

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

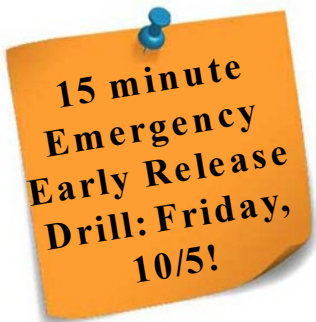
Happy Wednesday!

Thank you to everybody who attended our 1<sup>st</sup> Fall Fest on the Hill. The event was a lot of fun and well attended. Many people walked away winners through our cash giveaways, 50/50, pull tabs and basket raffles. Thank you to all of our volunteers the night of the event and to the planning committee. Their countless hours of work made the night a big success!

This Friday will be our first Christian Witness Mass. It is also a 15 minute early release day. Remember, there is no school on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the long weekend.

Thank you for all of your continued support of SME!

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **10/5 - 15 min. Early Release Drill**, Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am, Church
- **10/8 - NO SCHOOL**, Columbus Day
- **10/12** - My Little Sweetheart Dance, 7-9:00 pm
- **10/24** - Parents Only Meeting, Book Fair 6-8:00pm
- **10/25** - Book Fair 8-2:00, Picture Re-Take Day
- **10/26** - Book Fair 8-2:00
- **10/27** - Family Fun Night 6-8:30 pm

## 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! Invites went out with last weeks NewsNote. Additional copies are also available in the school office.

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 at [secretary@smeschool.com](mailto:secretary@smeschool.com) with your availability (set-up/night of/clean-up)

## SCRIP

It's never too early to start your holiday shopping (and I know some of you have started already)!

Please consider buying Scrip gift cards and certificates for all of your holiday shopping needs...

### Meal preparations

(Tops, Federal Meats, Chrusciki Bakery, etc.)

### Gifts

(Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's and more)

### Time out rewards for you!

(Tim Horton's, Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts)

Our current stock of Simply Certificates will expire on November 1<sup>st</sup>, so why not take your family out to dinner this month or treat yourself to some pampering? Simply Certificates can be used at many area merchants, including **Scotch 'N Sirlain** in Amherst, **Chef's Restaurant** in Buffalo, **Santangelo Salon** in Cheektowaga, **Ripa's Restaurant** in Lancaster and **Silver Essence Floating Spa** in Williamsville. There are MANY more merchants on the list – contact the Scrip team for more information!!

For added ease, 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](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com). Thank you for your support of the Scrip program!*

JUST LET  
ME SHOP  
&  
NO ONE  
GETS HURT.



## FALL FEST ON THE HILL

Thank you to all who had a hand in making our 1st Annual Fall Fest on the Hill this past Friday a success. From the efforts of the team, people working behind the scenes and all of those who attended the event, we could not have done it without you!



We are crunching the numbers and will have a report out to you ASAP of the details including a list of winners.



## COMMUNICATION

We make every effort to have all the information that you need at your fingertips! Email is the fastest means of communication to any of our teachers or staff. The teacher webpage's are all decked out and ready to peruse! Need to reach the office? Email Amanda Kuhn at [secretary@smeschool.com](mailto:secretary@smeschool.com).

In our NewsNote you will find information on upcoming events and wrap-up's too! Flyers are sent home both in the folder and are also attached electronically. In an effort to try and stay as eco-friendly as possible, flyers that only pertain to a select group of students are sent electronically only. For example, with today's electronic NewsNote there is a flyer from St. Josephs Collegiate Institute for our 8th graders. I urge you to spend half a minute scroll through that email and see what else is new!

Did you misplace you're My Little Sweetheart Dance invite? Need more chocolate? In our NewsNote tab at the top of our website each weeks NewsNote is archived and you are able to go in and print any necessary paperwork.

If at any time you have questions, please reach out to Amanda Kuhn in the school office.

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## CAFETERIA



The weather is beginning to change, but I would still love to get the get the students outside for a bit of fresh air after lunch for as many days as possible! To do that we need at least 2 volunteers each day.

Thank you to those who have expressed interest in helping out – I will be in touch with you very soon! If you are interested in volunteering in the cafeteria please contact me at [lunchmonitor@smeschool.com](mailto:lunchmonitor@smeschool.com).

~ Mary Kate DeMarzio  
Cafeteria Supervisor

## FROM THE KITCHEN



The October Lunch Menu is coming home today! There are lots of new choices, including a new alternate selection of a turkey sandwich available daily!

Did you know you can pre-pay for your child(s) lunches? A Student lunch costs \$2.75. Simply send your payment (cash or check) into the attention of the kitchen for the amount times the number of lunches you would like to pay for. Exact payment is requested. There is a handy chart on the back side of the menu to help you plan!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MARATHON

The skies may have opened but that didn't put a damper on the spirits of our students walking for our Catholic Schools Marathon on Monday!

Any student who was sponsored with donations will receive their form back to collect their pledges. All monies will be used to enhance the technology at SME!

Pledge money is due back by October 29th. Thank you!

## PET BLESSING

A special blessing of pets will be held on Saturday, October 6 at 9 a.m. in the Pavilion outside of St. Mary's Church. The blessing celebrates the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, who was known for his love of animals and creation.



## JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY

There are just two days left to donate in the school bins for the Junior Ladies of Charity Costume Collection. Drop your donation in the bin marked with your name & homeroom to be in the count for a prize to the highest collecting homeroom!



## ATHLETICS

The mascot voting has come to a completion and we have a winner.. With 145 total votes, the winner is...The St. Mary's Knights!!!

We had a total of 362 total votes. Below is the breakdown.

- (1) St. Mary's Knights - 145 votes (62 online)
- (2) St. Mary's Saints - 63 votes (31 online)
- (3) St. Mary's Crusaders - 54 votes (36 online)
- (4) St. Mary's Monarchs - 38 votes (16 online)
- (5) St. Mary's Archangels - 32 votes (14 online)
- (6) St. Mary's Friars - 30 votes (5 online)

Thank you all for participating, even the preschooler's joined in on

the fun and showed their school spirit.

Please remember to drop off your basketball sign up sheet along with the \$40 participation fee, if you plan on participating this year. Friday October 12th is the deadline....NO EXCEPTIONS!!!



## SET

Our SET Committee is looking for new members. Please see the flyer in the blue folder today.

The SET Directory will be published again this year. There is a form coming home where you can select information to be included in that directory or opt out entirely. Please complete the form and return it ASAP.



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*S.E.T. To Go Effecting Change*

## 8TH GRADE INFORMATION

Parents wishing to have their child shadow at high school must coordinate that with the high school directly.

<http://catholichighschoolswny.com/>



## STAY IN THE KNOW



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**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

# OCTOBER 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

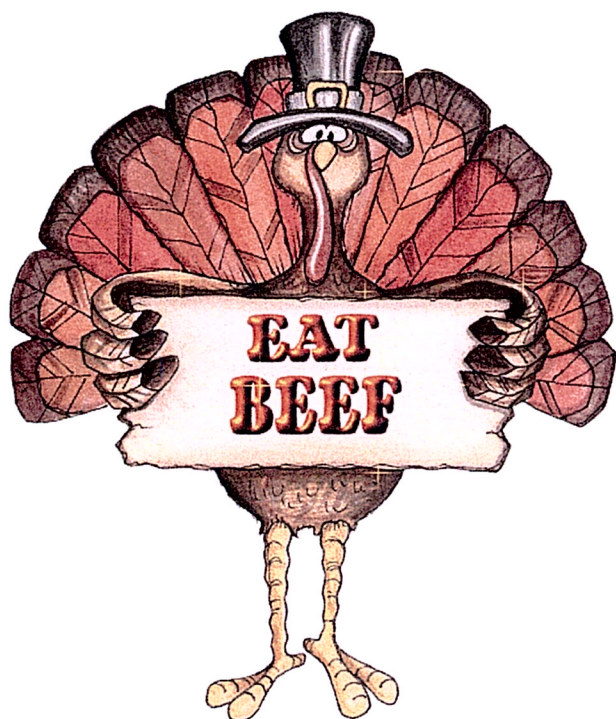


| MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| 1<br>Popcorn Chicken<br>Roasted Potatoes<br>Peas & Fruit  | 2<br>Chicken Fajitas<br>Seasoned Rice<br>Bean Salad<br>Fruit     | 3<br>Lasagna Rolls<br>Romaine Salad<br>Cauliflower<br>Fruit          | 4<br>Turkey Sub<br>Carrots & Dip<br>Cucumber Salad<br>Fruit  | 5<br>Cheese Pizza<br>Broccoli<br>Mixed Veggies & Fruit          |
| A Healthy Lunch starts with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vegetable and/ or fruit</li> <li>Lean Protein &amp; whole grains</li> <li>Milk</li> </ul> | 9<br>Layered Taco Pie<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Refried Beans<br>Fruit | 10<br>BBQ Pulled Pork<br>Sandwich<br>Carrots<br>Cole Slaw & Fruit    | 11<br>Meatloaf<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Corn<br>Fruit   | 12<br>Pizza<br>Romaine Salad<br>Vegetable Soup<br>Fruit         |
| 15<br>Popcorn Chicken<br>Oven Fries<br>Creamed Spinach<br>Fruit   | 16<br>Taco in a Bag<br>Green Beans<br>Spanish Rice<br>Fruit      | 17<br>Cheese Calzones<br>Romaine Salad<br>Cauliflower<br>Fruit       | 18<br>Hot Turkey Sandwich<br>with Gravy<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Corn & Fruit   | 19<br>Pizza<br>Cucumber Salad<br>Carrots, Celery & Dip<br>Fruit |
| 22<br>Chicken Salad Wrap<br>Bean Salad<br>Carrots & Dip<br>Fruit  | 23<br>Nachos Supreme<br>Fiesta Corn<br>Baked Beans<br>Fruit      | 24<br>Chicken-n-Biscuits<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Sweet Potatoes<br>Fruit | 25<br>Loaded Baked Potato<br>With Broccoli, Cheese &<br>Bacon<br>Fruit   | 26<br>Pizza<br>Romaine Salad<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit            |
| 29<br>Grilled Cheese<br>Sandwich<br>Tomato Soup<br>Peas & Fruit   | 30<br>Chili Con Carne<br>Corn Muffin<br>Carrots<br>Fruit         | 31<br>Ghoul-lash!<br>Romaine Salad<br>Cauliflower & Fruit            | <b>Alternate Lunches Available Daily</b><br>B - Julienne Salad w/ 2 WG Rolls<br>C - Yogurt Parfait w/granola and WG muffin<br>D - Sunbutter/Jelly Sandwich on WG bread<br>E - Deli Turkey Sandwich |   |

Menu subject to change.



# St. Mary's Elementary School Meat Raffle



Sponsored by: St. Mary's HSA  
Friday, November 2, 2018  
**St. Mary's Elementary School**  
**2 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster**  
**14086**

Doors open at 6pm  
First Spin at 7pm

\$5 Presale, \$7 at the Door  
Admission includes Beer, Wine & Pop  
Don't forget: your own snacks, LOTS of Dollar Bills &  
a cooler of course for your winnings!!!  
50/50 Splits & Basket Raffle  
Door Prize: Cooler Full of Meat  
For ticket info contact:  
[hsa@smeschool.com](mailto:hsa@smeschool.com)

***NO OUTSIDE LIQUOR ALLOWED!***



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# Home School Association Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Students,

It is hard to believe the first month is over and we are already in October. This month our focus is on our annual HSA Halloween Party. We hope you can join us – we are going to change it up a bit this year by having a trunk or treat, but will still dance the night away with the DJ. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in costume.

We will begin our pie and coffee sale this month as well. It will run from September 26 – October 19<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from this event will be used to give our teachers their annual start up fund gift to update their classroom for the new year. Since this benefits each and every student at SME – we ask for your support.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a room parent.

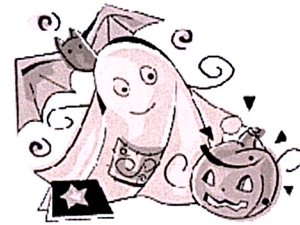
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## Upcoming Events

### October 27, 2018

HSA Halloween Party



### November 2, 2018

Meat Raffle

### November 19, 2018

Pie/Coffee Pick Up

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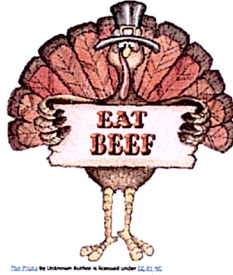
## Candy Bar Sale is Up and Running

Our candy bar sale is up and running. It is our largest fundraiser of the school year and one we depend on in order to provide activities for our students, incentives for our teachers, and buy equipment for our classrooms. We have yet to make a profit this year – so keep selling!

JK

## Meat Raffle Scheduled

Our first meat raffle of the school year will be held at our school on November 2, 2018. We could use your support by either buying tickets or volunteering. If you are willing and able to work, please contact us. Our first raffle was a ton of fun! Everyone loves winning PIZZA LOGS!



## Penny Fair Chair Needed

May seems like a long time away, but really is right around the corner. Penny Fair is a long standing tradition at SME where students come and play games to win prizes. We need a chair for this event. Please help keep the tradition alive. Please let us know if you are willing to chair. (Co-Chairs would work as well – Find a friend to work with – It would make a lighter load but still get the job done).

## We are Looking for New Board Members – Come Join Us!!!

**Did you know that you don't have to be a Board Member to Help? We can always use help! Please contact us if you can help in any way.**





Calling all Ghouls & Goblins!  
Save the date:

Family Fun Night!  
Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>!!

# Halloween Costume Dance Party!!

*Parents* - New Trunk or Treat - Come decorate your car trunks and pass out nut free candy to our ghouls, goblins and little angels in a safe environment.

Anyone interested in assisting with the Trunk or Treat - Please contact:

Barb Kalinowski 716-997-4000

Prizes for the best 3 decorated trunks!



Sponsored by the St. Mary's Elementary Home School Association

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--- ATTENTION PARENTS ---

**St. Mary's Elementary School  
2018-2018 Family Directory  
Family Information Form**

Each school year, the SME School Effectiveness Team (SET) publishes the Family Directory of all families here at St. Mary's Elementary School.

The directory lists all the students sorted by grade, and includes their name, the names of their parents/guardians, address, phone number, and e-mail address. All of the information is taken directly from the school registration database. However, we understand that not everyone may want their personal information included in the directory. Please use this form to 1) opt out of the family directory, or 2) select what information you want included in the family directory.

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE BELOW  
AND RETURN THIS FORM BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH.**

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Please check either Option 1 **OR** Option 2.

☐ **Option 1**: I would like to opt out of the family directory. Please do not include any family information.

☐ **Option 2**: I would like the following personal information **included** in the family directory (please check **ONLY** the information you would like included in the directory):

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Address      ☐ Mother's Name      ☐ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Father's Name      ☐ Guardian's Name      ☐ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print



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**St. Mary's Elementary School**  
**SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS TEAM**

Are you interested in being a member of a team that strives to improve the quality of education for all of St. Mary's Elementary Students? The SET Team of St. Mary's is currently looking for parent volunteers who would help be the "parent voice" for their class within this group as we work closely with administration and teachers to strive for the best for our school. The SET committee meets the first Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 PM.

**What exactly is the SET committee?**

Established in 1998 in response to parental concerns; SET works to gather information in order to identify strengths, and areas of improvement regarding the twelve characteristics of an effective school. SET acts as an avenue of communication for suggestions, ideas, and concerns raised by parents, faculty, staff and students. School Effectiveness Team members skillfully blend diverse experiences and viewpoints into wise, effective decisions for St. Mary's Elementary School.

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**We are accepting new members on a first come basis. Please detach this form and return it to your child's teacher by Tuesday, October 9th if you are interested.**

I would be interested in participating as a member of the SET committee for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s Name(s) and age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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# We promise to welcome, challenge, and inspire.

## Important Events this Fall

### St. Joe's Open House

Sunday, October 14  
10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m

Monday, October 15  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*No reservations required.  
Private tours also available.*

### Entrance Exam Prep Course

Saturdays, October 20 - November 10  
8:30 a.m. to noon

### Marauder for a Day Program for 8th graders

September 24 through November 15

### Entrance & Scholarship Exam

Saturday, November 17 at 8:30 a.m.



Contact Director of Admissions  
Pete Kennedy '97 at 716.874.4953  
or [pkennedy@sjci.com](mailto:pkennedy@sjci.com).

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