

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday night is our My Little Sweetheart Dance. If you have not gotten your tickets yet, please send in your RSVP. We hope to see you at the dance!

We have been practicing our fire drills and will soon be practicing our lockdown drills as well. We have tried to stress the importance of these drills to the students. Parents, please take a moment to reiterate this with your child. We have safety drills to ensure students and staff are prepared to quickly make their way to safety in the event of an emergency situation.

Thank you and enjoy these last warm days of October!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



MY LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE

We are looking forward to seeing all of our young ladies and their special guys this Friday at our My Little Sweetheart Dance! The dance is from 7-9:00 pm in the Gym. If you have not yet responded, please get your RSVP in today!



Moms - We could still use some extra hands with this event. Please see the flyer coming home today and indicate where we can count on you!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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
- **11/1** - All Saints Day Mass, 8:30 am
- **11/2** - **1:00 Dismissal**, HSA Meat Raffle 6:00pm

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 1st, 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 Sirloin** 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. Thank you for your support of the Scrip program!



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Please see the flyer in today's blue folder for the pantry's greatest needs.

Thank you and God Bless you,
Mrs. Hoag (hoagb@smeschool.com)

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LIVING..."

CAFETERIA



The weather is beginning to change, but I would still love to 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.

~ Mary Kate DeMarzio
Cafeteria Supervisor

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Inter-state Photography will be back on Thursday, October 25th for picture re-takes. Students who were absent on our original date are asked to have their picture taken on 10/25. Families looking to have their student photo re-taken will also be done at this time.

Only students getting their picture taken should dress their best on 10/25.

Order forms are available in the school office or contact Amanda to send one home with your child.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MARATHON

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!



HSA

Our Pie & Coffee Fundraiser is well underway!
Take one to do off your Thanksgiving list by placing your order today!

Pie & Coffee Sale Started: 9/26
End Date: 10/19!!
Pick up day: Monday, 11/19



Saturday, 10/27 - Family Fun Night, Trunk or Treat! (Invite coming home next week)

Friday, 11/2 - Fall Meat Raffle, doors open @ 6. Many hands make light work, and the work is FUN! If you are able to help during the Meat Raffle please see the flyer coming home in your blue folder today!



PAST DUE

If you have not yet returned the following items please do so ASAP:

- Parent / Student Sign-off page from the handbook. Forms were due back on 10/1.
- SET Directory Response form. Forms were due back 10/5.

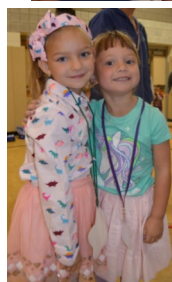
JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY

The St. Mary's Junior Ladies of Charity wish to thank all of our parishioners and school children who donated Halloween costumes during the recent JLOC collection. The collection was a huge success, with approximately 150 costumes donated. The Junior Ladies sorted and packaged the costumes at their October meeting, and they are being distributed to needy children throughout Western New York in time for Halloween. The Junior Ladies also assembled approximately 150 candy treat bags to accompany the costumes.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and support!



MAKING MEMORIES EVERY DAY



*Congratulations to our
Christian Witness Recipients for the
Month of September!
May you continue to be
"...visible examples of Gospel living"*

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



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

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year we welcome several students in our school (Pre K-8) with food allergies. Each year the number of students with serious allergies and strict dietary restrictions continues to grow across the country, not just here at St. Mary's. Schools are responsible for working diligently to place the children's safety and good health on the forefront each day. We ask for your help, cooperation, and understanding with the following policy.

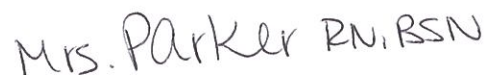
- No unwrapped bulk, unlabeled, or home baked items may be sent into the classroom.
- Any food item that is brought into the classroom for celebrating and sharing must have the specific ingredient label on the package. All items must be peanut and tree nut free. Please be aware of advisory labels as these are also not allowed. Any items that are not packaged or properly labelled will be returned home.
- Students are not allowed to share with or purchase food items for other students during lunch or snack time. Sharing, trading, touching of other classmates' food is strictly forbidden.
- There will be a nut-free table available in the cafeteria. Please communicate with the nurse for more information if you would like your child to sit at this table.
- All students will wash their hands before and after snack time and their lunch period.

In an effort to assist parents and teachers with safe food choices, the website <https://snacksafely.com> lists numerous choices that are available in local stores-please remember this list changes often. We also suggest sending in healthy alternatives such as fruits and vegetables or consider non-food options (play doh, pencils, stickers...) or donate a book or game to the classroom in your child's name.

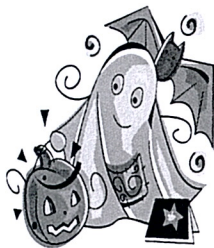
Thank you for your attention and support regarding this very important matter. We look forward to working together to make a healthy school year. If you should have any questions or concerns please contact the principal or school nurse.



Mrs. Kwitowski
Principal



Mrs. Parker RN, BSN
School Nurse



St. Mary's Elementary School
Home School Association

Saturday, October 27, 2018
6:00 – 8:30pm
in the Parish Center

**PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES & DO THE
MONSTER MASH!**

Pizza will be served @ 7:00

This is a Family Event. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.

\$6.00 per person includes:

Pizza, Drinks, Dessert for all, Treats for the Kids & Door Prize Entry!

New – Trunk or Treat!!!

This Event is NOT a Fundraiser –
Just a night for SME families to have a ghoulishly good time together!

Please return this portion (which serves as your door prize entry)
by Wednesday 10/24 Attn: HSA
Yes! We will be attending Family Fun Night!

Family Name: _____

_____ Adults + _____ Children = _____ X \$6 = \$_____
Cash or Checks payable to St. Mary's Elementary School – HSA

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FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE FALL 2018

CANNED GOODS LIST

boxed foods are also acceptable & you can donate other varieties as well

PRIMARY NEEDS

**YAMS
CUT GREEN BEANS
TURKEY GRAVY
CRANBERRY JELLY SAUCE
TUNA
CHICKEN
SOUPS/STEWES**

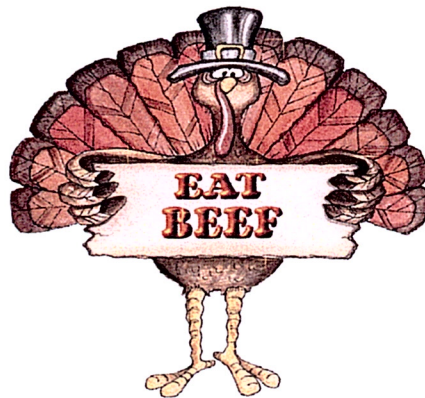
SECONDARY NEEDS

**PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY/JAM (PLASTIC JAR)
APPLESAUCE CUPS
PINEAPPLE CHUNKS
BAKED BEANS
CANNED HAM
ASSORTED VEGETABLE**

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**Home School Association of
St. Mary's Elementary School is hosting a
Meat Raffle**

**Friday, November 2, 2018
Doors Open at 6p First Spin at 7p**



**and we are in need of Volunteers to help with the
Beverage Station, Ticket Runners, Basket Donations.
Set-up/Clean up. Or if you are interested in selling
tickets please fill out the form below and return to
school Attn:HSA**

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

You may also email: hsa@smeschool.com

Or

Call/text Annelis Staats-Szuder at (716) 510-0571