

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Tonight is our Open House. We will also be having an art show which showcases student work, it is our International Night, there will be a BOGO book fair sale and also a Chiavetta's BBQ and bake sale going on. The Open House will be from 6:00-7:30. Please come out and see some of the amazing work that our students have been doing and enjoy a chicken dinner!

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade presentation of the Living Stations will be this Friday evening at 7:00. The students do a beautiful job of recreating the path Jesus took on his way to the crucifixion. It is a way to help us to reflect on the mystery of Jesus' death and what it still means to us today. Please make plans to attend this Lenten presentation.

We have had a staffing change recently. Ms. Jones is no longer at St. Marys. I am excited to announce that Miss Stephanie will still be in the classroom. Joining her for the remainder of the year will be Miss Victoria.

God's Peace and Love, Mrs. Kwitowski

## PARISH PASSAGE

Today you will find a schedule of Masses for Holy Week at St. Mary's.



*Congratulations to our Christian Witness Recipients for the month of March. May you continue to be "...visible examples of Gospel living"*



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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

## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP

From 4/2/19 to 4/8/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$164.07.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
April Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$235.57	\$9,013.59

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: 473

Tickets Remaining: 177

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

## 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



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## 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 coming home today for more details! This collection runs from Monday, April 8th through Friday, May 3rd.

Thank you in advance for your support!



## HSA

The April edition of the HSA Newsletter is coming home today.

Did you know that the online store from our Mixed Bag sale is open for the remainder of the school year? Order online and we will receive a 40% profit! They have a great clearance section too! Simply visit:

[mixedbagdesigns.com/st-marys-elementary-school](http://mixedbagdesigns.com/st-marys-elementary-school)



## PICTURE INFO & YEARBOOKS

Last chance for yearbooks! Orders were due last Friday. If you need an order form please contact Amanda Kuhn at [secretary@smeschool.com](mailto:secretary@smeschool.com). Orders can also be placed online by visiting [inter-state.com/yearbook](http://inter-state.com/yearbook) and entering the code 35838N.

Spring sport team photos will be taken at school on Wednesday, April 17th.

Please return graduation picture orders (Pre-K 4 & Gr. 8) ASAP as orders have already been submitted to Inter-State Studios.



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### DRESS DOWN FOR A CAUSE

**April 29th\*** - Best Buds Day! Grab a friend or three and dress alike! Dress down for a donation of a minimum of \$1. This dress down benefits Catholic Charities. \* Date Change

**May 2nd** - Favorite Holiday! With a donation of a minimum donation of \$1 to our 7th grade class students can dress in their favorite holiday attire (i.e. Christmas, Easter, Valentines Day).

### SUMMER CAMP



Still wondering how to beat the summer brain drain? Send those kids to camp! We will once again be offering summer camp for kids in grades Pre-K - Grade 1!

There is an interest form & registration form included electronically today!

## AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

April is Autism Awareness Month. Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a diagnosis that has a broad range of conditions which include challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication. This is considered a spectrum disorder because there are different levels of severity-each person has different strengths and challenges. Some people with Autism require significant daily support while others may be able to function independently.

According to the Center for Disease Control, Autism affects 1 in 59 people in the United States. Boys are four times more likely to be diagnosed with Autism than girls are. Autism affects all ethnic and socioeconomic groups. The exact cause of Autism is not known but research shows that genetics are involved. Much research has been able to prove that the MMR vaccine is not a cause of Autism.

Some symptoms or signs of Autism may be present as early as 6 months old, while other signs may become more obvious around 2-3 years old. Some signs of

Autism may include: avoidance of eye contact, delayed language development (1/3 are nonverbal), repetitive body movements (flapping, rocking), ritualistic behaviors (lining up objects), need for unvarying routine, restricted interests, difficulty understanding others feelings, and persistent preference of solitude. Not everyone will show the same signs and everyone will have varying degrees of these symptoms. Early recognition is important and professional evaluation is crucial. Early intervention can improve learning, communication skills, and communication later in life.

It is important as parents to talk to your kids about Autism. Acceptance and awareness of Autism are both very important. It is important for kids to understand that everyone is different-just like everyone looks different on the outside, everyone's brain works differently too. We all have our own set of strengths and weaknesses and these differences are a good thing!

Mrs. Parker RN, BSN



### MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are on a roll! As of April 8th we have sold **473** tickets! There are just **177** 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.

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!

If you wish to donate an item for our basket raffle, we have set up a wedding registry on Amazon.com under the name **2019 Mega Raffle**. All items purchased will be shipped directly to the school. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 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](mailto: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

Any questions about the SCRIP program please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com).

### 7TH GRADE FUNDRAISERS

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

**\$1 Dress down days**  
Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Favorite Holiday Attire



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



### STREAM

Thank you to those who have returned the pledge/permission slip for our Walk-a-Thon which will be held on Monday, May 6th. Please be sure these forms are signed!

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 next week.



### 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:** 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:** 4/18-4/26 - Easter Recess





# St. Mary's Elementary School Pre-K/K and School Age Summer Camp



St. Mary's Elementary  
2 St. Mary's Hill | Lancaster, NY  
716-683-2112



Dear SME Families,

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 Pre-K to Grade 1 Summer Camp.

This year, we are offering a 5 week Summer Camp and the cost is \$30.00 a day. Our schedule will be every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 - 2:00pm, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - August 8<sup>nd</sup>. 2019. 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. Children will also enjoy music and movement, crafts, outdoor play and walking field trips.

Kindly provide the following: a peanut free snack & lunch, water bottle, bike helmet and sunscreen. These will need to be sent in with your child each day. Weather appropriate clothes (we may be going out each day) and sneakers (please no flip flops or sandals) are a must. A bathing suit and towel for water play will be announced daily, weather permitting. Mrs. Ashley Farina will be the lead teacher during summer camp. You may direct any questions to Mrs. Farina at [farinaa@smeschool.com](mailto:farinaa@smeschool.com)

To register your child for SME's Summer Camp, please fill out and sign the enclosed form and return it to SME or send it via e-mail by Wednesday, May22nd , 2019. Thank you for your interest and for being proactive in your child's school success! We look forward to a wonderful summer experience with your child!

Mrs. Kim Kwitowski, Principal

Mrs. Ashley Farina, Teacher



Week 1 July 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> :	Tuesday _____	Wednesday _____	Thursday _____
Week 2 July 16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> :	Tuesday _____	Wednesday _____	Thursday _____
Week 3 July 23 <sup>rd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> :	Tuesday _____	Wednesday _____	Thursday _____
Week 4 July 30 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 1st:	Tuesday _____	Wednesday _____	Thursday _____
Week 5 Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8th:	Tuesday _____	Wednesday _____	Thursday _____

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## SME Pre-K/K Summer Camp Program 2019

Please fill out and sign registration form.

Submit form and payment to the main office by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Work# \_\_\_\_\_

Child's DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names and numbers of two alternate adult contacts, available during program hours in case of emergency.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical concerns or allergies. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that SME Pre-K-Grade 1 Summer Camp runs Tuesday - Thursday from 8:00 - 2:00, July 8<sup>th</sup> - August 8<sup>th</sup>, at the cost of \$30 a day, (which is due by May, 22<sup>nd</sup>). I understand that class size is limited, and that spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. No phone or mail in registration will be accepted. SME reserves the right to cancel due to insufficient registration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only- \_\_\_\_\_

(Registration Form and Payment Received- Date and Time)

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# Home School Association Newsletter

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- |                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| April 11-12, 2019 | Book Fair     |
| May 10, 2019      | Penny Fair    |
| June 14, 2019     | School Picnic |



*Please email us at  
hsa@smeschool.com  
if you can help in any  
way!*

Dear Parents/Students,

March was a big month for HSA. We had another meat raffle, hosted the St. Joseph's Table, and had a vendor fair. On top of that, we ran a Bulb and Mixed Bag Sale. Each yielded success! I have provided the financial data below. **Thank you for your support.**

At this point, we are gearing up for the Penny Fair and School Picnic. We are still in need of a chair for Penny Fair. If you are willing to chair, or are able to help out the day of, please email us. We like changing things

up. If you have an idea for a new game, please pass it along. One last thing - we will again be doing the cake walk, **so do not forgot to send in cakes.** We ask that they be nut safe. Can't Bake??? A purchased item is fine. It doesn't have to be a cake! Brownies/Cookies/Rice Krispie Treats – All are appreciated. The students love the cake walk!

As we begin to plan for our school picnic, we are in need of a donation of hot dogs, rolls, and

snacks for the children. If you know of anyone who would be willing to donate the hot dogs / rolls / or snacks, please let us know asap!

Finally, we want to thank everyone for their support during the Easter Candy Sale. Mrs. Laidman's Pre-K Class was the winner and enjoyed their Ice Cream Party last week. Thank you to Cheryl Walczak for chairing the sale.

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## 4th of July Parade

We are beginning to plan for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We are in need of a trailer / pick up truck for the float. If you know of anyone who can provide this, please let us know asap. Representation of our school in the parade is a great advertisement to the community of our Parish and School.

## Members Needed

We are beginning to think about next year. Able to be a board member??? Please contact us and let us know. The more help we receive, the more we can do, and the better our school will be©.



## Year to Date Earnings

Below is our projected earnings information through March 31, 2019 compared to March 31, 2018. Again, thank you for your support!

### Financial Notes

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 were our Meat Raffle, Craft Fair, and Easter Candy sale. Thank you for your support of these events.

<b>Projected:</b>	<b>2018 - YTD</b>	<b>2019 - YTD</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
Candy Bars	\$ 14,490	\$ 6,379	\$ (8,112)
Merry Moose	\$ 969	\$ 674	\$ (296)
Kids Stuff Books/Coffee Pie Sale	\$ 1,323	\$ 1,291	\$ (32)
Book Fair	\$ 1,382	\$ (2)	\$ (1,384)
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 1,827	\$ 95	\$ (1,732)
Craft Fair	\$ 80	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,042
Pepsi	\$ (243)	\$ 65	\$ 308
Easter Candy	\$ 8,244	\$ 3,335	\$ (4,909)
Meat Raffle	\$ -	\$ 6,627	\$ 6,627
Penny Fair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Teacher Appreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Teacher Start Up	\$ (3,750)	\$ (1,950)	\$ 1,800
Annual Gift	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School Picnic	\$ -	\$ (105)	\$ (105)
Mixed Bag / Flower Sale	\$ -	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,504 *
All Other	\$ (284)	\$ (1,314)	\$ (1,030)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,039</b>	<b>\$ 17,720</b>	<b>\$ (6,318)</b>

\* Do Not Have Flower Invoice Yet

	<b>2017 - YTD</b>	<b>2018 - YTD</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
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)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,453</b>	<b>\$ 1,635</b>	<b>\$ (9,818)</b>



**A PAW IN NEED IS A FRIEND  
INDEED!**

## **CAUSE FOR PAWS COLLECTION**

**Collection of items needed for the  
Buffalo Animal Shelter**

**We accept items including but not  
limited to:**

**Towels, blankets, small beds,  
leashes and collars, etc.**

**We will not accept dried food.**

**Start: Monday, April 8**

**Finish: Friday, May 3**

**Sponsored by NJHS**

## **Easter Bunny Brunch**

Saturday, April 20 - 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. - Parish Center - Registration is limited. Call (716) 683-6445.

### **Holy Week Services:**

#### **Palm Sunday Masses**

Saturday, April 13 - 4:30 & 7 p.m. (Church)

Sunday, April 14 - 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 noon (Church)

#### **Tenebrae Service**

Tuesday, April 16 - 7:45 p.m. (Church)

#### **Holy Thursday - April 18**

Community Morning Prayer - 9 a.m. (Chapel)

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 p.m. (Church)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 to 11 p.m. (Chapel)

#### **Good Friday - Passion of the Lord - April 19**

Community Morning Prayer - 9 a.m. (Chapel)

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 3 p.m. (Church)

Stations of the Cross - 7 p.m. (Parish Center)

#### **Holy Saturday - April 20**

Community Morning Prayer - 9 a.m. (Chapel)

Blessing of Easter Baskets - 12 noon (Church)

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter - 8 p.m. (Church)

#### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - April 21**

Sunrise Mass - 6:30 a.m. (Westwood Park)

Masses - 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 noon (Church)