

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This past Friday was our Meet the Teacher Night. Despite the foul weather, we had many families attend. It was a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to meet parents of other students in the classroom. We also had 2 food trucks with plenty to eat. The dessert truck is actually owned and operated by a past SME family! If you were not able to make the event, signup sheets for parent teacher conferences were out. Please contact your child's teacher to sign up for a conference.

Friday, September 28th will be our first annual Fall Fest on the Hill. There will be food, basket raffles, cash giveaways and a band. If you have not purchased your ticket yet, please contact the office. This is a major fundraiser for the school, so please show your support.

Remember that our Catholic Schools Marathon will be on Monday, October 1st. Students should dress in SME attire. It is a 1:00 dismissal.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

MY LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE

On Friday, October 12th we will be hosting our My Little Sweetheart Dance. Dad, Grandpa, Uncle & older brothers are welcome to come with their lovely little lady guest! Please see the invite in today's blue folder.

Moms, we need your help! We will need help with set-up, during the event and clean up. If you would like to help that evening please contact Amanda secretary@smeschool.com with your availability (set-up/night of/clean-up) and if you are VIRTUS trained.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/26 - Book Swap Day #1
- 9/27 - \$1 Dress Down Supporting Fall Fest
- 9/27- Book Swap Day #2
- 9/28 - **NO SCHOOL**
- 9/28 - Fall Fest on the Hill, 6:00-11:00 pm
- 10/1 - **1:00 Dismissal**, SME Attire, Catholic Schools Marathon 9am.
- 10/5 - **15 min. Early Release Drill**, Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am, Church

SCRIP

It is great to see families signing up online!

Be sure to create your own account on Shop-WithScrip.com or MyScrip Wallet.com if you don't have one yet. The enrollment code came home in the Blue Folder last week. Be sure to enroll in online payments (PrestoPay) to receive your eGift cards and reloads to your physical gift cards faster.

*You can also pay by check when you place your order. You will receive your eGift cards and reloads to your physical cards when the order is released by the Scrip coordinator.

Don't forget that there is a locked box in the church foyer and outside the Scrip office so that you can drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you!

The Scrip Team is looking for additional volunteers to sell gift cards weekday mornings from 8:00-10:00, after weekend Masses and one Saturday a month. If you are interested in joining our team, please email us at scrip@smeschool.com.

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



FALL FEST ON THE HILL

Our 1st Annual Fall Fest on the Hill is Friday! We are looking forward to seeing you all for this new event.

We will be featuring live music by Rough Stock from 8:00-11:00 in the courtyard!

A \$50 ticket will admit two guests (adults only) and includes:

- ✂ Entry into the \$13.500 in Cash Prizes
- ✂ Food Stations
- ✂ Coffee & Pop

Cash bars, feel free to bring your own appetizers! 50/50's, Basket Raffles & Pull Tabs too!



**To date we have 540 tickets sold;
just about 3/4 of the way to our goal -
have you gotten your tickets??**

Tickets are available by calling the St. Mary's Fundraising Hotline at 716-253-7880 & in the St. Mary's Church Rectory & Elementary School Office & at the door. We are now able to accept credit card payments for your tickets at either location!

We will be hosting a \$1 Dress Down Day this Thursday to benefit Fall Fest.

If you are interested in helping during this event please contact Caron Gill via text at 432-6631.

Baskets are still being accepted in the school office.



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"...VISIBLE EXAMPLES OF GOSPEL
LIVING..."

CAFETERIA

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year!! After lunch, we enjoy getting the students outside for a bit of fresh air and we need at least 2 volunteers each day to do so.

Favorite things about school LUNCH AND RECESS

If you are interested in volunteering in the cafeteria and did not return your interest form sent home last week, feel free to contact me via email.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation! If at any time you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com. I'm looking forward to a great year!

~ Mary Kate DeMarzio
Cafeteria Supervisor

TUITION OFFICE

Tuition Statements are sent as a courtesy only. All due dates are outlined on the Tuition Payment Schedule provided in your Registration Packet. Additionally, all payment due dates are indicated on your copy of the Tuition Contract provided to you. Parents are responsible for providing tuition payments based on the payment option chosen on the Tuition Contract. Please be mindful of all payment dates to avoid being assessed late fees. If you have questions, please contact the Tuition Office.

BOOK SWAP

The book swap is back! Students in grade Kindergarten - Fifth grade are invited to join in our book swap. Here's how it works:

Day 1 (9/26)- Students bring in their books and get a ticket for each book they turn in.

Day 2 (9/27) - Exchange tickets for books!

Check out the flyer in today's blue folder for more information & book guidelines!



HSA

Thank you to everyone who has continued to request chocolate bars.

UPDATE: With our latest delivery we were made aware of a boxing/quantity change for the Fowlers orange & milk bars. The boxes now contain just 36 bars.

Payments can be submitted at any time by cash or check payable to St. Mary's.

If at any time you have a question regarding the sale or your account, please contact our candy team at candybarsale@smeschool.com.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MARATHON

The Catholic Schools Marathon will be held on **Monday, October 1, 2018**. The children (Pre-K-8) will walk around school grounds with their respective class while raising monies for their school. Monies are used to enhance technology at SME.

The pledge form is also used as a permission slip to walk around the school grounds, **this was due on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WALK.** If we did not have record of a permission slip on file, a second form was given to your child. Please return it by tomorrow, 9/27 as there is no school on 9/28. If we do not have a signed permission slip on file your child will not be able to participate.

All monies may be collected after the Marathon and are due by October 29th, 2018. **Students are to wear their SME attire or their gym uniforms.**

This is a rain or shine event, so please dress your child in weather appropriate attire.

JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY

The Junior Ladies of Charity of St. Mary's are collecting new or gently used Halloween costumes for children. The collection drive will run until October 7th. There is a collection bin located in the front foyer of the school as well as in the church.



ATHLETICS

Good luck to all of our Fall athletes as all of our season's are now underway...

The Mascot Selection process is ON!!! Please make sure to cast your vote either online via Survey Monkey (Parents) or during your lunch period (Students & Staff). Please show your SME school spirit and vote TODAY. The survey ends Friday September 28th.

Basketball sign-ups are underway for both boys and girls (3rd to 8th grade). I would like to urge all of our potential hoopsters to please pick up your Registration Form in the nurses and return it to the Front Office Attn: Dan Johnson, before the end of the month. October 12th is the last day for any late stragglers to sign up but we would like to have all registrations filled out with Physicals verified by Friday September 28th.

Potential Basketball Coaches: If you are interested in coaching one of our girls or boys teams this season please send me an email with the following points of information answered: (1) Coaching experience for any and all sports coached (2) Gender you would like to coach- BOYS or GIRLS (3) Grade level you would like to work with- 3rd/4th or 5th/6th or 7th/8th (4) A short paragraph on why you would be a great coaching candidate (5) Name of your child or children that attend SME along with grade level *Please submit your email to athletics@smeschool.com by Monday October 1st. The coach selection process will begin on Tuesday October 2nd. LATE APPLICATIONS will not be accepted. Thank You!! **There will be some very exciting news announced soon about our St. Mary's partnership with BSN Sports and our change in athletic uniforms policy for every sport and season. TO BE CONTINUED... Parents: we would love to see the student athletes in action! If you have any action photos that you'd like to share, please email them directly to us at athletics@smeschool.com Dan Johnson, Athletics Director



Emergency Evacuation Drill

Students will be dismissed 15 minutes early on
Friday, October 5th.

8TH GRADE INFORMATION

The Consortium of Catholic High Schools would like to share their new website with our parents and students. It is a very informative site and lists all of the Catholic High Schools in the area, Open House dates, Exam Review Classes, etc. Parents need to contact schools individually with any questions you may have.

<http://catholichighschoolswny.com/>



STAY IN THE KNOW



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Save the Date: 9/28 - NO SCHOOL, Fall Fest 6-11pm

Save the Date: Monday, 10/8 - No School, *Columbus Day*

Save the Date: Friday, 10/12 My Little Sweetheart Dance, 7-9:00pm, Gym

Save the Date: Wednesday, 10/24 MP1 Ends, Progress Reports Uploaded

Save the Date: Wednesday, 10/24 - 10/26, Fall Book Fair, Gym

MY LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

7PM-9PM

DAD, GRANDPA, UNCLE AND OLDER BROTHERS ARE
WELCOME TO COME WITH THEIR LOVELY LITTLE LADY
GUEST!

semi-formal
ATTIRE

\$12 per person

Payment Due:
Friday, October 5th
PRE-SALE ONLY
Please give to
Mrs. Kwitowski

FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD WE
WILL DONATE \$2 TO
THE MOTHER TERESA HOME

**Appetizers and refreshments will
be served**

Names of attendees:
(FIRST, LAST)

STUDENT: _____

GUEST: _____

STUDENT: _____

GUEST: _____

STUDENT: _____

GUEST: _____

TOTAL number attending:

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

PLEASE RETURN MONEY AND ORDER FORM IN A
LABELED ENVELOPE ADDRESSED:
ATTN: MRS. KWITOWSKI/ CHILD'S NAME

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NIAGARA FRONTIER

VOLLEYBALL



FREE SKILLS CLINIC

GIRLS and BOYS

Grades K-6

Sun. Oct. 7th from 12:30-1:45 or 2:30-3:45

425 Meyer Rd., West Seneca 14224

Come for a fun filled introduction to playing volleyball!
Players will get hands on instruction from Niagara Frontier
Volleyball club's most experienced coaches and players.

Open to the first 120 beginner level players each session

For more information and to
PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS CLINIC, visit:

www.NFVBjuniors.com

Junior Ladies of Charity are hosting a

Halloween



Costume



Collection

thru

October 7th

We need new or gently used costumes for children.

A box is located in the front foyer of the school.

There are also two boxes located in the front of the church.