

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

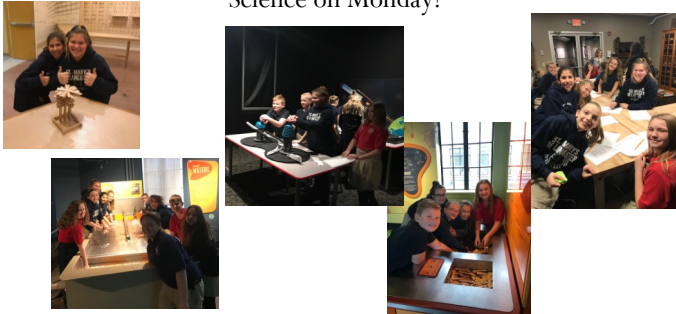
Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and that you had the opportunity to gather with family and friends to give thanks for the many blessings that we all enjoy.

This Friday is our Christian Witness Mass at Church. Please remember that December 3rd is a 1:00 dismissal.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

Our 6th Grade class spent the day at the Buffalo Museum of Science on Monday!



BUS SAFETY

We ask that every: parent / grandparent / aunt or uncle / babysitter / friend / sibling / anyone picking up a student- **PLEASE** be mindful of bus safety even in our parking lot. This means that when the red lights are flashing **no one** should be passing a bus.

We understand that there was concern as to the way buses were staging/waiting in our lot in the morning and have addressed it with the companies. We also ask that extra care is taken as winter weather approaches .

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Did you know... You can use your credit card to pay for your tuition & fundraising?! (Candy Bar / Mega Raffle ticket / Golf) We cannot process payments over the phone, it must be a personal visit. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Jezuit at jezuitn@smeschool.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **11/30** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am, Middle School Dance (Gr. 6-8), 7-9:00pm
- **12/3 - 1:00 Dismissal**, Dress Down Day
- **12/7 - NO FAST Club**, Merry Moose Shop, 9:30 - 2:00
- **12/10** - Dress Down Day \$1 - Supporting Lakeview Animal Sanctuary
- **12/14** - Joy to the World, Christmas Celebration, 5:30pm
- **12/16** - Pancake Breakfast with Santa, 8-12:00
- **12/20** - Merry Christmas Dress Down Day!
- **12/21 - 12/31/18 - No School**
- **1/1/19 - No School**

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 11/20 to 11/26/2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$541.23.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00

November Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$1,844.87	\$3,644.77

We surpassed our goal this month!
Lets keep the momentum going!

When we work together on the \$1,500.00 monthly goal, it is less than a \$200 purchase in gift cards per family, per month, through the SCRIP program. Since SCRIP cards can be purchased for Tops Gasoline, Tops groceries, Amazon, Tim Hortons, paying your Kohl's bill, etc I am sure we can all find easy ways to help with this goal. Lockboxes are available outside the Scrip office & in the back of the church to make dropping off an order easy.

Candy Bar Sale

Don't just give a gift card this Christmas - trick them with the weight of a candy bar or two! Order forms are available in the school office & electronically with todays NewsNote.

We have many boxes of all three brands of the factory mixed box. We are out of our specialty handmade GH variety boxes.



NJHS

Congratulations to the newest members of the
National Junior Honor Society
who were inducted on November 16th!



SCRIP

SAVE THE DATES:

Weekend hours: Saturday, 12/1 from 9:00-11:00; Sunday, 12/2 from 8:00-2:00.

REMEMBER!!

Some vendors are offering low denomination gift cards through December 14th. The list of available cards is below and there will be a limited number available in the Scrip office **while supplies last** (the cards that are in **bold** type). Please plan ahead and order soon!

\$5 Cards:
Barnes & Noble,
Blimpie, Cold Stone,
Panera, Starbucks,
Taco Bell



\$10 cards:
Amazon,
Applebees, CVS,
Olive Garden,
Home Depot,
IHOP, Meijer,
Outback, Red Lobster, Target,
Walmart

Wreath & Poinsettia
Pick up
TODAY
2:30 - 6:00
in the school gym!



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

X-STREAM GAMES

X-STREAM Games Showcase and Competitions will take place this Sunday at St. Joe's Collegiate Institute. Please come and show your support! Our students have been working diligently in their STREAM Academies. This is a day to celebrate their creativity, collaboration and hard work.

MY LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE

Don't forget... Photos from the My Little Sweetheart Dance are available for download until December 1st by visiting:
www.kellytanskiphotography.com

VIRTUS

Please make sure you are staying current with your monthly bulletins.
For more information on this program or to register go to www.virtusonline.org.

WRAPPING SUPPLIES

Our Merry Moose helpers are in need of wrapping supplies such as:

- Wrapping Paper
- Gift Bags
- Gift Tags
- Tissue Paper

And most of all... **Tape**

Our Holly Hanging committee is also in need of wrapping paper, ribbon & bows.

Donation boxes are located in the school office.

Thank you for your continued support!

FEBRUARY FREEZE

Basketball players and fans - Mark your calendars for the SME 2019 February Freeze Basketball Tournament!

Our SME JV and Varsity teams will compete against other Diocesan teams at our school from Thursday, February 14- Sunday, February 17.

If you are interested in being part of the February Freeze Tournament Committee, please email Julie Wolford at jmwolford7473@yahoo.com.

GIVE UNTO OTHERS...

Our Giving Tree will be up until 11/30.

We are collecting hats, gloves/mittens & scarves to be delivered to the Lancaster Youth Bureau and will serve the need in our community.

We will also be collecting new toys to be delivered to Children's Hospital via Peyton's Toy Drive.



HSA

Save the Date!
Our Pancake Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 16th!



SAVE THE DATE

On Friday, December 14th, 2018 at 5:30 pm, Saint Mary's Elementary School students will present **JOY TO THE WORLD! – a Living Nativity Christmas Celebration**. This will be the only Christmas production taking place this year. This beautiful depiction of our Lord's birth will take place in the SME school gymnasium. **ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K - 8** will be a part of this production! Students will be singing and acting with a backdrop of the manger including live animals, just as it was on that busy day in Bethlehem.



MISSION POSSIBLE

Challenge Period 1 takes place Oct. 2nd - Dec. 14th.

Thank you for your continued generosity! We are currently in second place for **Buffalo City Mission's Mission Possible Food Challenge!** There are 3 weeks left in this challenge period. Please keep the cans coming! Your donations are helping to make a difference.



So far, SME has donated 1083 cans of food!
Our collection period ends on December 14th.

Suggested Goals by grade:
Pre-K- 2 = 60 cans each grade
3-7 = 70 cans each grade
8th grade = 100 cans
Teachers/staff = 60 cans

COLD WEATHER APPROVED APPAREL

Please make note of the following approved cold weather apparel for students during the winter months:

- SME Hoodies (logo style ordered through HSA)
- SME Athletic Hoodies (available through each sport uniform order shop and with the Knights apparel store that was open mid November)
- 8th Grade Hoodies
- Gym uniform sweatshirt (ordered through the office, available anytime)
- Solid navy/white/red cardigan sweater
- Navy blue fleece from a school approved vendor, must have SME logo (available through McKay's, Flynn O'Hara, Lands End anytime)
- Solid black leggings may be worn under skorts/skirts

ATHLETICS

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that attended the Fall Banquet and to those who stayed and helped clean-up! THANK YOU to all who printed pictures out for us, I hope you took some photos home with you from the tables. THANK YOU to all the athletes that took the time to write out a quote, inspiring message or a sentence/paragraph on what your teammates mean to you. I truly enjoyed the evening together!!!

The BSN online store is closed. All orders will be sent to the school. Notifications will be sent out once we receive the shipment from BSN where you can arrange a pick up or we can send your order with your child. Our next store will open prior to the start of spring sports.

Share pictures of your season by emailing athletics@smeschool.com.

WREATH & POINSETTIA SALE

Thank you to all that purchased either a wreath &/or poinsettia to benefit the 8th grade class!

Pick up day is TODAY from 2:30 - 6:00 in the gym!



8TH GRADE INFORMATION

Please submit a copy of your Catholic High School application confirmation email to the school office once you have received it so that your child(s) transcript can be forwarded to the appropriate school(s).

<http://catholichighschoolswny.com/>



STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 11/30 - MS Dance, 7-9:00 in the Gym

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Save the Date: 12/12 - MP1 Report Card Upload (Gr. K-8)



Mark your Calendars!!!

5th Annual

X-STREAM GAMES and EXPO!

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INNOVATORS, SCIENTISTS, and BELIEVERS!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

St. Joseph Collegiate Institute 12:00-3:30 p.m.

ENTRANCE FEE: One canned food item per person to support SJCI Food Basket Drive.

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 11:15 Early Bird Robotics: Team Check-in and Staging
- 12:00 Robotics Competition Begins: Over 30+ teams every year!
- 12:00 All other STREAM ACADEMY Courses: Check in and Set Up 12-1pm
- 1:00 Science Scrimmage: CSI Forensics Presentation (Commons)
- 1:00 Lights, Camera, Action "Be the Light" Showcase (Black Box)
- 1:00 Academy Demonstrations until 2:30
 - The "Best of" Arcade Academy Games to Play
 - Video Gaming/Coding Stories Venue- Student Created!
 - Lip Balm Sales: Student Companies
 - "Ignite the Power of Art" Student Showcase
 - Other Academy Demos: PEAP, FUTURE CITIES, LITTE BITS, NEW ACADEMY INNOVATIONS!
- 1:30 "Shark Tank" for our Innovators (Library)
- 2:30 Kitchen Chemistry "Bread of Life" Bake-Off (Black Box)
- 3:15 Robotics Finals and Awards



DECEMBER 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.



*Merry
Christmas*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Oven Fries & Fruit	4 Taco-in-a-Bag Texas Caviar Carrots & Fruit	5 Mac-n-Cheese Tomato Soup Peas & Fruit	6 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Broccoli & Fruit	7 Cheese Calzones Romaine Salad Green Beans Fruit
10 Breakfast Biscuit w/Ham, Egg & Cheese Home Fries Carrots & Juice	11 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Spanish Rice Corn & Fruit	12 Goulash Romaine Salad Corn & Fruit	13 Baked Potatoes w/Broccoli, Bacon & Cheese Mixed Veggies & Fruit	14 Cheese Pizza Cauliflower Bean Salad & Fruit
17 Shepherd's Pie Mashed Potatoes Green Beans & Fruit	18 Chicken Caesar Salad Breadstick Mixed Veggies & Fruit	19 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Peas & Fruit	20 Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Italian Wedding Soup Romaine Salad & Slushy	21 Christmas Vacation NO SCHOOL
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28
31		Alternate Lunches Available Daily B - Julienne Salad w/WG Muffins C - Yogurt Parfait w/Granola and WG Muffin D - Deli Ham Sandwich on WG Bread E - Deli Turkey Sandwich on WG Bread		A Healthy Lunch starts with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable and/ or fruit • Lean Protein & whole grains • Milk

Menu subject to change.