

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody had a chance to witness our 8th grade performing the Stations of the Cross last week. They did a wonderful job of portraying what Jesus went through as he walked through the Stations.

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Chia-vetta’s Chicken BBQ this past Wednesday. It was a huge success thanks to all of your efforts. I am also happy to announce that due to your generosity, several meals were donated to the Buffalo City Mission! Way to go SME!

Please take some time during our week off to enjoy time with friends and family and to reflect on the true meaning of the Easter Season. Christ's death and resurrection offers us hope of how the good will of God will overcome evil, of how truth will prevail, of how love will triumph over sin, and offer us the blessed hope of eternal life.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Almighty Father,

I thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead and redeemed human-kind. Fill us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful disciples and enthusiastic witnesses of our Catholic faith.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4/18 - 4/26 - No School, Easter Recess
- 4/29 - School Resumes, Sports Team Photos, \$1.00 Dress Down: Best Buds Day
- 5/1-5/2 - NYS Testing: Math Gr 4 & 8
- 5/2 - \$1 Dress Down Day, Favorite Holiday
- 5/3 - 8th Grade Hope Ribbon Mass, 8:30
- 5/6 - 1:00 Dismissal, STREAM Walk-a-Thon
- 5/10 - Christian Witness Mass 8:30, Penny Fair
- 5/13 - Progress Report Upload (Gr. 1-8)

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 4/9/19 to 4/15/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$189.13.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
April Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$424.70	\$9,202.72

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: 497
Tickets Remaining: 153
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, 171 of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!!



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. This collection runs through Friday, May 3rd.

Thank you in advance for your support!



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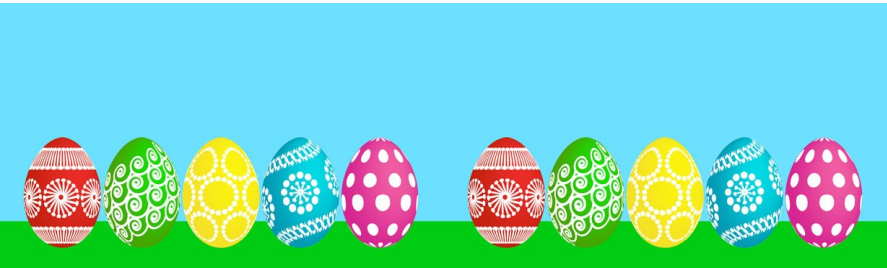
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HSA

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

PICTURE INFO

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.

May 2nd - Favorite Holiday! With 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 your 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!

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!

For a limited time some of your favorite brands are offering low denomination physical gift cards, perfect for teacher appreciation and grad parties! Cards available while supplies last.

\$5 cards: Barnes & Noble, Blimpie, Cold Stone, Panera, Starbucks, and Taco Bell

\$10 cards: Amazon, Applebee's, CVS, Olive Garden, The Home Depot, IHOP, Meijer, Outback, Red Lobster, Regal, Safeway, Target, and Walmart

The SCRIP office is open
Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8-10

If you have extra SCRIP envelopes at home, feel free to send them into school. We're happy to reuse them!

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

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are on a roll! As of April 14th we have sold **497** tickets! There are just **153** 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.

After Easter recess we will also begin selling tickets to win a \$250 St. Mary's Elementary school tuition voucher. More details to follow!

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!

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 megaffle@smeschool.com.

PENNY FAIR

The Penny Fair *SME's longest standing tradition* will be here before we know it! Our students will enjoy a gym full of carnival style games & activities for just \$0.25 a game! ('Quarter Fair' just doesn't have the same ring to its name!) Children will have the opportunity to play games for prizes, and even flowers or a cake just in time for Mother's Day!

Volunteers ensure a smooth day for all! Opportunities include setting up the fair on Thursday evening & during the day on Friday. There will be a flyer coming home next NewsNote but if you know you can help please feel free to email Mrs. Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com and we will pass along your info.

We are also in need of cakes for our Cake Walk (think musical chairs, but you win cake instead)! Donations of cakes & baked goods can be dropped off Thursday evening or by 8:00 am Friday.

Thank you in advance for your support and especially to Mrs. Khoury who will be chairing the event this year!

7TH GRADE FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to those who participated in our Jelly Bean Guess & Sucker Sale! With your help the 7th grade class was able to raise \$42.50.

Congratulations to Derrick in 4th grade who had the closest guess of jelly beans!
Guess: 1,023, Actual 1,402



We invite everyone to participate in our final **\$1 Dress down day** on Thursday, May 2nd where you can dress in your favorite holiday attire! (ex. Christmas, Halloween etc.)

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.



Our annual STREAM flower fundraiser begins today! The sale will run 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.



8TH GRADE INFORMATION

Thank you to all that supported the 8th grade in their Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Fundraiser!



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!

STAY IN THE KNOW



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Save the Date: 4/18-4/26 - Easter Recess

Save the Date: 8th Gr. Hope Ribbon Mass

Save the Date: 5/6 - STREAM Walk-a-thon, 1:00 Dismissal

Save the Date: 5/8 - STREAM Flower Sale pick up, 2:30-6:00, in the Gym.

Save the Date: 5/10 - Christian Witness Mass, Penny Fair

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MAY 2019

Child 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
Alternate Lunches Available Daily B - Julienne Salad w/WG Muffin C - Yogurt Parfait w/WG Muffin & Granola D - Sunbutter & Jelly on WG Bread E - Deli Turkey Sandwich on WG Bread F - Deli Ham Sandwich on WG Bread		1 Mac-n-Cheese Mixed Veggies Tomato Soup & Fruit	2 Sloppy Joes Roasted Potatoes Broccoli & Fruit	3 Cheese Calzone Romaine Salad Carrots & Fruit
6 Taco Pizza Refried Beans Carrot Sticks & Fruit	7 Chicken Caesar WG Breadstick Tomato Soup & Fruit	8 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans & Fruit	9 Chicken Stir Fry Brown Rice Cauliflower & Fruit	10 Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad & Fruit
13 Hot Dog on a Bun Oven Fries Carrot Sticks & Fruit	14 Pancakes Egg Patty, Hash Brown Veggie Juice & Fruit	15 Cheese Calzone Romaine Salad Corn & Sidekicks	16 Chicken Patty on a Bun w/ Lettuce, Tomato Baked Beans, Peas & Fruit	17 Cheese Pizza Mixed Veggies Cucumber Salad & Fruit
20 Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Potatoes Green Beans & Fruit	21 Nachos Supreme Fiesta Corn Carrots & Fruit	22 Baked Pasta w/Meatballs Romaine Salad & Fruit	23 BBQ Chicken Coleslaw, Baked Beans & Sidekicks	NO SCHOOL
A Healthy Lunch starts with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable and/or Fruit • Lean Protein & Whole Grains • Milk Choose at least 3!	28 Breakfast Pizza Seasoned Potatoes Carrots & Juice	29 Chicken Souvlaki Salad w/Pita Cucumbers & Fruit	30 Homemade Cheeseburgers Oven Fries Coleslaw & Fruit	31 Cheese Calzone Romaine Salad Mixed Veggies & Fruit

Menu subject to change.

<i>Lunches</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Lunches</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Lunches</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Lunches</i>	<i>Cost</i>
1	\$2.75	11	\$30.25	21	\$57.75	31	\$85.25
2	\$5.50	12	\$33.00	22	\$60.50	32	\$88.00
3	\$8.25	13	\$35.75	23	\$63.25	33	\$90.75
4	\$11.00	14	\$38.50	24	\$66.00	34	\$93.50
5	\$13.75	15	\$41.25	25	\$68.75	35	\$96.25
6	\$16.50	16	\$44.00	26	\$71.50	36	\$99.00
7	\$19.25	17	\$46.75	27	\$74.25	37	\$101.75
8	\$22.00	18	\$49.50	28	\$77.00	38	\$104.50
9	\$24.75	19	\$52.25	29	\$79.75	39	\$107.25
10	\$27.50	20	\$55.00	30	\$82.50	40	\$110.00

All lunches include milk.

Girl Scout Information Night

Wednesday, May 1st • Elks Lodge

33 Legion Pkwy, Lancaster NY

Answer all questions so you are be prepared this fall:

5:30-6:00 PM- Already registered scouts looking to renew, switch troops or start new troop

6:00—8:00 PM– Pre-K girls and older

Open house style, activities for girls, meet new leaders, learn about camp this summer

**Cost of membership is \$25
and financial aid is available**

