

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Christmas is in the air here at SME! In addition to activities in the classroom, the students are decorating their classroom doors and preparing their songs for the Living Nativity on Friday December 14th. We are also fortunate enough to be having Glenn Colton and Mount Mercy Academy coming in to perform Christmas songs for our school.

Next week we have some fun Christmas activities and "special" clothing days planned. Please be sure to see the schedule of Christmas clothing fun that went home. As a school, we will also be celebrating Las Posadas on Wednesday.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This Sunday, HSA is hosting a pancake breakfast with special guest appearances by

Santa & Mrs. Claus!

Our breakfast begins at 8:00 and runs until 12:00. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be visiting from 9:00 - 11:30. Children will also have the opportunity to decorate a cookie with Mrs. Claus.

There is a \$5 charge per person or \$20 per family of 4 or more.



All are welcome!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/12 - MP1 Ends, Report Cards Uploaded (Gr. K-8)
- 12/13 - Dress Down Day \$1 - Supporting Heifer Project
- 12/14 - Joy to the World, Christmas Celebration, 5:30pm band performance, 6:00 Living Nativity
- 12/16 - Pancake Breakfast, 8-12:00
- 12/17 - Christmas Hats w/ School Uniform
- 12/18 - Christmas Pajama Day, Christmas Movie Day
- 12/19 - Christmas Tie/Scarf & Socks w/ School Uniform
- 12/20 - Christmas Sweater or Shirt & Hat w/ Uniform Bottom
- 12/21 - 1/1/19 - No School

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 12/4 to 12/10/2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$919.76.

| Monthly Scrip Sales Goal | Monthly Scrip Profit Goal |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$30,000.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| December Profit-to-Date | Year Profit-to-Date |
| \$2,350.42 | \$6,153.22 |

WE HAVE ALREADY SURPASSED OUR GOAL THIS MONTH!!!

It is amazing to see our families supporting the program and I truly hope that the momentum continues after the holidays. If each family is able to purchase just \$200 in gift cards per month, the SCRIP program would be a HUGE success!

It can be so simple - SCRIP cards can be purchased for Tops Gasoline, Tops groceries, Amazon, Tim Hortons, paying your Kohl's bill. 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!

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



JOY TO THE WORLD - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

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. The celebration will begin with a performance from our Band followed by a beautiful depiction of our Lord's birth which will take place in the SME school gymnasium. Please reference the note sent home last week in your folder and this week electronically with regards to attire.

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

This Friday is the final day for our Mission Possible Food College Challenge.

Thank you to all who have been generous in sharing food with those in need.

If each student donates 3 more items of food this week, we will have donated 2000 items of food! This is our final push.

Thank you all for your missionary spirit and for being Jesus to others.

Our collection period ends on Friday!



Congratulations to our Christian Witness Recipients for the month of November



May you continue to be "... visible examples of Gospel Living."

We will have a dress down day on Thursday, 12/13 in support of Heifer Project.

A minimum donation of \$1 is asked for the students to participate although any amount is appreciated.



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FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

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

SME VARIETY SHOW



This year we will be
hosting SME's 1st ever
"Shining Lights"
Variety Show!

The show will be held on
March 14th & 15th.

On Thursday, March 14th, your ticket
to the show will also include a
spaghetti dinner.

Auditions will take place
January 23rd & 24th.

Practice will take place on March 5th &
7th - *you only need to attend one!*

Dress rehearsal (mandatory) will take
place on Tuesday March 12th.

Please see the flyer coming home today
with more information. Please complete
the application for an audition and return
to the school office by December 19th.

We are looking forward to what is sure
to be a wonderful showcase of our tal-
ented students!

MERRY MOOSE

Thank you to everyone that visited and worked our
Merry Moose Holiday Shop this past Friday!

A special thank you to our Merry Moose Chair Team
Jen Lipiarz & Jen Carroll for all that you did to
organize this event for our students!



FEBRUARY FREEZE

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

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.

GALA 22:6 ART SHOW

At next months 19th annual Gala 22:6 - A
Celebration of Catholic Education there
will be an exciting new feature; a student
art show!

Students in Pre-K - 8th grade are encour-
aged to enter their art. The theme of the
art show is "Because of Catholic Educa-
tion...". Students work should illustrate
how their lives, their community, or their
world can be impacted because of a Catho-
lic school experience.

Please refer to the flyer coming home today
for more information & to register!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS



Singers Wanted!

Who: School children in grades 1-8
What: St. Mary's Christmas Eve Mass
at 4:00

Where: St. Mary's Parish Center
When: Parents please bring your
child(ren) to the Chapel by 3:00 for
rehearsal. Song selections will be
traditional Christmas carols.

Please contact Andrea Ross (parish musician) via call or text at
330-9182 with any questions &/or to RSVP to ensure ample
seating is set up.

ATHLETICS

The SME Knights apparel has arrived!

You will be notified of your items availability and given the
option of a personal pick up in the school office or having
your item(s) sent home with your child.



Do you see what I see? The cafeteria is now offering a Deli
Ham sandwich in place of the Sunbutter & Jelly option!
Sunbutter is still available and will be made upon request.

5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

On December 5th our 5th grade students went to the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical
Gardens. The students had the opportunity to create terrariums and learn about how the
water cycle plays a role into terrariums. The students then spend time walking around the
gardens learning about different types of plants and flowers.



8TH GRADE INFORMATION

First quarter transcripts will be sent out to
any High School listed on your child's HS
application confirmation this week!

If you are unsure as to whether you sub-
mitted this information please contact
Amanda at secretary@smeschool.com.

<http://catholichighschoolswny.com/>

ready?
high set?
school!

STAY IN THE KNOW



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

Save the Date: 12/14 - Joy to the
World - Christmas Celebration, 5:30

Save the Date: 12/21/18 - 1/1/19 -
Christmas Break

Save the Date: 1/2/19 - Back to
School!

Save the Date: 1/3/19 - Christian
Witness Mass, 8:30



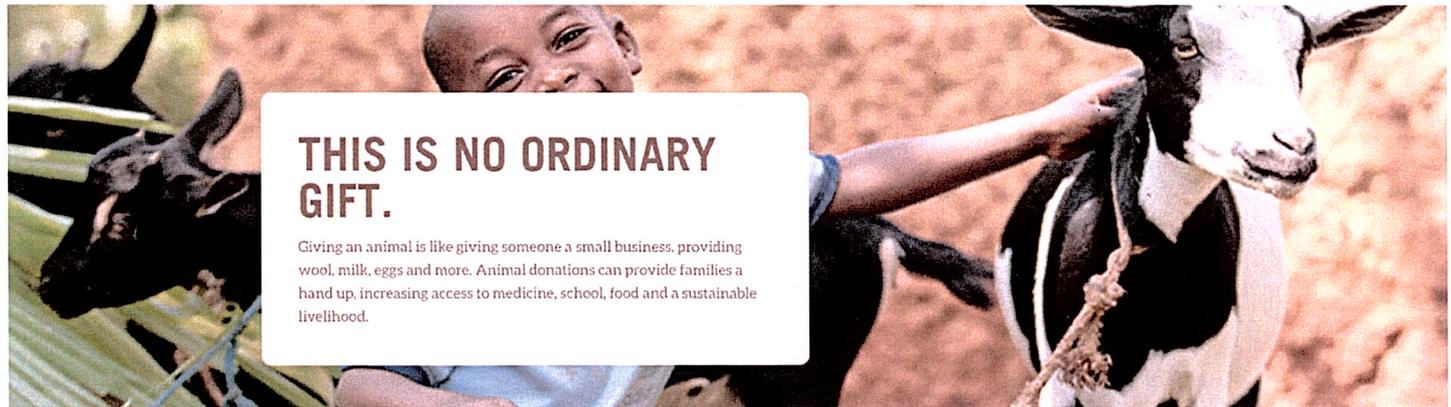
Thurs. Dec. 13th

4th grade is holding a dress down day to benefit Heifer Project International.

Give an animal, save a community.

The donation is only \$1 to dress down but you CAN give more to help Heifer if you wish.

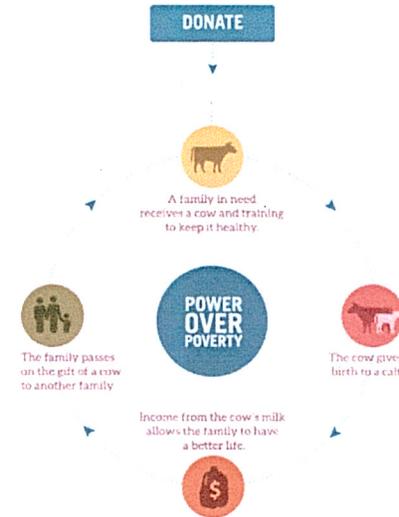
For more info. go to www.heifer.org



THIS IS NO ORDINARY GIFT.

Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood.

Did you know that a gift to Heifer International keeps giving for years



Set this cycle of giving in motion with a gift to Heifer.

DONATE

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Living Nativity coming soon!!

SME will be celebrating Christmas again this year with our "Living Nativity" presentation and SME School Band concert!! This will take place on Friday, December 14th with the band starting at 5:30 and the "Living Nativity" at 6:00.

Since all students (K - 8) will be participating this year, we wanted to make sure everyone knew how to dress for the performance. Students who have a specific role in the Nativity performance will wear the costume that Mrs. Hoag tells them.

All other students will simply "dress up" with no jeans/sneakers. Holiday themed dress up is completely fine but it would be best to avoid heavy sweaters. It will likely get very warm in the gymnasium and up on the choral risers where the students will be singing.

Students in the band who are also a specific role in the Nativity performance will still wear their Nativity costume for the band performance. There is no need for the students to change.

Thanks! Can't wait to see everyone on the 14th!!

~ Mr. Hunter

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SME's PANCAKE BREAKFAST with SANTA!



Hosted by:
SME's HSA Team

Sunday, December 16, 2018

St. Mary's Elementary School
in our Parish Center

2 St Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086
8:00am~12:00pm

Santa will be present 9:00am~11:30am
Decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus!

\$5 per person/\$20 per family of 4 or more

ALL ARE WELCOME

(Parish Members, SME Family and Friends!!!)

Proceeds to Benefit the Students of St. Mary's Elementary



SME Students

Join in on the FUN during the last week of school before Christmas break!! You may wear Christmas clothing for the day scheduled with your school uniform.



MONDAY, DEC. 17th

Christmas Hats
(with school uniform)



TUESDAY, DEC. 18th

Christmas Pajama Day
(no slippers, tank tops or shorts)
Bring a blanket or pillow in for
Christmas Movie Time



WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19th

**Christmas Tie/Scarf
&
Christmas Socks**

(with school uniform)



THURSDAY, DEC. 20th

**Christmas
Sweater/Shirt
& Hat**

(with uniform bottoms)



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STUDENT ART SHOW PERMISSION FORM

About the Art Show

Next month, we're celebrating the 19th annual *Gala 22:6 – A Celebration of Catholic Education* on Thursday, January 31. As a new feature this year, we are adding a student art show, where work will be displayed and bid on, with all proceeds going to fund tuition assistance.

Things to Know...

- Students from Pre-K 3 through grade 8 are encouraged to enter their art.
- The theme of the art show is "Because of Catholic Education...". Students' work should illustrate how their lives, their community, or their world can be impacted because of a Catholic school experience.
- All work should be 2-dimensional and no larger than 17" x 17".
- It is encouraged, but not required, for artwork to be framed.
- As work will be included in the silent auction, parent's permission must be included along with art submission. Only the student's first name, grade, and school will be shared with bidding audience.
- All students will be recognized for their participation; the artist whose work receives the highest bid will be awarded a \$50 Regal Movies gift card.
- Window for school art teachers to submit work is between January 22 and 25. Please contact Cameron Garrity at cgarrity@buffalodiocese.org or 716.847.8380 to arrange a pick up or drop off.

* Please submit artwork to Mrs. Conors by 1/18/19 *

Student Information

STUDENT'S NAME

GRADE

SCHOOL

PARENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PARENT'S PHONE

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

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SME "Shining Lights"

Variety Show

Event Information:

Auditions: January 23rd & 24th, 2019

Grades Kindergarten – 8th

Practice dates (You must attend one): March 5th or 7th 2:30-4:30

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 12th 2:30-4:30

Show Date: March 14th and 15th, 2019

Thursday, March 14th Show at 6:30pm including a spaghetti dinner at 5:30 pm with ticket purchase

Friday March 15th Show only at 6pm.

Ideas for Acts:

- Singing
- Juggling
- Dancing
- Comedy
 - Skits
- Magic Trick
- Other acts welcomed

Don't want to perform

but want to be involved?

- *Sign up for the stage or technology crew.*
- *Try out to be our MC for the event grades 5-8 only.*

Application for audition: Please return the following form by December 19th

Name(s) in Act: _____

Description of Act :

By signing below, I understand that I must attend one of the practice dates and the mandatory dress rehearsal.

Student Signature

Parent Signature