

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This past Friday was our Spring Meat Raffle. Thank you to all who came out for the raffle and for all of our volunteers who worked so tirelessly to ensure a successful event.

Friday, April 5th will be our Christian Witness Mass to honor our March Christian Witness recipients. Don't forget that Open House is on April 10th from 6:00-7:30. We have a very full evening planned. There will be a Chiavetta's BBQ, art show, international night, and bake sale. Please plan on attending and taking a walk around the school to see all of the hard work that our students have been up to!

On Friday, 4/12 our students will present the Living Stations at 1:00 and 7:00. Please join us in the church for this wonderful presentation by our 8th graders.

God's Peace and Love, Mrs. Kwitowski

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4/5 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30, Church
- 4/10 - Parent Night/Open House/HSA Meeting/BOGO Book Fair/Art Show/Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner, 6-7:30pm
- 4/10-4/12 - BOGO Book Fair, 8-2:00
- 4/12 - Living Stations, 1& 7pm, Church
- 4/15 - Dress for Success Day
- 4/16 - Dress as an Animal Day
- 4/17 - Class Color Day
- 4/18 - 4/26—No School, Easter Recess

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

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 3/26/19 to 4/1/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$154.81.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
March Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$686.99	\$8,849.52

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: 62 Boxes
Profit to collect: \$3120

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

Mega Raffle

Live Drawing: Friday, June 7th

Tickets Sold: 453

Tickets Remaining: 197

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

PARISH PASSAGE

We are inviting grandparents (along with their grandchildren) to a delightful event at St. Mary's Parish. "Swing into Spring" is an afternoon of light refreshments, live music provided by the Lancaster Schools Music Department, games, dancing and prizes! Attire is semi-formal or casual. Students are encouraged to spend an afternoon with their grandparents at this parish event from 2 – 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 13th in the Parish Center. RSVP by Tuesday April 9th by calling Sister Therese at 683-8564.

NJHS SERVICE PROJECT

This year's National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is holding a collection for the City of Buffalo's Animal Shelter. You can make a difference by donating either cat toys, dog toys, towels, blankets, etc. Check out the flyer that will be coming home next week for more details! This collection runs from Monday, April 8th through Friday, May 3rd.

Thank you in advance for your support!



HSA

Thank you to all that supported our fundraising efforts recently!

All fundraisers/events will be outlined in the next installment of the monthly HSA Newsletter, so stay tuned!



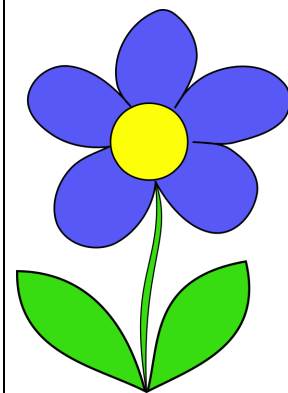
PICTURE INFO & YEARBOOKS

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.

Please return graduation picture orders (Pre-K 4 & Gr. 8) ASAP.



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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?

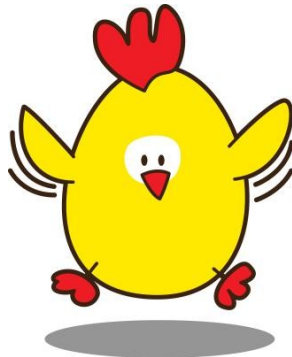
A wedding registry has been set up on Amazon with items requested for our Mega Raffle basket raffle. Simply pick, click & the donation will ship directly to SME! Find the registry under the name 2019 Mega Raffle.

*Thank you in advance
for your generosity!*

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!



STREAM

Today please find a permission slip for our annual STREAM Walk-a-Thon. Our Walk-a-Thon will be held on Monday, May 6th. All pledge money will be utilized to further grow the STREAM supplies & academy kits as well as funding STREAM field trips & transportation. We ask that all students come to school in their gym t-shirts, &/or SME hoodie or sweatshirt if the weather is still cool. Jeans are permitted as long as they are free of rips/holes.



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.

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are on a roll! As of April 1st we have sold 453 tickets! There are just 197 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 final early bird drawing of \$150 was drawn on April 1st & the winning ticket was # 427!

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!

There will be a Mega planning meeting Tomorrow, Thursday, April 4th @ 5:00pm if you would like to be more involved.

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 me garaffle@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 March, we expected to reach \$10,500 in Scrip profit earned, which leaves us at a current deficit of \$1,650.48. We can make that up, but we need your help! 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 us – 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 is open
Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8-10 &
will be open Saturday, April 6th from 9-11:00am.

Any questions about the SCRIP program please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at scrip@smeschool.com.

7TH GRADE FUNDRAISERS

Please support these fun ways to help the 7th grade class raise money for upcoming events.

\$1 Dress down days

Today, April 3rd – Mismatched day
Thursday, May 2nd – theme TBD



50¢ - Jelly Bean Jar guess during lunches through 4/12
50¢ - Sucker sale during lunches through April 12th



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.

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!

thank you!

STAY IN THE KNOW



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

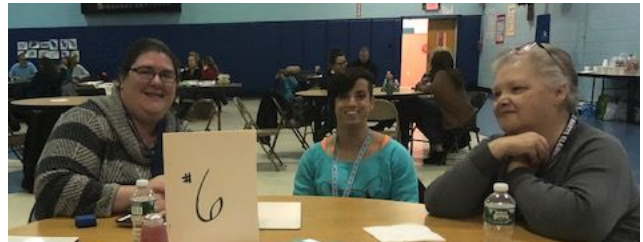
Save the Date: 4/10 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

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

Save the Date: 4/15-4/17 - CSW Fun Take 2!

Save the Date: 4/18-4/16 - Easter Re-cess

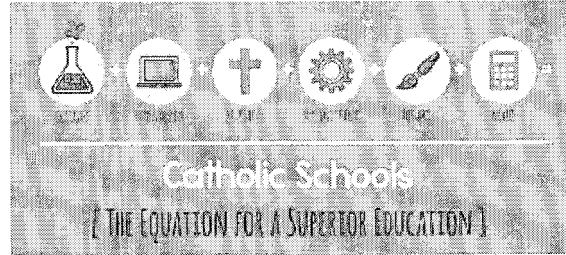
2019 Battle of the Books





Walk-A-Thon for STREAM

*The STREAM Education Initiative at
St. Mary's Elementary School*



STREAM educates students for their future!

The idea of emphasizing the subject areas of **STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math** has been driven by the business community to prepare a more agile, educated workforce for our country's future. However, in recent years, it has been increasingly evident that our economy is truly driven by innovation and the creativity and communication nurtured through the "Arts" is an essential component to innovation and worthy of emphasis as well. Rooted in our faith as Catholic schools, "Religion" is woven throughout all subjects and completes the picture for a holistic approach to education.

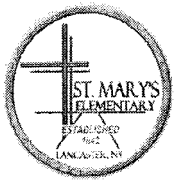
STREAM Education makes learning relevant! STREAM Education allows academic concepts to be coupled with increased real life application in all the disciplines. Students become involved in hands-on projects where problem solving, collaboration, and the results of their efforts make lessons more relevant than a textbook alone. Increased technology to enhance learning is emphasized, and career connections as well as exposure to working professionals further relates students to their own learning and their futures!

We need your support in order to be able to continue the STREAM Initiative at SME! Funds raised for STREAM will benefit our students directly by allowing us to purchase supplies and new academy kits as well as help to fund our field trips and transportation costs to many of the cultural institutions in our community. STREAM funds help us to continue to provide creative, hands-on opportunities for all students that:

- Focus on inquiry, creativity, complex thinking and FUN!
- Emphasize STREAM education learning areas and nurture the innate curiosity of every child!
- Provide a runway for our next generation of believers, innovators, scientists and leaders!

STUDENTS NEED TO WEAR SME GYM T-SHIRT, SME SWEATSHIRT/HOODIE.
JEANS ARE PERMITTED WITH NO RIPS/TEARS.





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STREAM WALK-A-THON PERMISSION/PLEDGE SHEET TO BE HELD MAY 6, 2019



My child(ren) has my permission to participate in the STREAM Walk-A-Thon on the premises of St. Mary's, Lancaster, NY.

PLEDGE SHEET DUE BACK BY MONDAY, APRIL 29TH SIGNED AS PERMISSION FORM

****Pledge Money due back by Thursday, MAY 23rd, 2019****

CHILD'S NAME _____	GRADE _____	CHILD'S NAME _____	GRADE _____
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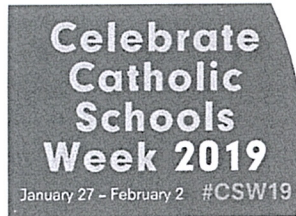
Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD(REN) TO WALK THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED. THANK YOU.

PRINT SPONSOR'S NAME	PRINT SPONSOR ADDRESS	FLAT PLEDGE		AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT COLLECTED	CHECK #	CASH
				SME COORDINATOR FILLS OUT	TOTAL		



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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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Summer Camps for Girls entering Grades 5-8

BUFFALO ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART 2019 Camps

Week 1

June 26-28

Creative Strings and Things (AM)

Science (AM)

Do It! (PM)

Brain Games (PM)

Cooking #2: The Basics (AM)

Contemporary Crafts (PM)

Volleyball (PM)

Week 2

July 1-3, & 5

Leadership Academy (Full Day)

Cooking #1: Baking 101 (AM)

Introduction to Field Hockey (AM)

Introduction to Dance (PM)

Pottery (PM)

Girl Boss: Entrepreneurship 101 (AM)

Printmaking (AM)

Cooking #3: Flavors of the Caribbean (AM)

Stained Glass Fusion (PM)

iPad Photography (PM)

Week 3

July 8-12

Catholic High School Entrance

Exam (AM)

Introduction to Ukulele (AM)

Week 4

July 15-19

Basketball (Full Day)

Basketball (Full Day)

Week 5

July 22-26

Service (AM or PM)

Introduction to Lacrosse (AM)

Around the World in Five Days (AM)

S.T.E.A.M. (PM)

Musical Theatre (PM)

AM Camps: 9 am - 12 noon PM Camps: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Register online at sacredheartacademy.org

Questions? Call the Admissions Office, 834-2101 ext. 311

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