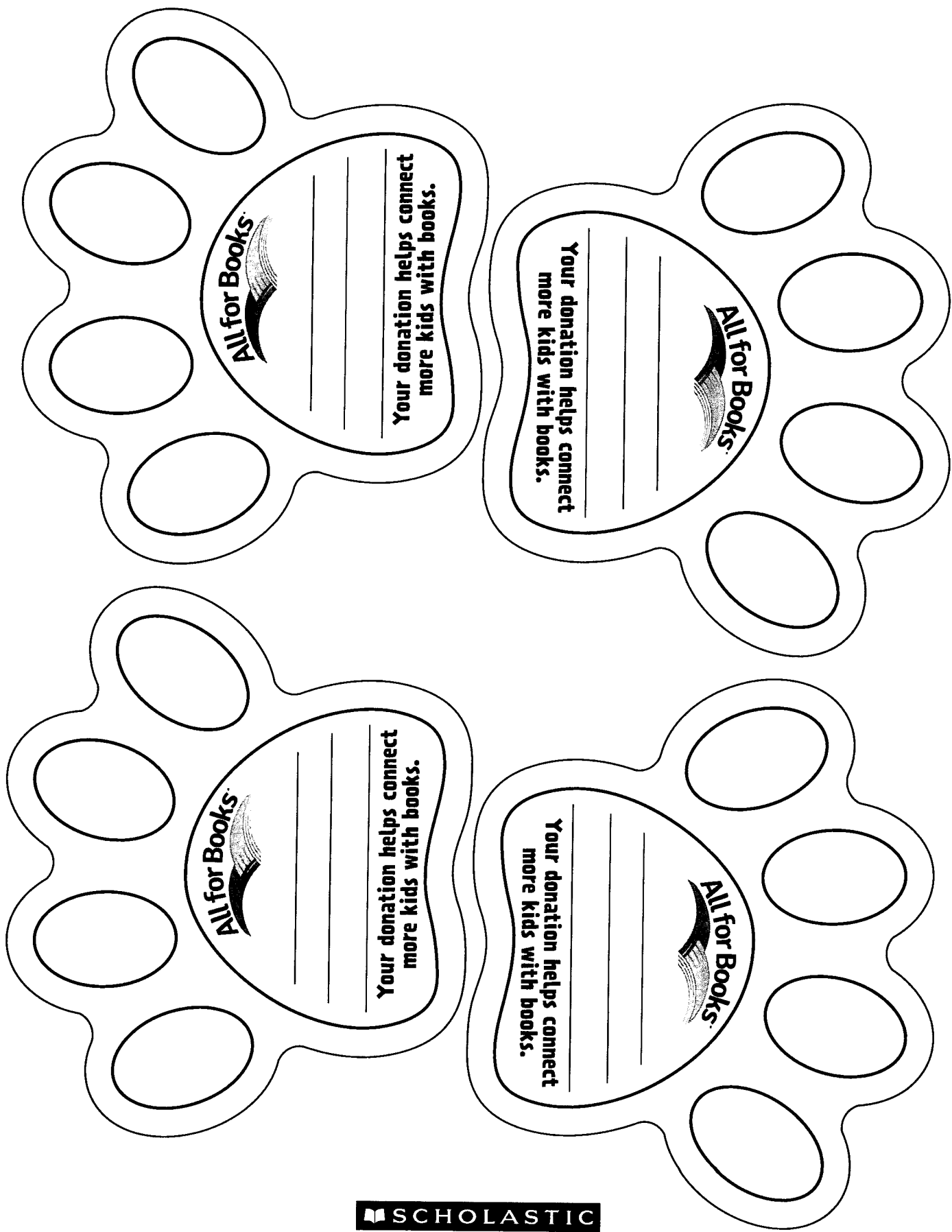
On behalf of the student and teachers of SME, THANK YOU!!

Sincerely,

Bernie Bookmiller

Bernie Bookmiller
BOGO Chairperson

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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



Faith Focus

This week's family connection activity is based on the Gospel reading for
Sunday, April 22nd.

Peace,
Mrs. Hoag

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

Family Connection

**From Loyola Press*

The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation.

When you gather as a family, invite each family member to consider the attitude that permeates their participation in family life. Read a common examen, such as any of the following: *Do we do family chores cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple times? Do we gladly share with others? Do we willingly contribute to the family good when asked?* Read aloud today's Gospel, John 10:11-18. Discuss together how the example of the Good Shepherd might inspire your family life. Invite each family member to make a renewed commitment to one action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that show that we will choose to follow the example of the Good Shepherd. Pray together that we will be able to honor our commitment.

Pray together Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity.

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,

Teach me true generosity.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve.

To give without counting the cost,

To fight heedless of wounds,

To labor without seeking rest,

To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward

Save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.