

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

A big thank you to all of our SME students and teachers who participated in our Catholic School's Week mass this past Saturday. It was a beautiful mass. We didn't have any time to practice but you did not let that stop you! Thank you to Mr. Johnson for the basketball activities and to the parents who helped out with the ice cream social.

Also, thank you to the families that helped out at our Open House last night. We greatly appreciate your help in promoting our school.

Don't forget that this Friday we will be celebrating our Christian Witness Mass.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

Progress Reports were uploaded to the Parent Portal on February 1st.

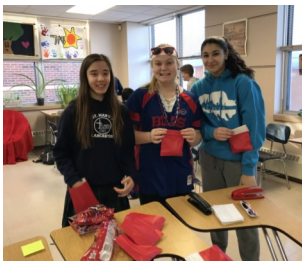
DRESS DOWN FOR A CAUSE

On Thursday, February 14th, with a minimum donation of \$1 we invite the students to wear red in support of the American Heart Association!



Please see the letter coming home today with safe and alternate treat options for upcoming classroom celebrations!

Our 7th & 8th Graders helped make thank you gifts for our parishioners which were distributed at the 4:30 mass this past Saturday.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/8 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 2/8 - Middle School Dance, 7-9pm
- 2/14 - Dress Down Day \$1, Wear Red
- 2/18 - 2/22 - Mid Winter Break - No School
- 2/25 - School Resumes
- 3/1 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 3/4 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 1/29/19 to 2/4/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$217.61.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
January Profit-to-Date \$765.55	Year Profit-to-Date \$7,851.24

We thank you for your support in making the SCRIP program a success for our school, parish and for our children! 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!

Candy Bar Sale

The prize eligible portion of the 2018/2019 candy bar sale will be concluding on February 14. We ask at this time that all families make an effort to get their money in so that prizes may be distributed. Although the prize portion will be ending, we still have candy in stock and will be able to distribute beyond this date while supplies last. While no additional prizes will be awarded, selling candy bars still represents a good fundraising opportunity for the school.

Contact Rob & Jackie Brodziak at candybarsale@smeschool.com with any questions.

(PRE-BLIZZARD) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FUN



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.

A friendly reminder of how you'll 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.

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

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



Dance



NURSE NEWS

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. It is recommended to brush your teeth for 2 minutes 2 times per day. Also floss daily-if two teeth touch its time to floss! Only a small amount, a pea sized amount, of fluoride toothpaste is needed. It is important to visit your Dentist every 6 months for a routine cleaning and check up. It is important to learn good dental hygiene habits at an early age. Having a clean and healthy mouth and smile is so important for overall health.

Mrs. Parker RN



FEBRUARY FREEZE

February Freeze is right around the corner!

For volunteer opportunities please visit:
www.timetosignup.com/smebasketball/sheet/68992/

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

Calling all 6th, 7th & 8th graders!

Put on your brightest & chase away the winter blues at our Glow Dance Party hosted by your Student Council!

Friday 2/8, 7:00-9:00

Tickets are \$5 & Refreshments
available for \$1.

Glow bracelets will also be
available for sale.



HSA

Craft/Vendor Fair on Sunday, March 24th!

Any/All Independent Consultants or Crafters are welcome.

The cost is \$15 + a basket to raffle if you have your own table *or* \$25 + a basket to raffle if you need a table.

Set up begins @ 9am and the doors are open from 11:00 - 4:30

A copy of the flyer & vendor application are attached electronically to this weeks NewsNote.

Meat Raffle on Friday, March 29th!

Doors open at 6pm - first spin at 7

\$5 presale - \$7 at the door

Admission includes: beer/wine & pop

Don't forget your own snacks, lots of dollar bills & a cooler for your winnings!

Please share the flyer with your friends & family. Everyone loves a Meat Raffle!

A chairperson or team is needed for this event.

Please contact the HSA team at hsa@smeschool.com for more information.

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle order forms are being mailed this week! You are welcome to reserve your favorite number at any time – just send an email to us with your requested number.

We are in need of a group of parents to coordinate our basket donations as well. If you are interested please contact Mary Kate.

New this Year: We will have two early bird drawings to celebrate those of you purchase your tickets right away! See the flyer in your mailing for more information.

If you are interested in joining our committee, or helping with the event in any way, please contact
Mary Kate DeMarzio at megaraffle@smeschool.com.

Our next planning meeting will be
Tuesday, February 12th at 5:00 in Room 140.



CAFETERIA CORNER

New: Lunch box exchange! Are your children's lunch boxes hitting the mid-way break down? Kids change their styles as often as their shoes? Drop off (clean) gently used lunch boxes for our lunchbox exchange! Students will be able to choose as soon as we have a collection to display.

If you are interested in volunteering in the cafeteria please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com.

SCRIP

Do you know of all the Local businesses that participate in our SCRIP Program?

Right here in the village we have: Bloomsbury Lane Toy Shoppe (\$25 / 10%), The New York Store (\$25 / 4%), Chrusciki Bakery (\$25 / 10%), Franks Grille (\$25 / 20%) & RJ's Piano Tuning (\$95 / 25%).

Plus other local favorites like: Federal Meats (\$20 / 5%), Fowlers (\$20 / 40%), Tops (5%), Kohls (5%), Delta Sonic Oil Change (\$25 / 20%) & Super Kiss (\$12 / 50%).

Simply Certificates offers a variety of retailers to fit any need (10%)!

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

Contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com
to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

8TH GRADE INFORMATION

The bottle drive supporting our 8th grade class continues throughout the school year. There is a donation bin in the foyer. Donations can also be dropped off at Cash for Cans on William & Aurora. Thank you for your continued support!

Save the Date! The 8th Grade class will be having a Chiavetta's Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, April 13th.

thank you!

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 2/7 - Pre-K 4 & 8th Grade graduation photos

Save the Date: 2/18 - 2/22 - Mid Winter Break

Save the Date:

Save the Date: 4/2 - VIRTUS Workshop, SME PC 6pm

Save the Date: 4/13 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

FEBRUARY 2019

Student lunches are \$2.75. Adult lunches are \$3.90. All students must take, at minimum, 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. We appreciate your support!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A Healthy Lunch starts with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable and/or Fruit • Lean Protein & Whole Grains • Milk – Plain or Chocolate Choose at least 3 of these!		Alternate Lunches Available Daily B - Julienne Salad and WG Muffin C - Yogurt Parfait w/Granola and WG Muffin D - Sunbutter/Jelly Sandwich on WG Bread E - Deli Turkey/Deli Ham Sandwich on WG Bread		1 Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Green Beans & Fruit
4 Cheeseburger Oven Fries Green Beans & Fruit	5 Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas Texas Caviar Corn & Fruit	6 Baked Pasta With Meatballs, Breadstick, Peas, Romaine Salad & Fruit	7 Chicken Stir Fry With Vegetables Rice & Fruit	8 Cheese Calzones Cauliflower Carrots & Fruit
11 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn & Fruit	12 Bean & Cheese Burrito Seasoned Rice Peas & Fruit	13 Creamy Beef Noodle Mixed Veggies Broccoli & Fruit	14 Chicken Caesar Salad Tomato Soup Breadstick & Sidekicks	15 Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce Carrots & Celery w/ Ranch Cauliflower & Fruit
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
25 Chicken Patty Oven Fries Mixed Veggies & Fruit	26 Nachos Supreme Refried Beans Corn & Fruit	27 Mac-n-Cheese Tomato Soup Peas & Fruit	28 Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Fruit	Plain & Chocolate Milk Available Daily \$0.50 Celebrating Your Child's Birthday with Their Class? Form Available On-Line!

Join us at St. Mary's for a
Glow Dance Party

Sponsored by Student Council



Grades 6,7,8 are invited!
Friday February 8th
7:00-9:00

- Tickets \$5
- Food & Drinks \$1
- Glow bracelets at the door for \$1

2 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY

Glow in the dark, dress bright, more fun!

Questions? Contact us at 683-2112 x221



Home School Association Newsletter

Dear Parents/Students,

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Spirit Games and Ice Cream Social Saturday. We hope you enjoyed the ice cream.

We hope everyone is surviving the cold weather and enjoying the warmup. Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel our Family Game Day due to weather. At this point we are unsure if we will reschedule, but will keep you updated.

We are busy working on setting up our Meat Raffle, Vendor Fair, and coordinating our Easter Candy Sale. Please note: the Easter Candy Sale is an important HSA fundraiser. We saw a drop in sales last year and we need your support. **We decided to offer an incentive – the class with the highest Easter Candy Sales / Student will receive an Ice Cream Party for the WHOLE CLASS. Let's pull together and make this a HUGE success.**

We are beginning to plan our meat raffle. Can you help us? We have a lot of volunteer opportunities, including a chair. If you can't chair, can you help us by setting up or bundling the money before the event?? Can you help us during the event? Please consider, as all funds raised at the event help all our students.

Save the Date:

March 29, 2019

Meat Raffle



March 24, 2019

Craft Fair

March 18, 2019

St. Joseph's Table

Please email us at
hsa@smeschool.com if you can help!

Year to Date Earnings

Below is our current financial information through January 31, 2019 compared to January 31, 2018.

In January, we used HSA funds to pay for the Middle School Snowflake Dance, provide an Ice Cream Social during Catholic Schools Week, and provide our 8th Graders with T-Shirts. In addition, we provided funds for our Distinguished Grad Event which will be rescheduled.

	2017 - YTD	2018 - YTD	VARIANCE
Candy Bars	\$ 11,147	\$ (826)	\$ (11,973)
Merry Moose	\$ 969	\$ 674	\$ (296)
Kids Stuff Books/Coffee Pie Sale	\$ 500	\$ 1,291	\$ 791
Book Fair	\$ 1,382	\$ (2)	\$ (1,384)
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 1,094	\$ 95	\$ (999)
Mom's Boutique	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ (80)
Pepsi	\$ 124	\$ 196	\$ 72
Easter Candy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Meat Raffle	\$ -	\$ 3,264	\$ 3,264
Penny Fair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Teacher Appreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Teacher Start Up	\$ (3,750)	\$ (1,950)	\$ 1,800
Annual Gift	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School Picnic	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
All Other	\$ (94)	\$ (1,107)	\$ (1,013)
Total	\$ 11,453	\$ 1,635	\$ (9,818)

Please note the drop in the Candy Bar Revenue from Year to Year. Remember to pay for any boxes not yet paid for. HSA makes a donation to St. Mary's Elementary every year and provides for the student picnic at the year end. At this point, our funds are limited. We have a lot of activities planned for our picnic including a snow cone hamster wheel and photo booth. We need to raise funds to provide these opportunities to the students. Our last fundraising opportunities for this year are our Meat Raffle, Craft Fair, and Easter Candy. Please do all you can to support these events.

Vendor Fair

Do you sell anything???? Do you know anyone who sells anything? **We are looking for vendors to participate in our Vendor Fair on March 24th.** Please contact Barb Kalinowski for more info at 997-4000.

Meat Raffle

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 ST. MARY'S HILL, LANCASTER, NY



Friday, March 29, 2019

Doors open at 6 pm - First Spin at 7 pm

\$5 presale - \$7 at the door

Admission includes Beer, Wine & Pop

Don't forget your own snacks, Lots of Dollar Bills & a cooler for your winnings!!!!

50/50 Splits & basket raffles

For ticket information, please call (716)683-2112



Are you an Independent Consultant or Crafter?

We are having a Craft/Vendor Fair on March 24, 2019 and have tables available!

If you are interested and would like additional information, please contact:

Barbara Kalinowski 997-4000

SME Craft Show

March 24, 2019

11:00 am – 4:30 pm

St. Mary's Elementary

1 St Marys Hill

Lancaster, NY 14086

**Sponsored by
SME HSA**

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St Mary's Elementary School Craft Show

Sponsored By: SME HSA

CRAFT SHOW VENDOR APPLICATION

When: March 24, 2019

Where: St. Mary's Elementary School, 2 St Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY

Time: 11:00 am – 4:30 pm

8' Indoor Tables available: \$25.00 plus a basket to raffle

If bringing your own table: \$15.00 plus a basket to raffle

CONTACT INFORMATION: (Please type or print legibly)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone#: (____) _____ **Cell #** (____) _____

Method of Payment: () Check () Cash () Money Order

Check/MO# _____

Brief Description of Items Being Sold: _____

Number of 8' Table needed @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

No table needed \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to: St. Mary's Elementary

Mail payment along with application to: St. Mary's Elementary, 2 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086

You may begin setting up @ 9:00 am and must be completely set up by 11:00 am. Tear down begins at 4:30 pm. No early tear downs please! There must be someone in your area for the entire duration of the Show. Vendors are responsible for collecting and reporting their own sales tax.

We ask that each vendor provide a basket of their items for the basket raffle that will take place at the show as well. These items will be collected at the beginning of the show.

JK

With the cold weather it can be tough to get in your daily dose of physical activity. It is recommended that kids ages 3-5 should be active throughout the day to promote growth and development- mix in light, moderate, and vigorous intensity activities for 3 hours per day. Kids ages 6-17 should get 60 minutes of moderate-vigorous intensity activities per day. Physical activity can promote improved cognition, bone health, heart health, and can reduce depression. Studies prove that even small amounts of physical activity have some health benefits. Try new activities in the house to keep exercising fun and exciting and get out in the snow when possible!

-Mrs. Parker RN

Fit activity for kids what's your name?

SPELL OUT YOUR FULL NAME AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITY LISTED FOR EACH LETTER. FOR A GREATER CHALLENGE INCLUDE YOUR MIDDLE NAME & DO EACH ONE TWICE! FOR VARIETY YOU CAN USE A FAVORITE CHARACTER'S NAME OR A FAMILY MEMBER'S NAME

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|---|--|
| A jump up & down 10 times | N pick up a ball without using your hands |
| B spin around in a circle 5 times | O walk backwards 50 steps and skip back |
| C hop on one foot 5 times | P walk sideways 20 steps and hop back |
| D run to the nearest door and run back | Q crawl like a crab for a count of 10 |
| E walk like a bear for a count of 5 | R walk like a bear for a count of 5 |
| F do 3 cartwheels | S bend down and touch your toes 20 times |
| G do 10 jumping jacks | T pretend to pedal a bike with your hands for a count of 17 |
| H hop like a frog 8 times | U roll a ball using only your head |
| I balance on your left foot for a count of 10 | V flap your arms like a bird 25 times |
| J balance on your right foot for a count of 10 | W pretend to ride a horse for a count of 15 |
| K march like a toy soldier for a count of 12 | X try and touch the clouds for a count of 15 |
| L pretend to jump rope for a count of 20 | Y walk on your knees for a count of 10 |
| M do 3 somersaults | Z do 10 push-ups |

Please remember that all treats sent in for parties must be peanut and tree nut free. No homemade, unlabeled, or bulk items are allowed-these treats will be kept in the main office and will sent back home. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Mrs. Parker RN

Party Treat Ideas

Candy Items

Dum Dum suckers

Starburst

Smarties

Dots

Skittles

Plain Hershey Kisses

Hershey Chocolate bars 1.55 oz size only

Tootsie Rolls

Life savers gummies

Twizzlers

Sour Patch Kids

Non-food Items

Stickers

Tattoos

Bubbles

Play Doh

Crayons

Pencils

Glow sticks

Erasers

Individual packs with labels

Goldfish Crackers

Kraft handi-snacks

Cheese Nips

Teddy Grahams

Wise Popcorn

Chips

Doritos

Fruit Roll ups

Skinny Pop Popcorn

Rold Gold Pretzels

Pirates Booty

Healthy items

Fruit tray

Vegetable Tray

String Cheese sticks

Fruit cups

Yogurt

Applesauce cups/pouches

*Label ingredients may change-please make sure that labels do not have any of the following:

Peanuts

Sunflower Seeds

Peanut Oil

Peanut Flour

"May contain traces of peanuts"

"Manufactured in facility that uses peanuts or peanut butter"

"Run on equipment that also processes peanuts/nut products"

"Other allergens may be present due to shared preparation area"

JK