

# NEWSNOTE

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/28 - \$1 Dress Down - Sports Attire
- 3/28 - Easter Candy Pick Up
- 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
- 4/10 - Parent Night/Open House/HSA Meeting/BOGO Book Fair/Art Show/Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner
- 4/10-4/12 - Book Fair
- 4/12 - Living Stations, 1& 7pm, Church

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

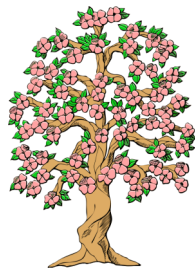
Happy Wednesday!

This past Friday night was our Ready Set Read/Battle of the Books event. Congratulations to all of the winners! Fun was had by all who participated in the evening's activities. Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked to make the event a success. "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."~ ELIZABETH ANDREW

This Friday evening will be our Meat Raffle. Please join us for an evening of fun and prizes.

Next week our 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the NYS ELA Assessments on 4/3 and 4/4.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FUN... TAKE 2!

Monday, April 15th - Dress for Success Day (No Jeans) Professional attire or uniforms.

Tuesday, April 16th - Dress as an animal Day

Wednesday, April 17th - Class Color Day

See the 1/2 page flyer coming home today!

## EASTER CANDY PICK UP

The Easter Candy pick up date is TOMORROW Thursday, March 28th.

Orders can be picked up between 2:00 - 6:00. Thank you to all that supported our sale & school!

## OPEN HOUSE / PARENT NIGHT

We look forward to seeing our SME Families at our Spring Open House / Parent Night on Wednesday, April 10th.

We will also have our Art Show, showcasing work from every student in every grade, and BOGO Book Fair. The 8th Grade Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser will also be held, and you are welcome to sit and eat before you begin your international adventure through out the open house!

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.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP

From 3/19/19 to 3/25/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$166.41.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
March Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$604.31	\$8,695.34

Contact the Scrip office at [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto: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: 62 Boxes**  
**Profit to collect: \$3120**

Contact Rob & Jackie Brodziak at [candybarsale@smeschool.com](mailto:candybarsale@smeschool.com) with any questions.

### Mega Raffle

Live Drawing: Friday, June 7th

Tickets Sold: 418

Tickets Remaining: 232

Did you get yours??

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families.

So far, 134 of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!!

## HSA

### 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!

*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](mailto:secretary@smeschool.com).

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 minutes each round! Want to help but have kids? **Babysitting will be available for our volunteers!**

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

**Meat Love**



### Basket Raffles & 50/50 Splits

## VIRTUS

St. Mary's will be hosting a VIRTUS Workshop on April 2nd at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering in any way and have not yet obtained your VIRTUS certification now is the perfect time!

To register please visit: [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) and click on "First Time Registration" OR [buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children](http://buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children). Please contact Amanda Kuhn with any questions at [secretary@smeschool.com](mailto:secretary@smeschool.com).

Our annual audit is coming upon us. If you received a notice of past due bulletins please be sure to complete those by April 1st.

## PICTURE INFO & YEARBOOKS

**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).**

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.

We are notifying you that in accordance with EPA/AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) regulations, St. Mary's Elementary School is required to have an asbestos management plan in place.

If any parent/teacher/employee wishes to see the plan, a request can be made to the school office where it is filed.

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## LIVING STATIONS



The 8th Grade Presentation of the Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday, April 12th, 2019 at 1:00 pm and at 7:00 pm in the Church. It is a long held tradition at

SME that the 8th graders present this Lenten event. We hope that you will consider joining us for this beautiful and prayerful Lenten experience.



### Have you seen our registry?

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 in advance  
for your generosity!**

## 8TH GRADE CHIAVETTA'S FUNDRAISER

Our 8th grade class is hosting a Chiavetta's dinner fundraiser which will be held on Wed., April 10th from 4:00 -7:00. It will be held along with our Open House, Art Show and International Night. You can purchase tickets to dine in, take out or choose to buy a dinner to donate to the Buffalo City Mission. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from the main office or our 8th grade students and Mrs. Morrella. They are \$10 pre-sale through April 3rd. Thank you for your support!

## READY SET READ

SET is proud to announce the winners!

### Middle School Division Winners

Spirit Award- "A+ Smarties"- Savana, Elena, Sonya

3rd Place- Tie: "Ying & Yang"- Jase & Ethan;

"The Teacher Team"- Mrs. Wojnar, Mrs. Farina, Mrs. Misso

2nd Place- "The Purple Cobras"- Griffin, David,

Colin, Cameron, Chris

1st Place- "The Book Keepers"- Miranda, Maddie,

Kaylyn, Anna, Mia

Book Mark Design Winner- Anna B.

### 4th/5th Grade Division Winners

Spirit Award- "Magical Readers"- Cameryn, Kathryn,

Ava, Lilly

3rd Place- "Splash Brothers"- Jack & Derrick

2nd Place- Tie: "Magical Readers"- Cameryn, Kathryn, Ava, Lilly; "The Book Bandits"- Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Brinkworth, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Gasiiecki

1st Place- "Readers of the Lost Ark"- Trent, Christopher, Andrew, Nick

Congratulations to the Winners of the Reading Challenge!

3rd Place- Mrs. Marrano's Class

2nd Place- Mrs. Cooper's Class

1st Place- Mrs. Michalek's Class

Bookmark Design Winner- Evan N.

Coloring Contest Winner- Ryan B.

Be sure to check out the photo collage attached electronically this week!

**Congratulations to all the teams competing at SME's Battle of Books last Friday.**

## MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are on a roll! As of March 18th we have sold 418 tickets! There are just **232** 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com).

## SUMMER CAMP

We are sending out the Pre-k through Grade 4 summer camp interest form one last time this week. Please take a look and return it by April 1st if your child would be interested in attending.

A true registration form will be forthcoming once the interest forms are returned and a schedule is set.



## 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 29th\*** - Best Buds Day! Grab a friend or three and dress alike!

\* Date Change

## 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 Chiavetta's Dinner fundraiser will now be held on Wednesday, April 10th in conjunction with our Art Show/Open House/Book Fair!

*thank you!*

## STREAM

Save the Date!

We will be holding our annual STREAM flower fundraiser beginning April 17th - May 1st, 2019. Plants and flowers will be delivered in time for Mother's Day! Flower pick-up will take place on Wednesday, May 8th from 2:30 -6:00 pm in the gym. Order forms will be included with the News Notes in a few weeks.



## STAY IN THE KNOW



**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

**Save the Date:** 4/12 - Living Stations 1 & 7pm in the Church

# 2019 Ready, SET, Read! Reading under the Stars



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# APRIL 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	
1	Early Dismissal Popcorn Chicken Oven Fries Corn & Fruit	2	Nachos Supreme Refried Beans Mixed Veggies & Fruit	3	Mac-n-Cheese Broccoli Carrots & Fruit	4	Chicken Stir Fry Seasoned Rice Cauliflower & Fruit	5	Fish Sandwich Tomato Soup Coleslaw & Fruit
8	Breakfast Pizza Sweet Potato Fries Peas & Fruit	9	Chicken Caesar Salad Tomato Soup Breadstick, Corn & Fruit	10	Baked Pasta With Meatballs Cucumber Salad Mixed Veg & Fruit	11	Homemade Cheeseburgers Baked Beans Coleslaw & Fruit	12	Mozzarella Sticks With Marinara Sauce Carrots & Celery, Fruit
15	Shepherd's Pie With Mashed Potatoes Corn & Fruit	16	Taco-in-a-Bag Refried Beans Carrots & Fruit	17	Loaded Baked Potato Broccoli & Cauliflower Sidekicks	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
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29	Popcorn Chicken Oven Fries Green Beans & Fruit	30	Beef Taco Refried Beans Corn & Fruit	<b>Alternate Lunches Available Daily</b> B - Julienne Salad w/WG Muffin C - Yogurt Parfait w/Granola and WG Muffin D - Sunbutter/Jelly Sandwich on WG Bread E - Deli Turkey Sandwich on WG Bread F - Deli Ham Sandwich on WG Bread				<b>Friday Lenten Alternates</b> <b>April 5 &amp; 12th</b> B - Salad w/Hard Boiled Egg C - Yogurt Parfait D - Sunbutter/Jelly Sandwich G - Egg Salad Sandwich	

Menu subject to change.



ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY INVITES YOU



# *Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner*

Please join us to benefit the graduating class  
of 2019!

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 | 4 PM - 7 PM**

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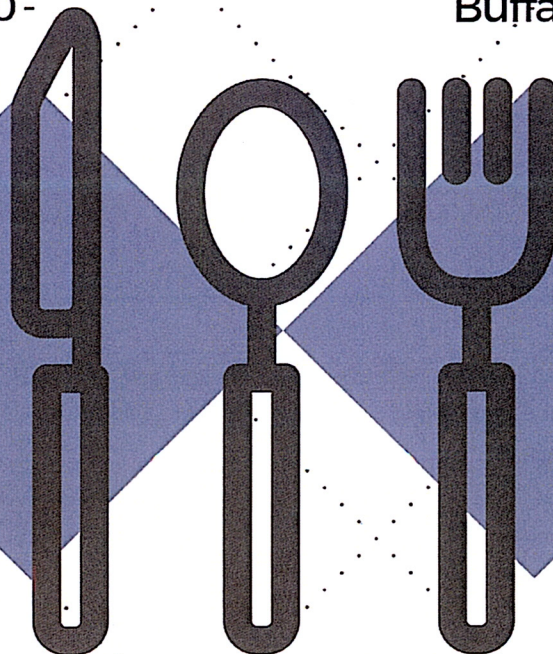
**\$10.00 PRESALE THROUGH APRIL 3**

**\$12.00 APRIL 10**

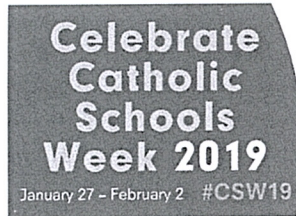
**EACH MEAL INCLUDES 1/2 CHICKEN, TWO SIDES & ROLL  
WITH BUTTER**

Beverages and  
desserts available for  
purchase from 4:00-  
7:00

Pick up, eat-in OR you can  
donate the dinner to the  
Buffalo City Mission.



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# Take 2!

## Monday, April 15th

Dress for Success Day (No Jeans!)  
Dress in professional attire or in school uniforms.

Career Day 9:30 - 10:40am  
Teacher Family Feud 1:00 - 2:00

## Tuesday, April 16th

Dress as an animal day!

Movie Day Pre-k - Gr7  
8th Grade - Service Day (for parish)

## Wednesday, April 17th

Class Color Day!

PreK - Neon  
Kindergarten - Red  
1st - Orange  
2nd - Yellow  
3rd - Green

4th - Light Blue  
5th - Purple  
6th - Black  
7th - White  
8th - Grey Class T-Shirt

Pep Rally Day & Tape Teacher to the Wall

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# St. Mary's Elementary School Summer Camp Pre-K – Grade 4



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716-683-2112



Are you still wondering what to do with your child over the summer? Well, AVOID SUMMER BRAIN DRAIN and register your child for SME's Summer Camp for grades Pre-K - Grade 4. This year, we are hoping to offer a five week summer program; however, in order to do this we need your input!

The goal of our summer camp program is to keep newly acquired skills fresh; preventing that dreaded backwards "summer slide". Children will also enjoy music and movement, crafts, outdoor play and walking field trips. Activities will focus on different themes and will also provide socialization, learning through play, reinforcement of school skills, and fun in the fresh summer air.

Please take a minute and answer the following questions below. Your feedback is important! Thank You!

**Please return by Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mrs. Kim Kwitowski, Principal

Ms. Kristen Jones, Teacher

Mrs. Farina, Teacher



**Please indicate name and grade your child is currently attending**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**How often would you send your child if it was offered Tuesday - Thursday?**

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

**How much of the summer would your child attend if it was offered from July 9th - August 8th?**

Week of July 9th - 11th \_\_\_\_\_

Week of July 16th - July 18th \_\_\_\_\_

Week of July 23rd - July 25th \_\_\_\_\_

Week of July 30th - August 1st \_\_\_\_\_

Week of August 6th - August 8th \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested:**

Half-Day Camp (8:00 - 11:30) \_\_\_\_\_

Full Day Camp (8:00 - 2:00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

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