

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This past Friday we celebrated our Hope Ribbon Mass for the 8th graders. It was a beautiful mass and ceremony. Congratulations to our 8th graders as they enter into the final phase of their last year here at SME.

This Friday we will honor our Christian Witness' for the month of April. Please feel free to join us at the school mass in the morning. This Friday is also Penny Fair.

Thank you to all of our families who continue to help to make SME great!

If you have not sent in your registration packets, please send them in to ensure yourself a spot for the upcoming school year.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



PENNY FAIR

The Penny Fair, *SME's longest standing tradition*, is Friday! 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!

If you have found yourself with spare time on Friday, we would love extra sets of hands! Please contact Kristen Khoury at kkhoury321@gmail.com or by call/text at (716)541-8598.

Cakes/Treats for our Cake Walk (think musical chairs, but you win cake instead) can be dropped off Thursday evening from 5-8pm or by 8:30 am Friday.

The schedule which was included in your blue folder last week is attached electronically this week.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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
- **5/29** - NYS Science Performance Testing Gr. 4 & 8
- **5/30** - Ascension Thursday Mass, 8:30 in the Church
- **6/3** - **1:00 Dismissal**, Dress Down Day, NYS Science Written Testing Gr. 4 & 8

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 4/30/19 to 5/6/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$98.95.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
May Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$94.75	\$9,508.97

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: **543**

Tickets Remaining: **107**
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, **190** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!!

7TH GRADE POETRY SLAM

On Tuesday, April 16th the 7th grade class hosted their own poetry slam! Students were split into three committees (ambiance, promotion, and judges/MC) to help run the event. They also wrote their very own "slam" poem on a specific theme. During the slam, each student/group performed their poem live and had a team of judges (and middle school teachers) score the poem out of a 1-10 scale. The room also voted for the most creative, most rhythmic, and most humorous poem. Everyone did a tremendous job performing their poem and the poems themselves were phenomenal! The live performances are available on Mrs. Wojnar's website.

Winners:

Highest Scored: "Why School?" by: Isabella D. and Kalei P.

Most Humorous and Best Rhythm (courtesy of Austin J.'s amazing beat-boxing skills): "Fortnite Friday" by: Griffin S., David D., Colin and Cameron C.

Most Voted: "Women are our Next Generation" by: Lucia C. and Olivia M.

Most Creative and Most Emotional: "Colors" by: Reese M.



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STREAM FLOWER SALE - PICK UP

Thank you to everyone who participated in our STREAM Flower Sale!



We ask that you stop by today between 2:30 & 6:00 to pick up your flower orders.

"A garden really lives only insofar as it is an expression of faith, the embodiment of a hope and a song of praise."
- Russell Page, *The Education of a Gardener*, 1962

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

SPRING UNIFORM POLICY

Effective 5/1, 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.



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LIVING..."

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.

BOOK SWAP

The book swap is back! Next Wednesday, May 15th, students in grades K-5 are able to exchange books for tickets which can be redeemed for new books on Thursday.

Please see the flyer coming home today with a refresher on the program and guidelines on the reading level requirements.



ATHLETIC UPDATE

SME's Track and Field Team had an amazing start to their season! They competed on Saturday at St. Francis High School.

Taking home ribbons in the Bubble Gum Relay were: Mia S., Amelia V., Ryan B., Madison L., Molly W. and Andrew B.

First Place ribbons were awarded to:

14U 300 relay:
Luke W., Andrew W., David A., Evan G.
Boys 800m relay:
Luke W., Andrew W., Ryan B., Evan G.
Ryan B.- 9U sprint Ariella M.- 10U sprint
Evan S.- 12U sprint Evan S.- mile
Kalei P.- 12U sprint Luke W.- 13U sprint
Evan G.- 14U sprint Molly K.- softball throw
David A.- running long jump 15U
Andrew W.- running long jump 13U

Second place ribbons were awarded to:

10U 300m relay:
Allie V., DeLaney K., Sydney W., & Ariella M.
Girls 800m relay:
Elena S., Anna B., Ariella M., Kalei P.

Anna B.- running long jump
Allie V.- 10U sprint Elena S.- 11U sprint

Third Place ribbons were awarded to:

14U 300 relay-
Molly K., Emily H., Anna B., Kalei P.
Molly W.- standing long jump
Sydney W.- 9U sprint
Allie V.- mile David A.- mile

Fourth Place ribbons were awarded to:

DeLaney K.- 8U sprint Andrew B.- 9U sprint
Emily H.- 13U sprint Molly K.- mile

Each week a team member is selected to receive the "Pineapple Award". This award goes to an athlete who is honorable, respectful and kind-hearted. For the first four weeks of the track season, the winners of this award were: David D., Tyler L., Molly K. and Anna B.



Their next meet will be tomorrow at Orchard Park High School.

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are on a roll! As of May 6th we have sold 543 tickets! There are just 107 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.

We are seeking volunteers to work the evening of the event.

Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4BA5A728ABFA7-service> to sign up!

If at any time you have any questions/concerns please contact me garaffle@smeschool.com.

STREAM

Thank you to all of our students who participated in our STREAM Walk-a-Thon this past Monday. The weather was just perfect for a walk around the grounds. Forms are coming home to any student/family who needs to collect any pledges that they received. We ask that the forms be returned 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.

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!*



NED'S KINDNESS ADVENTURE

Ned's Kindness Adventure is coming to SME!

On Wednesday, May 22 students will attend a performance which will inspire your child to be kind-hearted and caring through storytelling, music and an interactive video of Ned's trip to Kenya.

Through this presentation we are also hosting a Kindness Sale. With each purchase, you help *keep kindness going!* Did you know that a small portion from each item sold provides over 100 gallons of clean water for kids in Kenya? The sale of these items also provides income for artisans in Kenya. There is a flyer coming home next week with all the info!

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 April, we expected to reach \$12,000 in Scrip profit earned, which leaves us at a current deficit of \$2,585.78. 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.

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

We're happy to reuse any extra scrip envelopes you may have!

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!



STAY IN THE KNOW



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

Save the Date: 6/3 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day

Save the Date: 6/7 - Last Christian Witness Mass of the school year

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

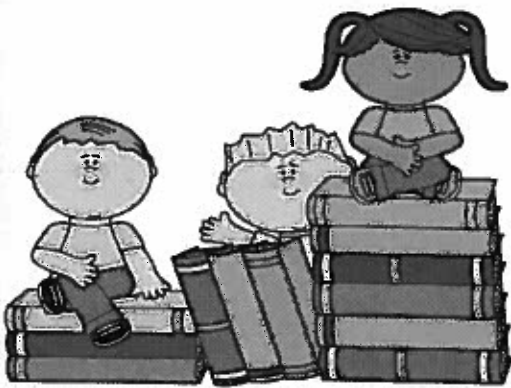
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The Book Swap

The book swap is back! A few times throughout the year, Mrs. Wojcik and Mrs. Gasiiecki will host a book swap. Students can bring gently used books from home they are finished with to "swap" for new books. We hope to encourage reading at home, without costing families any money!

How it works:

- This will be a two day process. Day 1: students bring in their books and get a ticket for each book they turn in. Day 2: students exchange each ticket for one book.



Books must be grade level appropriate!

K-1: books with pictures & simple words

2-5: at least one book must be a grade appropriate chapter book

- Notifications of the dates will be posted in the newsletter.
- Grades 2+ will have to show responsibility by keeping track of their tickets. We will track grades K and 1.
- Students may "swap" up to 3 books. Books need to be "like new" condition, but not brand new. Books with torn or missing pages will not be accepted.
- We kindly ask parents not to come to help your children pick out books, as we want them to make their own choices (we will monitor this, of course ☺).

Our book swap will start on Wednesday, May 15th.

We hope you will encourage your students to participate!

If you have any questions, please email us at: wojcikk@smeschool.com or gasiieckih@smeschool.com

Mrs. Wojcik & Mrs. Gasiiecki

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