

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Well, it looks like Spring may actually be trying to arrive. Spring is always a busy time at SME. We have many exciting events coming up. Our first event will be this Friday, May 3rd. Our 8th graders will be receiving their ribbons at our Hope Ribbon Mass. We are all excited for them!

In the upcoming weeks, we will have the Penny Fair, Diocesan Track Meet, May Crowning and before we know it, the 8th graders will be going on their class trip. Please watch the calendar for the days and times of these events. As always, if you have any questions regarding an event, do not hesitate to call the school.

Our classes for next year are filling up. If you have not re-registered yet, please be sure to get your registration packet in.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

SPRING UNIFORM POLICY

Effective today, uniform shorts are now an acceptable uniform option. Please remember that shorts need to be knee length and must be worn with a belt.

Please refer to page 24 of the Parent/Student Handbook for a refresher of appropriate attire.

SUMMER CAMP

The registration form & flyer are coming home one last time today for our Pre-k through Grade 1 summer camp.

Please return these forms by 5/3 so that we may formalize a schedule.

Registrants will receive more information on the schedule of the camp ASAP.

If you have any questions about the camp please contact Mrs. Farina at farina@smeschool.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 9:30-12:30
- 5/15 - Progress Report Upload (Gr. 1-8)
- 5/17 - May Crowning Mass, 8:30
- 5/24-5/27 - No School, Memorial Day Weekend

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 4/16/19 to 4/29/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$201.18.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
April Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$632.00	\$9,410.02

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

Candy Bar Sale

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: **529**

Tickets Remaining: **121**
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, **179** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!!

PENNY FAIR

The Penny Fair *SME's longest standing tradition* will be here before we know it! Next Friday, May 10th, 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. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents are needed to help run the games. The number of games available to play will depend on the volunteer count. Please see the flyers coming home today regarding help that is needed as well as information about the fair.

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!

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.

Our collection ends Friday, May 3rd.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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

PARENTS MEETING

As per an email sent by Mrs. Kwitowski on April 17th, all are invited to the next Parents only Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, 5/7 from 6:00 – 7:30 in the gym.



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DRESS DOWN FOR A CAUSE

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).



STREAM

Our STREAM Walk-a-Thon which will be held on Monday, May 6th. 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.

Following the walk, all pledge forms will be returned for pledge collections which are due by May 23rd.

All pledge money will be utilized to further grow the STREAM supplies & academy kits as well as funding STREAM field trips & transportation.

Our annual STREAM flower fundraiser ended today. Flower pick-up will take place on Wednesday, May 8th from 2:30 - 6:00 pm in the gym.

We thank you for your continued support of our STREAM Program!

MAY CROWNING MASS

On Friday, May 17th we will celebrate our May Crowning Mass. For this mass we invite our First Communicants to dress in their Communion attire. The students will have the opportunity to change into their uniform following mass. The Bishop will also be joining in our celebration.

We hope that you will join us for this special mass.



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 28th we have sold **529** tickets! There are just **121** 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.

Information about buying tickets to win a \$250 St. Mary's Elementary school tuition voucher for the 2019-2020 school year will be available soon!

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.

TEAMWORK
makes the dream work...

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!

We wish our 8th graders well as they celebrate their Hope Ribbon Mass this Friday.

The blue and white Hope Ribbons are a sign to all future graduates' dedication and hard work. They symbolize "Our Hope for the future..." and a sign and symbol of celebration.

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 5/3 - 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 8:30, Penny Fair 9:30-

Save the Date: 5/24-5/27 - No School, Memorial Day weekend

St. Mary's Elementary School
Home School Association

Dear Parents & Guardians,

It's here - Friday May 10th is the Penny Fair. We have roughly 14 booths and a redemption center stocked with plenty of prizes! The games are all \$0.25. Please make sure that any money sent with your child is clearly labeled with their name (ziploc bag/coin pouch etc...). There will be *many* excited children watching the games being played and money can easily be misplaced.

Thursday, May 9th - 5:00pm

At this time workers will set up their booths in the gym. Please bring with you: scissors, tape, markers. We ask that **NO CHILDREN** attend during set up.

Friday, May 10th - 8:00 - 9:30am

All workers are asked to be in the gym for last minute preparations for a fun filled day with the children!

Cake Bakers

Please drop your cakes off in the gym. Tables will be set up on the stage for your convenience. Cakes may be dropped off Thursday evening during set up or Friday morning by 8:30. Please be sure your goodies are prepared in/on covered disposable pans/trays. 8" round & square cakes fit into gallon size ziploc bags :)

The following is the schedule for the day:

Please note that our Pre-K friends are welcome to visit the fair anytime with a parent / Grandparent / Guardian!

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd	9:30 - 10:15
3rd, 4th, 5th	10:15 - 11:00
6th, 7th, 8th	11:15 - 12:30

Clean up begins immediately after the fair.

The younger children enjoy having someone go around with them, so feel free to come and enjoy the Penny Fair with them! Please remember that this a day for SME students and is not open to the public.


See you at the Fair!

Your 2018-2019 HSA Team

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Penny Fair 2019

Hello Parents/Guardians,

SME's  Fair is coming up quick on May 10, 2019 and we are still in need of Volunteers!

This is St. Mary's Elementary longest running event and we are only able to continue this wonderful tradition with your help!!!

If you are interested in helping out in anyway, please contact Kristen Khoury immediately at: Kkhoury321@gmail.com / text (716) 541-8598 or, by returning the bottom slip.

Sincerely,

SME's HSA Team

Penny Fair 2019

- Yes - I am interested in continuing the tradition as part of the chairman team!
- Yes - I am available to help on Penny Fair Day!
- Yes - I am able to help set up on Thursday, May 9th

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Texting: Yes / No

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Donations Needed for Penny Fair Cake Walk

Event Date: 5/10/2019

We need baked good donations for the Penny Fair Cake Walk

Cakes, Cookies, Brownies– All is Welcome



Don't Like to Bake???

Kids Love Hostess Cupcakes, Twinkies and Rice Krispie Treats As
Well!!



** The Cake Walk is a Penny Fair tradition at SME and one of the kids favorites.
Its success depends on the donations received. Please send in as many as
possible. Items can be brought to school by 8am on 5/10/19 or dropped off in the
gym on the evening of 5/9/19.



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



St. Mary's Elementary
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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 8th, 2019 - August 8nd. 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

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

VK

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 22nd, 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 8th - August 8th, at the cost of \$30 a day, (which is due by May, 22nd). 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- _____

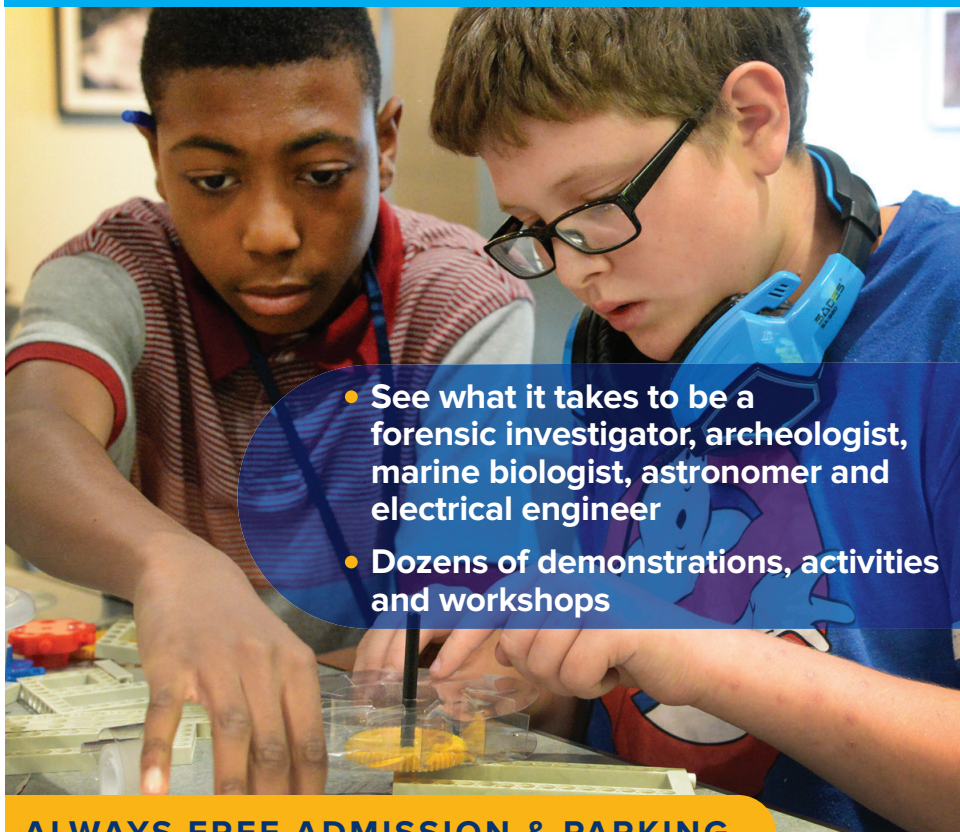
(Registration Form and Payment Received- Date and Time)

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