

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Thank you to everybody who attended our Variety Show this past Thursday evening. It was a wonderful evening that really showcased the talent that is here at SME. Congratulations to all of the participants! Thank you again to everybody who made the event so successful.

This Thursday evening is our sports banquet. I hope to see all of our talented athletes there. Our teams have had fabulous seasons and I know I speak for all of SME when I say that we couldn't be prouder of all of your accomplishments.

Please remember to join us for Ready Set Read/Battle of the Books this Friday, March 22nd at 6:00.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus - Student Day ! Students in grades 7-12, along with an accompanying adult, are invited to tour Campus facilities, explore career opportunities, and participate in hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) activities at each site during their open house on Saturday, April 13. To learn more and register, go to <https://bnmc.org/studentday>

EASTER CANDY PICK UP

The Easter Candy pick up date is set for Thursday, March 28th.
Orders can be picked up between 2:00 - 6:00.
Thank you to all that supported our sale & school!

CANDY BAR SALE

Second notices of past due balances have gone out. If your account is not closed out, please do so now. Credit card payments are accepted in person in the school office. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Candy Bar team at candybarsale@smeschool.com.



Lenten offering boxes are due back on April 9th. Thank you to all for supporting Catholic Charities & all that they do around WNY!

Filing your taxes? Is your preparer looking for our Tax Identification Number? Have them indicate 'Religious Exemption' where necessary.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/22 - Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books, 6-8pm
- 3/22 - MP2 Report Card Upload
- 3/24 - Craft Show & Vendor Fair, 11:00-4:30, SME PC
- 3/28 - \$1 Dress Down - Sports Attire
- 3/28 - Easter Candy Pick Up, PC 2:00-6:00
- 3/29 - Meat Raffle, 6pm
- 4/1 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down
- 4/2 - VIRTUS Workshop, SME PC, 6:00pm
- 4/5 - Christian Witness Mass

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 3/12/19 to 3/18/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$179.84.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
March Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$437.90	\$8,528.93

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

Candy Bar Sale

No prizes can be awarded until all accounts are closed. Credit card payments can be made in the school office. We still have candy in stock and will be able to distribute while supplies last. Order can be placed with Amanda Kuhn.

Candy Left in stock: 66 Boxes
Profit to collect: \$3318
Contact Rob & Jackie Brodziak at candybarsale@smeschool.com with any questions.

Mega Raffle

Live Drawing: Friday, June 7th
Tickets Sold: 398
Tickets Remaining: 252
Did you get yours??
As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fund raiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, 128 of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!!

HSA

Craft/Vendor Fair this Sunday, March 24th!

There is still time to register as a vendor/crafter for our Fair on Sunday! For more information on how to register please contact the HSA Team at hsa@smeschool.com

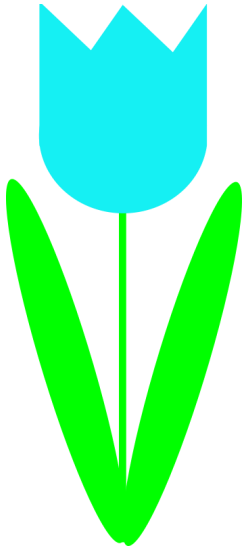
All are welcome to stop by and shop during our Craft Show & Vendor Fair this Sunday from 11-4:30. There will be plenty of vendors to support! Admission is \$2.

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.
Please share the flyer with your friends & family. Everyone loves a Meat Raffle!
Volunteers are still needed to make this event a success, your job will entail selling tickets for each drawing, which will take less than 5 minuets each round! Want to help but have kids? ***Babysitting will be available for our volunteers!***
Families are welcome to attend together. Tickets are available NOW! Table reservations of 8 are also being accepted. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please email Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com.

Bulb & Bag Sale, Wed. 3/13 - Wed. 3/27!

Orders are due next Wednesday, 3/27. Please submit payment with orders.



PICTURE INFO & YEARBOOKS

There will NOT be spring picture retakes offered at SME. If you have an issue with your photo you will need to contact Inter-State directly.

Club/Group photos for the yearbook will take place on Monday, April 8th.

Spring sport team photos will be taken at school on Wednesday, April 17th. There will no longer be individual player photos taken or team photo order forms done/available at the sports banquets.

Please return graduation picture orders (Pre-K & Gr. 8) ASAP.

Yearbooks are on sale until Friday, April 5th and are \$12.00. If you need a new order form please contact Amanda Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com).

Our Pre-K friends are in need of new/used bikes & scooters **with rubber wheels** for their recess time.

If your child has outgrown their bike feel free to drop it off in the school office.

Thank you for your consideration!



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PARISH MISSION

A Lenten mission entitled *Three Pillars of the Spiritual Life: Word, Worship and Works of Mercy* will be cosponsored by St. Mary's and three other area parishes and will be held at Our Lady of Pompeii Church (158 Laverack Ave, Lancaster), March 25-27.

Each night will center on one of the three pillars and give attendees practical ways to bring them more fully into their lives. Please see the flyer attached electronically to today's NewsNote for more information. For further information or questions please visit stmarysonthehill.org or call (716) 683-6522.

A new way to donate!

A wedding registry has been set up on Amazon with items requested for our Mega Raffle basket raffle. Simply pick, click & the donation will ship directly to SME! Find the registry under the name 2019 Mega Raffle. Thank you!

ATHLETICS

The Winter Banquet is this Thursday Night at 6:30pm. Please remember pictures will be taken prior to the event. Please find your teams photo time below and be on time for your year book photo...

- 8th grade boys (Varsity) 5:10 pictures
- 8th grade girls (Varsity) 5:30 pictures
- 5th/6th grade girls (JV) 5:50 pictures
- Coed 4th grade 6:10 pictures
- 7th grade boys (Varsity) 5:20 pictures
- 7th grade girls (Varsity) 5:40 pictures
- 5th/6th grade boys (JV) 6:00 pictures
- Coed 3rd grade 6:20 pictures

Pictures WILL NOT be retaken if a player is missing.

Individual photo order forms will be available upon arrival to the PC.

Basketball photos!! If you have pictures of our hoopsters in action, please print them out and bring them to the banquet. We can spread them out on all tables for families to see and to take home. It's really cool to see everyone in action.

Spring Sports sign ups are complete and teams have been formed. Parents please make sure to head on to the BSN Sports Online store. The link has been sent out to all teams that have been formed.

<https://www.bsnteamsports.com>

Access Codes:

Coed Soccer...smsoccer / Coed Track...smtrack19 / Girls Softball...smssoftb19 / Boys Volleyball...stmbvball

Even if you're not a parent of a current athlete and you would like to pick up some school "Spirit Wear", please feel free to head onto any of the online stores above and check out some gear. Orders will be delivered to the school and handed out.

We are still looking for Boys Volleyball players. If you want to sign up, please make sure to stop by the nurses office and pick up your sign up form.

We are also still looking for boys/girls 5th and 6th graders to round out our coed soccer team. If you're interested please make sure to stop by the nurses office and pick up your sign up form.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Dan Johnson at athletics@smeschool.com.

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are on a roll! As of March 18th we have sold 398 tickets! There are just **252** tickets remaining – did you get yours?? We have sold out all 3 previous years, so be sure to get your tickets soon! Orders will be filled once per week, so please be patient if you do not see your ticket come home the day that you send your check in.

The next early bird drawing of \$150 is April 1st - don't delay, get your tickets in today!

We are currently selling chances to win a signed, framed, Jim Kelly jersey for **\$5/ticket**. The jersey is displayed in the school office and tickets may be purchased during office hours (7:30-3:30), and at select school functions. You may also send money in to school, Attn: Mega Raffle Jim Kelly Jersey.

Prize winners will be announced at the live drawing on Friday, June 7th in the Parish Center. Flyers are available in the front office if you would like to bring them to your place of business to sell - people love a raffle!

We are in urgent need of parents to coordinate the basket donations for this year's event.

If you are interested in helping out with that, please reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio.

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

SCRIP

It is amazing to see our families supporting the program, yet we are now falling short of our monthly and yearly goals.

From September through February, we expected to reach \$10,500 in Scrip profit earned, which leaves us more than \$2,161.91 behind at this point.

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 to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

The SCRIP office will be open
Saturday, April 6th from 9-11:00am.

If at any time you have a question about the SCRIP program please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at scrip@smeschool.com.

CAFETERIA CORNER

The weather is getting better & our kids LOVE to get outside in it! This is only possible if we have enough parent/grandparent volunteers to keep them safe! If you are interested in volunteering in the cafeteria please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com.



DRESS DOWN

We ask that a **minimum donation of \$1** in support of Catholic Charities **be sent in** on **any /every** day that your child wishes to participate in our dress down themes.

March 28th - In honor of the opening day of Major League Baseball, students are able to dress in their favorite sports attire. Any sport will do!

April 17th - Best Buds Day! Grab a friend or three and dress alike!

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!

UPDATE: The 8th Grade class Chia-vetta's Dinner fundraiser will now be held on Wednesday, April 10th in conjunction with our Art Show/Open House/Book Fair!

thank you!

YOUR TRASH, OUR TREASURE!

Do you have paint stir sticks kicking around? HSA would love to take them off your hands!

Simply send them into the school office
attn: HSA



STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: Bag & Bulb Sale - on now through 3/27!

Save the Date: Easter Candy Pick up March 28th, 2-6pm.

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

Save the Date: Zap-a-Snack Pizza pick up estimated for early April

Save the Date: 4/10 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser



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ST MARY'S ELEMENTARY

CRAFT SHOW



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



March 24, 2019

11AM-4:30PM

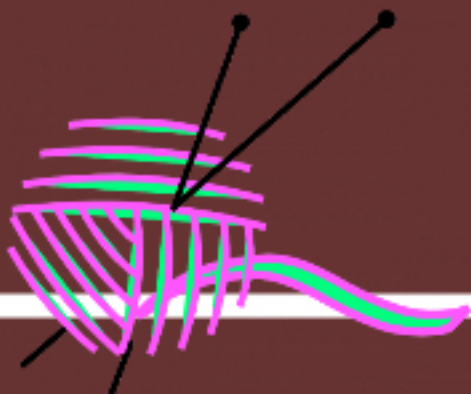


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ADMISSION \$2.00

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St. Mary of the Assumption Parishes Invite You to our*

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REIGNITE YOUR FAITH LIFE!

Each night we will explore one of the three pillars, and give you practical ways to bring them more fully into your lives. Give yourself a spiritual “shot in the arm” with a nourishing experience of his Word, a more integral vision of Worship, and a more energized engagement of Works of Mercy.

◆ “Thomas is in the top 10% of the best Catholic speakers today.” ◆

- Dr. Tim Gray, President of the Augustine Institute

March 25-27th

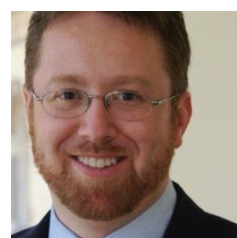
Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday at 7-8:15pm

**Join us at Our Lady of Pompeii Church,
158 Laverack Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086**

For more information, call OLP Parish Office at 716-683-6522

Free will donations accepted. Refreshments follow in the Ministry Center each night!

All are welcome!



Our Speaker

Author and retreat director Thomas Smith brings a wealth of experience and insight on the Word of God to audiences across the U.S. and is a repeat guest on Catholic TV and radio, and is the former director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School and Catechetical School.

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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JULY 8-12

BIOGRAPHY AND SCIENCE OLYMPICS

JULY 15-19

MATH SKILLS

JULY 22-26

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

JULY 22-26



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JULY 8-12
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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JULY 15-19
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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VOLLEYBALL

JULY 22-26
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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BASKETBALL

AUGUST 5-9
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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