

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Just a reminder, the HSA meeting scheduled for 1/16 has been postponed until a later date. Also, in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr., there will be no school on Monday, 1/21. Enjoy the long weekend!

During the last week of January, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been celebrated in the United States. We are planning several fun activities for the week, keeping in mind our theme of "Go Make a Difference". In your blue folder you will find a flyer with special activities & dress days! We will wrap up Catholic Schools Week with a basketball game and ice cream social on Saturday, February 2nd.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



## FAMILY FUN DAY

All SME Families are welcome to join us for  
**Family Game day, this Sunday!**

The fun starts at 1:30 -  
**please note adjusted time!**

**1:30-3:30pm** Bring Your Favorite Board Game to Play With Others

**2:30** Giant Left Right Center Game. If you would like to participate, bring 3 small snacks/objects per person. For example... 3 mini bags of Goldfish Crackers, 3 pencils, 3 snack size candy bars

**3:00** Parents vs. Kids Soccer Game

Snacks / Hot Chocolate to be provided by HSA  
Want More??? Bring a Dish to Share if you Wish

**Please Come and Spend the Day with your St. Mary's "Family"**

Please send your optional RSVP to  
[hsa@smeschool.com](mailto:hsa@smeschool.com)



*"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **1/16** - HSA Meeting - **CANCELED**
- **1/20** - Family Game Day, 1:30-3:30
- **1/21** - **No School**, MLK Jr. Day
- **1/27 - 2/2** - Catholic Schools Week
- **2/1** - Distinguished Graduate Mass & Reception, 8:30
- **2/2** - Spirit Games & Ice Cream Social
- **2/4 - 1:00 Dismissal**, Dress Down Day

## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP

From 1/8/19 to 1/14/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$171.91.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
January Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$466.23	\$7,346.36

It is amazing to see our families supporting the program and if each family is able to purchase just \$200 in gift cards per month, the SCRIP program would be a **HUGE** success!

Don't forget that you can pay for your purchases **ONLINE** as well – if you haven't heard of this option yet, please reach out to me – it is so easy to sign up! Please contact the Scrip office at [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com) to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

\*Save the dates: The Scrip office will be open from 9:00-11:00 on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**If you have any extra Scrip envelopes at home, feel free to send them to school. We're happy to reuse them!**

Please contact the Scrip office at [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com) to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

## BISON FUND

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2019, the Bison Fund is accepting K-8 Pre-Applications for funding for the 2019-2020 school year. Families should apply online through our website at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The Pre-Application is only for families new to BISON. Our Pre-Application deadline is February 28, 2019. We will hold a lottery drawing on March 1, 2019 to award the scholarship. Families selected will be notified by e-mail to complete the full application. Wait listed families will also be notified by e-mail.

The Board of Directors has voted to let families receiving a 15% scholarship to renew it but we will not be adding any new awards to that income bracket.

Current families will be e-mailed a link to complete the requalification process on February 19, 2019. The families will log into the scholarship database to complete the requalification forms and upload their financial information. As a reminder the deadline for all returning families is April 15, 2019.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy McDonald, Program Director at 716-854-0869 ext. 1 or [cmcdonald@bisonfund.com](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.com).

## ATHLETICS

The Girls 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team won the SS Peter & Paul of Hamburg's annual tournament this past weekend. We now hold that title for the second year in a row!

The Boys 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team lost to SSPP of Hamburg in the championship game of SSPP's tournament giving the team a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish. The team's record stands at 13-4 now.

Congratulations to all of our Knight's and those named to the All Tournament Team: Mattea G., Maggie D. Matthew & Travis B.!

Please see the flyer coming home today regarding the dedication of our new scoreboard. All Knights are encouraged to attend in your SME sports apparel!

## DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE

Are you a Graduate of St. Mary's Elementary School or do you know one?

Did you know that each year we honor one of our former graduates at the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week in February?

Please let us know about the accomplishments of an outstanding SME alum by nominating him/her for the 2019 St. Mary's Distinguished Graduate Award.

Contact the school office at 683-2112 for a nomination form by January 18, 2019.

A copy of the nomination form is available on our school website at [www.smeschool.com](http://www.smeschool.com) or by contacting the school office. Thank you!

A friendly reminder of how you will be notified in the event of a school closing:

A phone call from:  
1(866)419-5001

A text from:  
761-27

An email from:  
Mrs. Kwitowski

We are also closed if Lanc. Central School District is closed. Local news stations will also have our school listed.

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"...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 during school.

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

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

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

## SNOWBALL DANCE

The annual Diocesan wide Snowball Dance for  
grades 5 - 6 & 7 - 8 will be held on Friday, January  
25th as a kick off to Catholic Schools Week.

The dance will be held at St. Gregory the Great  
School in Williamsville. Tickets are available online  
for \$40. Proceeds from this event help raise funds  
for catholic education in WNY.

We are still in need of chaperones for the 7th & 8th  
grade portion of the evening. If you are interested  
please contact [adistefano@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:adistefano@buffalodiocese.org).  
A copy of the flyer is going home electronically to-  
day.

## FEBRUARY FREEZE

Please see the flyers coming home today with infor-  
mation on the February Freeze tournament includ-  
ing:

- \* How you can help
- \* T-shirt order form
- \* Patron forms (for business' & family/friends)

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

## HSA—MEAT RAFFLE

Save the Date!

HSA will be hosting a Meat Raffle on  
Friday, March 29th.

A chairperson or team is needed for this  
event. Duties will involve: coordinating  
volunteers, advertising, bundling the  
money, getting the beer/pop. Please con-  
tact the HSA team at [hsa@smeschool.com](mailto:hsa@smeschool.com)  
for more information.

A flyer for the event is coming home today.  
Additional copies are available in the school  
office if you are able to post them in the  
community or at your place of business.

## READY SET READ

Save the date!

"Under the Stars" Ready SET Read Night  
will be held on Friday, March 22nd.

Please be sure to check out the blue folder today for  
information regarding Battle of the Books including  
this years titles & more!

SET has donated three copies of each book to the  
school library. They are available to checkout now!

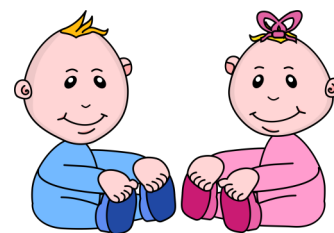


The annual calendar has been updated and placed at the  
front of your blue folder. Please post it and refer to it  
as we finish out our school year!



## ST. GIANNA MOLLA COLLECTION

In addition to the needs list, the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy  
Center gladly accepts gently used items. The only used items  
they are NOT able to accept are car seats and cribs, due to gov-  
ernment safety regulations, and breast pumps and used bottles  
for health and hygiene safety. They ask that gently used clothing  
be laundered and free of stains, odors, and pet hair and that toys  
or other items are complete and ready for use by families. Cash  
donations will also be accepted.



## MEGA RAFFLE

Information will be coming home in February re: selling/  
purchasing tickets for this year's Mega Raffle event on Fri-  
day, June 7<sup>th</sup> and you are welcome to reserve your favorite  
number at any time.

If you are interested in joining our committee, or helping  
with the event in any way, please contact Mary Kate DeMar-  
zio at [megaraffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaraffle@smeschool.com). We are in need of a  
group of parents to coordinate our basket donations as well.  
If you are interested please contact Mary Kate.

Our next planning meeting will be  
**Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00** in Room 140.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

On Friday, February 1st we are holding Career Day from 9:45 - 11:00 am and we need you!  
We are looking for a variety of people interested in talking to our students about their ca-  
reer. We are looking for 12 volunteers; 3 each for student groups (Pre-K, grades K-2,  
grades 3-5 & grades 6-8). If you are interested in volunteering, please complete & return the  
form that went home last week by 1/18.

In conjunction with the theme of 'Go Make a Difference', we will be hosting a school wide  
service project in support of the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center. We will be  
collecting a variety of baby needs between January 10th & February 1st. Please refer to the  
flyer that went home last week with more information.

Our Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held on Saturday, February 2nd @ 4:30. If your  
child is interested in participating in the mass, please return the bottom of the flyer that  
went out last week.

## 8TH GRADE INFORMATION

Thank you to all that attended this past  
Friday's 8th Grade sponsored Sports  
Dance!



## STAY IN THE KNOW



**Save the Date:** 1/20 - Family Game  
Day, 1:30-3:30

**Save the Date:** 1/21/19 - No School

**Save the Date:** 2/2/19 - Spirit Games  
& Ice Cream Social

**Save the Date:** 2/4/19 - 1:00 Dis-  
missal & Dress Down Day

**Save the Date:** 2/6/19 - Spring Picture  
Day





# Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 - February 2 #CSW19

Our theme this year is *Go Make a Difference!* Below is the schedule for our Dress Up Fun Days. Students & Staff please follow the schedule for the Catholic Schools Week dress up days. If you choose not to participate in the Dress Up Fun Days, you will need to wear your school uniform instead. Monday – Thursday you may wear jeans (with NO HOLES) and whatever theme is assigned for that day. **BE CREATIVE & HAVE FUN!**

Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

**Superheroes Day!** *Dress as a superhero that makes a difference. You can even make up a superhero character! DIY & school appropriate costumes are acceptable. Be Creative!*

Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

**SME Day!** *Show your school pride and wear your SME logo shirts or sweatshirts. Grades K-8 will be out in the community on field trips today.*

Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

**Class Color Day! Pep Rally Day - Show your class spirit and dress head to toe in your class color. Be Creative!**

PreK - Neon

Kinder - Red

1<sup>st</sup> - Orange

2<sup>nd</sup> - Yellow

3<sup>rd</sup> - Green

4<sup>th</sup> - Light Blue

5<sup>th</sup> - Purple

6<sup>th</sup> - Black

7<sup>th</sup> - White

8<sup>th</sup> - Grey Class T-Shirt

Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

**People Who Make/Made a Difference Day!** *Dress as a historical or famous person who has made or makes a difference in the world or in the lives of others. Do you know someone in your family or community who is a difference maker? You can dress as that person too! Be Creative! \*Please note 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be out of the building and will need to wear SME logo shirts or sweatshirts.\**

Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

**Dress for Success Day!** *Dress professionally as if you were going on a job interview. Dress up (no sneakers). NO JEANS ALLOWED! NO costumes & NO dress down clothes allowed. This day is our SME Distinguished Graduate Mass Award Day & Career Day.*

Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

**CSW School Mass at 4:30 pm in the church!** *SME Mass participants and attendees wear school uniforms. We would really love to see everyone there to represent our school. If you wish to participate in the CSW Mass, please hand in the form found in the News Notes (1/9) ASAP by Friday 1/18. There will be an Ice Cream Social in the cafeteria and Spirit Games taking place in the school gym immediately following Mass beginning at approximately 5:30 pm. Further details about the SME Spirit Games will be available soon.*

We hope you all have a wonderful time celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2019!  
**GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**SME's School Effectiveness Team Presents:**

**Cash  
Prizes**

**March 22  
6-8pm**

**Two Divisions:  
4th/5th grade &  
Middle  
School**

**Battle of  
the Books  
2019**

**Sign your team  
up by January 31  
& receive dress  
down coupons**

**Pizza, subs,  
snacks &  
desserts**

**Sign up your  
team of 1 to 5  
members with  
Mrs. Wojnar or  
Mrs. Kasinski**

**Team  
Spirit  
Awards**

**Registration is  
required. See  
Newsnotes  
for details.**

# Battle of the Books 2019

The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.

-- Dr. Seuss

## Parents: We need your help!

Besides helping children and teens do well in school, reading also helps them expand their horizons as they learn more about people and the world. Reading can show tweens and teens that everyone has problems in his or her life and may even help them see solutions to their own problems. Plus, reading is enjoyable! Help us promote reading to our SME students by supporting SME's Battle of the Books 2019!

This year's Battle of the Books will be held on Friday, March 22, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 pm. From 6:00-6:30 there will be pizza, subs and more for dinner. The Battle of the Books will then take place from 6:30-8:00. There will be a 4th and 5th grade competition which will take place in the cafeteria. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade competition will be held in the gym.

To help make this year our most successful, we are asking for help from the parents in the following ways:

## Promote Battle of the Books to your children!

Please read the flyers about Battle of the books. Share this information with your children and encourage them to sign up. Teams can have from one to five members. Students who sign up and register before January 31 will receive a dress-down coupon.

## Sign up for the Parent Team!

Each year two teacher teams sign up to compete against the students. This year we would like to have a parent team in each division as well. Please consider being part of one of these teams which can have between one and five members.

## Volunteer at the event!

We need two dynamic emcees to ask the students the questions at the competition. We also need two scorekeepers and four volunteers to help manage the food and drink tables.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be on the parent team in the 4th/5th grade division!

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be on the parent team in the 6th/7th/8th grade division!

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to emcee!

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be a scorekeeper!

\_\_\_\_\_ I will help manage the food and drink tables!

**Return this form to the attention of Julie Wolford or email me: [jmwolford7473@yahoo.com](mailto:jmwolford7473@yahoo.com)**

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# Battle of the Books 2019

## Grades 4 & 5 Book Titles

### Wonder by R.J. Palacio

*I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.*

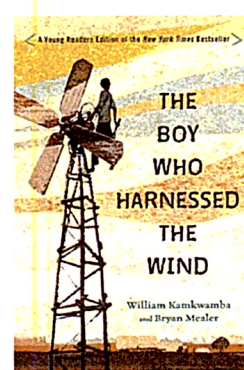
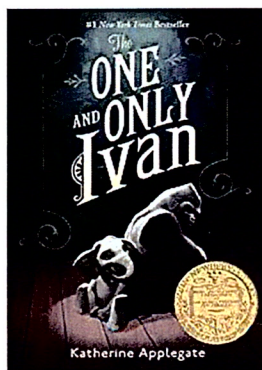
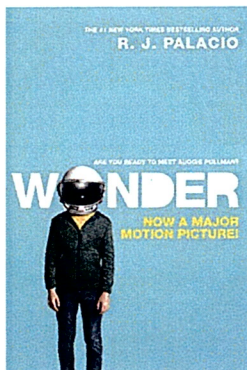
August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. **WONDER**, now a #1 *New York Times* bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

### The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this novel is told from the point of view of Ivan himself. Having spent 27 years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.

### The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer

The *New York Times* bestselling memoir of the heroic young inventor who brought electricity to his Malawian village is now perfect for young readers. When a terrible drought struck William Kamkwamba's tiny village in Malawi, his family lost all of the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. William began to explore science books in his village library, looking for a solution. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever: he could build a windmill. Made out of scrap metal and old bicycle parts, William's windmill brought electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to farm the land.



# Battle of the Books 2019

## Grades 6, 7, & 8 Book Titles

### Rules by Cynthia Lord

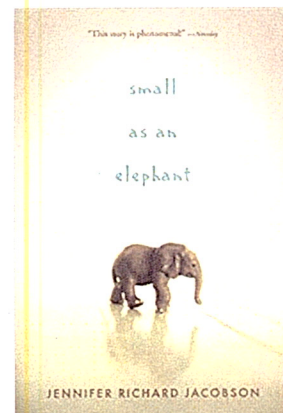
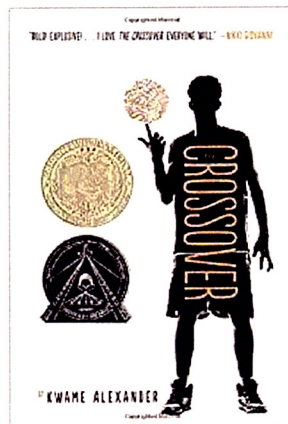
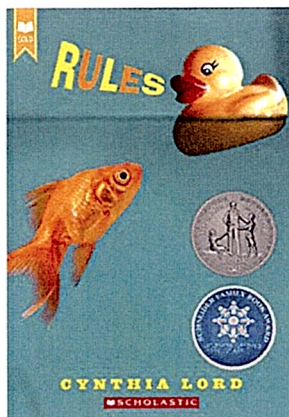
Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public" -- in order to head off David's embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

### The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.

### Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Richard Jacobson

Ever since Jack can remember, his mom has been unpredictable, sometimes loving and fun, other times caught in a whirlwind of energy and "spinning" wildly until it's over. But Jack never thought his mom would take off during the night and leave him at a campground in Acadia National Park, with no way to reach her and barely enough money for food. Any other kid would report his mom gone, but Jack knows by now that he needs to figure things out for himself - starting with how to get from the backwoods of Maine to his home in Boston before DSS catches on. With nothing but a small toy elephant to keep him company, Jack begins the long journey south, a journey that will test his wits and his loyalties - and his trust that he may be part of a larger herd after all.



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SME's School Effectiveness Team presents...

# Battle of the Books and Ready SET Read Night!

Friday, March 22, 2019 6:00-8:00pm

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS** is game show-like competition to test student teams' knowledge of three selected books. An emcee will read questions about the books and teammates will work together to answer questions and earn points for their team. There are two Battle of the Books divisions. The 4th & 5th grade Battle will be held in the school cafeteria. The 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Battle will be held in the gym. There will be cash prizes for the 1st and 2nd place teams in each division. There will also be a "Team Spirit" award in each division for the team that has the most creative team name, costumes, & poster. Teams can have one to five members. The team members can be from different grades within the same division. The team members can each read all three books, or each team member can read one or two books. All middle school students should sign up their teams with Mrs. Wojnar and 4th/5th grade teams should sign up with Mrs. Kasinski in the school library. Teams that sign up before January 31 will receive dress-down coupons. Please complete and return the form below and send in registration fees.

**READY SET READ** is a fun literacy event for students in grades pre-K 3 through grade 3 and their families. This year the students voted for the theme "Reading Under the Stars"! Put your pajamas on, bring your flashlights, and join us for books, games and activities about outer space! The adventure begins in the Parish Center. Please complete and return the form below and send in registration fees.

**USED BOOKS WANTED!** S.E.T. is collecting gently used books for the book sale at this event. A used book donation box can be found in the school office.

**\*\*\*A SABRES TICKETS RAFFLE WILL BE HELD AT THIS EVENT\*\*\***

To help us prepare for this event, please let us know if you and your child will be attending. Complete and return the below portion of the page along with a payment of \$5 per child. The fee is used to cover the cost of crafts, activities and prizes at the event. Please include an additional \$10 per family to cover the cost of pizza and subs for the entire family. Return the form and payment in an envelope labelled "SET" by February 28.

We are asking that each family bring the following items to the event:

Pre-K, Kindergarten, grades 6 & 7- a side dish (salad, fruit, chips, veggies)

Grades 3-5- a dessert

Grades 1, 2 & 8- two 2 liters of pop or equivalent of water or another beverage

If you have children in multiple grades, choose one item from any of those grades.

**Yes, we will be attending Battle of the Books/ Ready SET Read night!**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family email \_\_\_\_\_

Name and grades of children attending:

Student's name:	Grade:	\$5 per each child attending:
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Include \$10 per family for pizza and subs. \$10.00

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of family members that will be eating pizza and subs: \_\_\_\_\_

Food item that we will bring to the event: \_\_\_\_\_



# Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books 2019

## BOOKMARK *contest*

Draw your bookmark design within the box on the left of this page.

Entries for students in Pre-K 3 through 3rd grade should promote the theme "Reading Under the Stars".

Entries for students in grades 4-8 should promote the theme "Battle of the Books 2019".

Bookmarks will be judged on originality and design.

Original entries only. Use any colors you want but do not trace or use computer art.

Use markers, crayons or colored pencils. Make sure colors are filled in and solid. Do not use highlighters.

Return your designs to the school office by February 28 to the attention of SET.

The winners will be announced at Ready SET Read Night on March 22.

One winner will be chosen for grades Pre-K 3 through 3rd and one winner will be chosen for grades 4-8. Winners will receive a prize and their bookmarks will be copied, laminated and distributed to all students at Ready SET Read and Battle of the Books.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

# **JOIN US TO THANK MR. RUSSELL SALVATORE AND CHEER ON THE BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS!**

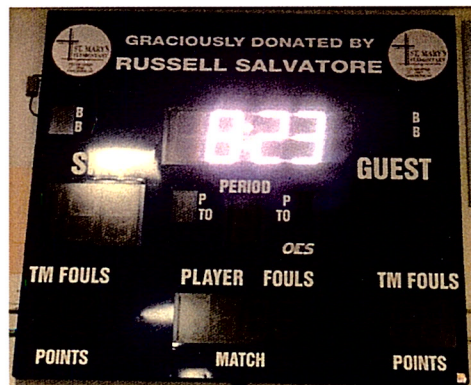
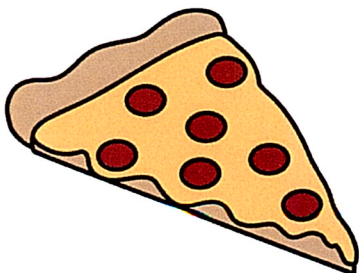
**SME FAMILIES, LET'S SHOW MR. SALVATORE HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE HIS DONATION OF A NEW SCORE CLOCK TO OUR SCHOOL!**

**PLEASE COME TO A BRIEF DEDICATION CEREMONY TO THANK MR. SALVATORE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019 @ 5:45**

**(THE STUDENTS ARE GOING TO LINE UP TO HIGH FIVE AND CHEER FOR MR. SALVATORE AS HE ENTERS, SO PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME!)**

**FOLLOWED BY THE SME VARSITY 7 BOYS VS. VARSITY 8 BOYS BASKETBALL GAME @ 6:00**

**FREE SLICE OF PIZZA AT HALF-TIME FOR ALL SME STUDENTS WEARING AN SME JERSEY, HOODIE OR T-SHIRT!**



# SME'S 2019 FEBRUARY FREEZE



SME will be hosting the 2019 February Freeze Basketball Tournament from Thursday, February 14- Sunday, February 17. The tournament is for diocesan boys' and girls' basketball teams in grades 5-8. We had twenty six teams take part last year and are hoping for even more this year. Each year this event raises over \$3,000 for our school's athletics fund. Here are the ways you can help make this year's February Freeze successful:

## **VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME:**

Please click on this link to sign up to volunteer at the tournament:

<https://www.timetosignup.com/smebasketball/sheet/68992/>

## **DONATE A BASKET:**

We are asking each of the SME Basketball teams to donate a basket valued at \$25 for the basket raffle that will be held at the tournament. If you are willing to put this basket together for your child's team, let your child's coach know. You can ask families from your child's team to donate a few dollars each to help purchase items for the basket.

We are also asking SME families to please consider donating a basket for the basket raffle. If you are able to donate a basket please email Julie Wolford at [jmwolford7473@yahoo.com](mailto:jmwolford7473@yahoo.com). Baskets can be dropped off at the athletic office beginning Monday, February 11.

## **BUY + SELL PROGRAM ADS:**

We would like to ask businesses and families to sponsor our event by purchasing ads for our tournament program. Please share the attached letters with your family members and business contacts.

## **ORDER T-SHIRTS:**

This one's the easiest! See the attached order form to order your 2019 February Freeze t-shirts to wear when you cheer on our school! Orders must be received by Friday, January 25.

# ORDER YOUR 2019 FEBRUARY FREEZE T-SHIRT!

Please complete the order form below. Orders must be received by Friday, January 25.



Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family email \_\_\_\_\_

Size:	Quantity:
Youth Extra Small (size 2-4)	_____
Youth Small (size 6-8)	_____
Youth Medium (size 10-12)	_____
Youth Large (size 14-16)	_____
Youth Extra Large (size 18-20)	_____
Adult Small	_____
Adult Medium	_____
Adult Large	_____
Adult XL	_____
Adult 2 XL (add \$2.50)	_____

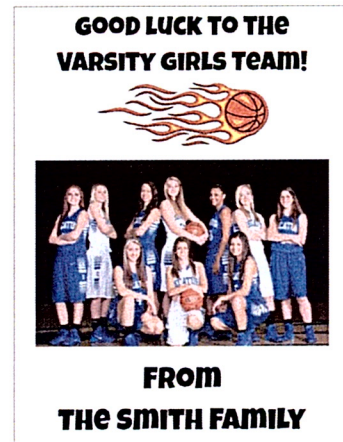
Total \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form along with cash or check payable to "St. Mary's Elementary" in an envelope labelled "February Freeze T-shirts attn: Julie Wolford".

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# Family and Friends Program Patrons



Dear Family & Friends of St. Mary's Elementary,

Our 3rd annual February Freeze Basketball Tournament is quickly approaching. The dates of the tournament are Thursday, February 14th—Sunday, February 17th. The tournament is for boys and girls basketball teams from 5th through 8th grade. Last year we had 26 teams participate and hundreds of visitors came to the games. Everyone attending the tournament receives a Tournament Program which includes the brackets, team rosters, advertising from local community businesses, and family and friend patrons. We are asking for your support in sponsoring this popular athletic event by purchasing a friends and family patron to cheer on your favorite players or teams.

We encourage you to come catch some of the games during the following dates and times:

Thursday 2/14, 5:30–9 pm

Friday 2/15, 5:30–9 pm

Saturday 2/16 9 am– 3 pm

Sunday 2/18 9:30 am–2pm for the Championship Games

We truly appreciate your support of our 3rd Annual February Freeze Basketball Tournament.

Sincerely,

All of the volunteer Coaches & Parents

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Please cut here and return below portion with your payment to St. Mary's Elementary School by Friday, February 1, 2019 to the attention of Mike & Julie Wolford. Payable with cash or check to "St. Mary's Elementary"

\_\_\_\_\_ one line in 24 font on the "Family and Friends Partons Page" \$5

(Please write message here: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 page size ad \$25

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 page size ad \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Full page size ad \$100

Please attach a printed sheet or email file to [mwolford@ppg.com](mailto:mwolford@ppg.com)

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# Business Program Patrons



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A lesson from the Nurse...

As we go into a New Year, many people make New Year's Resolutions. A lot of times those resolutions are related to eating healthier foods to feel better about yourself. As parents/guardians we are also responsible for helping our children make those healthy food choices. While you are making their lunch, include your child to help pack their lunch bag and teach them about healthy food options. We have all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, but your child's lunch at school is just as important. Below is a great reminder of what your child's lunch should include to help fuel them through the school day. Encourage your child to try new foods to keep their lunch interesting.


**A Guide to Building...**

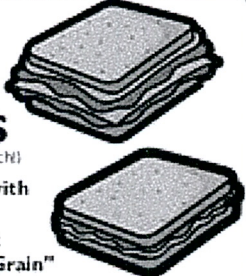

# Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

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**Bring WATER everyday!**

Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!

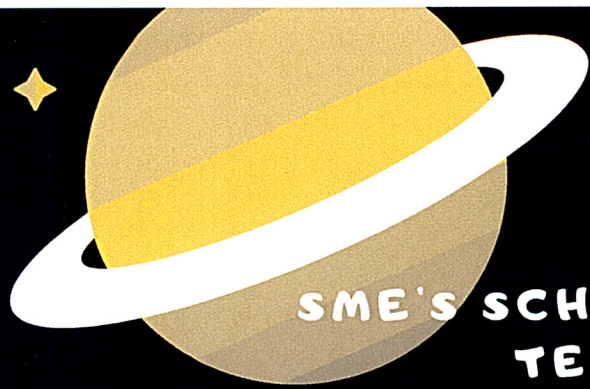


<p><b>Whole Grains</b> (Great for Snack or Lunch)</p> <p>Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"</p>	 <p><b>Fruit</b> (Great for Snack or Lunch)</p> <p>Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day</p>
<p>Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.</p> <p><b>Snacks</b></p>	 <p>Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.</p> <p><b>Veggies</b> (Great for Snack or Lunch)</p>

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SME'S SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS  
TEAM PRESENTS:

# READING UNDER THE STARS 2019

For SME students in grades Pre-K through 3rd  
and their families!

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**MARCH 22, 2019**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Wear your pajamas! Bring your flashlights!**  
**Get ready for books, games and activities**  
**about outer space!**

**Registration is required. See Newsnotes for details.**

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