

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

We are going to be having some exciting fundraising events coming up. HSA is planning a vendor fair and meat raffle. Volunteers for the vendor fair on 3/24/19 and meat raffle on 3/29/19 are needed to make these events a success. If you are able to help out, please email HSA at hsa@smeschool.com. Any help that you can give would be greatly appreciated.

This weekend is our February Freeze Basketball tournament. Please try to come out and support our SME teams!

I would like to wish everybody a very relaxing week off. Spend time with family and friends and re-charge yourself as we head into the latter part of the year. Take a moment, if you can, and reflect on the following quotation: "Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us."
- Maya Angelou

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

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!



EASTER CANDY ORDERS



If you have not yet returned your Gertrude Hawk Easter candy orders please hop to it!

Orders are due Friday, February 15th. We thank you for your continued support of SME!

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Re-Registration packets went out to all students on Monday, February 4th. If you did not receive one please contact the school office.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/14 - Dress Down Day \$1, Wear Red
- 2/15 - Distinguished Graduate Mass, 8:30am
- 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
- 3/6 - Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:30am, Church
- 3/8—Mother/Son BINGO!

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 2/5/19 to 2/11/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$83.71.

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

February Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$289.27	\$7,934.95

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

Letters went home to any family owing candy bar money on Monday, 2/11.

Payment is due **NOW!**

No prizes will be awarded until all accounts are closed.

If you have any questions about the information you received or the sale in general, please contact Rob & Jackie Brodziak at candybarsale@smeschool.com.

The special events for our children and support to our school cannot happen with out you!

PARISH PASSAGES

Any child(ren) interested in participating in the Parish Youth Choir during this Sunday's 10:00 Mass are asked to arrive to the choir loft in Church at 9:15am for practice.



Assistance is needed during our annual Clam Chowder Dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 6th.



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

Adults are needed for:

Set Up - 12 - 2pm
Kitchen Work - 3 - 7pm
Ticket Sales (or HS Students) - 3:45 - 7pm

Adults & Students grade 5 and above :

Servers between 3:45 - 5:30pm **OR** 5:30 - 7:15pm
Clean Up - 6:30 - 8:30pm

Sign up sheets are available in the school office or you may email Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com to be added to the list.

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



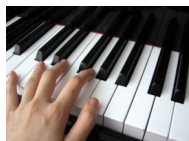
This year we will be
hosting SME's 1st ever
"Shining Lights"
Variety Show!

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

The American Heart Association has been working hard for nearly 100 years to help fight heart disease and stroke to help save and improve lives. They define seven ways (Life's Simple 7) for people to improve upon in their own lives to increase their cardiovascular health: stop smoking, eat better, get active, lose weight, manage blood pressure, control cholesterol, and reduce blood sugar. Please visit <https://www.heart.org/> for more information. They offer many great ideas to promote kids health as well!



Thank you for your support
and I look forward to see-
ing SME turn RED on
Thursday!

Mrs. Parker RN

FEBRUARY FREEZE

A reminder that team basket donations can be
dropped off to the school office any time this week!
A 1/2 page flyer is coming home with game times
we hope to see you here!

HSA

Craft/Vendor Fair on Sunday, March 24th!

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!



A chairperson or team is needed for this event.

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

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!

Thank you to all that joined us for our Glow Dance
Party this past Friday sponsored by our Student Coun-
cil!



Filing your taxes? Is your preparer looking for our Tax
Identification Number? Have them indicate 'Religious
Exemption' where necessary. We will not give out our
number to anyone.

*We begin & end
each day in prayer,
remembering al-
ways that we are
in the holy
presence of God...*



MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle order forms were sent out last week and tickets
are available now for purchase. Orders will be filled once
per week, so please be patient if you do not see a ticket
come home the day you send in your request.

We are in need of a group of parents to coordinate our bas-
ket 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 who 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.

On Friday, March 1st, Mr. Salvatore will be coming to SME
as we dedicate the scoreboard that he so graciously donated.

We will be serving pizza for lunch. If your child(ren) would
prefer a ham/turkey/sunbutter sandwich please contact our
kitchen staff at kitchenmanager@smeschool.com.

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: 2/18 - 2/22 - Mid Win-
ter Break

Save the Date: 3/1 - Scoreboard Dedi-
cation with Mr. Salvatore @ 10:00am

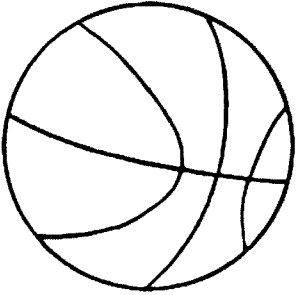
Save the Date: 3/6 - Ash Wednesday,
Clam Chowder Dinner, 4-7pm, SME PC

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

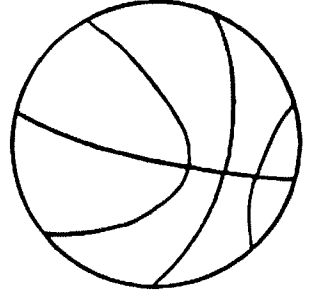
Save the Date: 4/13 - Chiavetta's
Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

All are invited to come root for the home team!

The following are the dates & times of our JV & Varsity teams first games.
Subsequent games will be determined based on the outcomes of the games.



Jv boys 1st game 2/15, 5:30 PC
Jv girls only game 2/17, 9:30 gym
Varsity boys 1st game- 2/15, 6:45 gym
Varsity girls 7th grade 1st game, 2/15, 6:45 PC
Varsity girls 8th grade 1st game, 2/16, 9:00 gym



Best of luck to all of our SME Teams!

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ATTN: Parents of Middle and High School Students!
You are invited to join our...



Community Conversation Series

Hosted by Erie County Legislator John Bruso

LEARN ABOUT ADOLESCENT VAPING

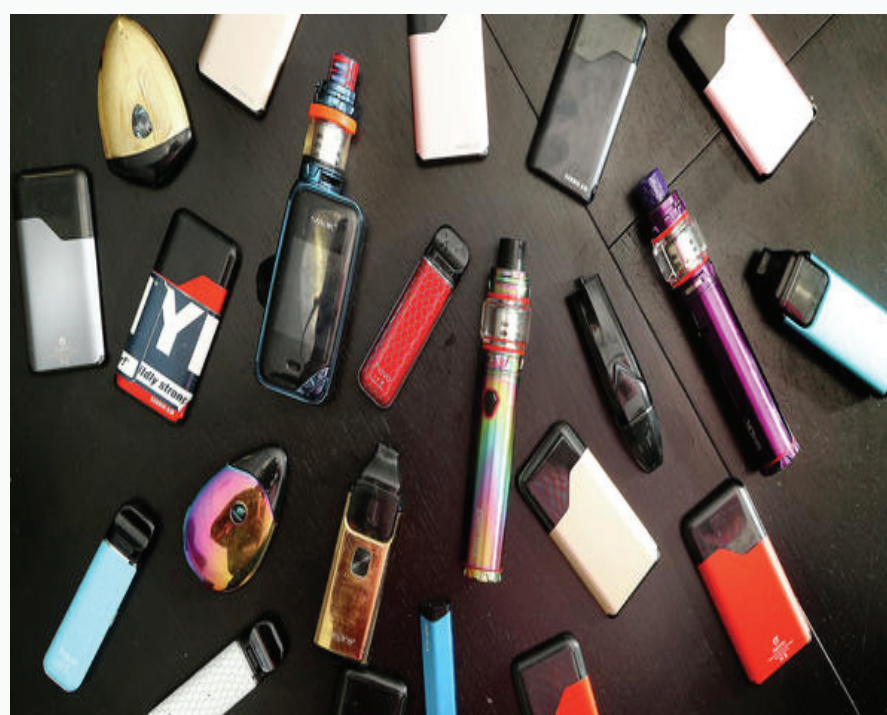
*Sponsored by Alden Substance Abuse Coalition and
FOCUS - Lancaster Depew Area Addiction Prevention Coalition*



DATE: Wednesday, March 6, 2019
TIME: 6 to 8 pm
PLACE: Lancaster Opera House
21 Central Ave., Lancaster

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- Learn about the role of School Resource Officer (SRO), and hear how they help Middle & High School students
- Learn about Vaping, hear a pro-active panel discussion with Kids Escaping Drugs and Tobacco Free WNY
- Meet School Resource Officers, ask questions and see displays of vaping devices



Meat Raffle

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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



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ST MARY'S ELEMENTARY

CRAFT SHOW



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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March 24, 2019

11AM-4:30PM

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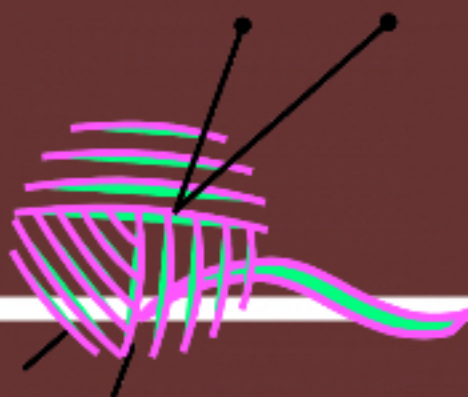
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ADMISSION \$2.00

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
CONTACT: HSA@SMESCHOOL.COM

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Women's Basketball
"Fun in February"

Girls' Basketball Camp Grades K-8

Date: Monday February 18th - Thursday February 21st

Time: 9 AM - 12 PM

Ages: Girls grades K-8

Place: Academic and Wellness Center

AWC on Daemen College Campus

Cost: \$100

**** All Campers will receive an Official Camp T-shirt!**

****Call (716) 839-8336 with any questions**

***Please fill out the application on the reverse side and return it to reserve your spot at the Daemen Basketball Winter Break Camp or register online daemen.edu/sportscamps**

All Daemen College sports camps and clinics are open to any and all entrants. Each camp may limit registration only by number, age, grade level and/or gender. Further, NCAA rules prohibit representative of Daemen's athletics interests (a booster) who is not naturally or legally responsible for a prospective student-athlete (grades 9-12) from providing any expenses to attend a camp or clinic. Violations of this could result in loss of NCAA eligibility for the prospective student-athlete. If you have questions regarding this or any other NCAA rule, please contact the Daemen Office of Compliance at [\(716\) 839-8587](tel:7168398587).

Fun in February Girls Basketball Camp

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ School: _____

Email: _____

*The camp assumes no responsibility for accident or illness. In case of injury the camper's primary insurance is the primary company in any claim.
Parent/Guardian Authorization: I hereby authorize my child, or ward, to be admitted into the Fun in February Girls Basketball Camp at Daemen College
and that the staff act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention.*

Daemen College's sports camps and clinics shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number and age).

Signature: _____

In Case of Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Phone #: _____

Primary Physician's Name: _____

Primary Physician's Phone Number: _____

To Register for this camp

Please register online at daemen.edu/sportscamps Or send a check payable to
Daemen College to:

**Jenepher Banker
Women's Basketball Coach
Daemen College
4380 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14226**