ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This past Friday was our annual Penny Fair. The students had a lot of fun and took home many cakes and Mother's Day flowers. Thank you to all of our parents who helped out to make the event such a success for our students. As always, we could not do it without your help!

We are looking forward to having you join us on May 17th at 8:30 am for our May Crowning Mass.

This time of year is a busy one, so I wanted to send out a little reminder that if you have not re-registered yet, please send in your forms and fees as soon as possible. We feel truly blessed that you have chosen SME for your child's education and we hope that you continue their educational journey with us!

God's Peace and Love, Mrs. Kwitowski



BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 5/7/19 to 5/13/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$177.25.

Monthly Scrip	Monthly Scrip						
Sales Goal	Profit Goal						
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00						
May	Year						
Profit-to-Date	Profit-to-Date						
\$312.31	\$9,723.53						
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

MAY CROWNING

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.



4th of July Parade

We are thinking of warm weather and have already begun to plan for the 4th of July parade! We are in need of a trailer for this years parade float. If you are able to help, please contact either

our HSA team at hsa@smeschool.com or Mrs. Forys at loriforys@yahoo.com. A flyer is coming home today with more information. Thank you!

Mega Raffle

We are just four weeks away from our Mega Raffle Event and have less than 100 tickets remaining!!

As of May 13th we have sold 559 tickets!

There are just **91** 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 is coming home today - check it out!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/15 Progress Report Upload (Gr. 1-8)
- 5/16 \$1 Dress Down for Toys for Tots
- 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
- 6/5 Spring Concert 9:00am
- 6/6 Pre-K 3 last day
- 6/7 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30; Pre-K 4 Graduation, 10am; Mega Raffle, 6pm

Congratulations to Mrs. Pierce & her husband on the birth of a beautiful and healthy baby boy on Monday 5/13/19!



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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: 559 Tickets Remaining: 91 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, 200 of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families thank you for your support!!

	MEGA KAFFLE	
We are seeking volunteers to v Please visit https://ww	HSA	
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HSA	Spring Uniform Policy	ATHLETICS
Did you know that the online store from our Mixed Bag sale is open for the	Effective 5/1, uniform shorts are now an acceptable uniform option. Please	SCRIP
remainder of the school year? Order	remember that shorts need to be knee	MS DANCE
online and we will receive a 40% profit! They have a great clearance section too!	length and must be worn with a belt.	NED SHOW
Simply visit:	Please refer to page 24 of the Parent/ Student Handbook for a refresher of	8th Gr. Info
mixedbagdesigns.com/ st-marys-elementary-school	appropriate attire.	STAY IN THE KNOW



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SUMMER CAMP

Registration for SME's Pre-K to Grade 1 summer camp is still open! Forms are due by May 22nd.

Please note that payment for camp is not needed until the final schedule is complete.

> Get your forms in today to reserve your spot! An electronic version is available with the NewsNote today.

STREAM

Thank you to all of our students who participated in our STREAM Walk-a-Thon. Forms went home last week 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 is utilized to further grow the STREAM supplies & academy kits as well as funding STREAM field trips & transportation.

Nurse Notes

News from the Nurse

May 12-18, 2019 we commemorate Food Allergy Awareness week. There are roughly 32 million Americans who have a diagnosed food allergy and this number is on the rise. This specific week is used to increase awareness of this serious public health issue.

The Different Ways that People Eat

There are almost as many ways that people eat food as there are people in the world! Because every person is one-of-a kind, our bodies sometimes need special things to keep us healthy.

• Some people eat a certain way because of their religion.

• Some people eat a certain way because of their beliefs.

· Some people eat a certain way because of their ethnic traditions.

• Some people eat a certain way because of where they grew up.

· Some people must avoid certain foods because they are allergic and certain foods can make them very sick.

SCRIP

Thankfully, there are millions of different foods available, so we can take care of ourselves by eating only foods that keep us healthy and happy! So the next time that you see someone with different foods on their plate, remember that what you eat is only part of who you are. It's okay to be different! (Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) foodallergy.org)

Thank you for your continued support and understanding of our food allergy policy at SME. Safety is our main goal and we want all students to feel and know they are in a safe setting along with their friends.

Mrs. Parker RN, BSN



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 Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8-10 am

We are looking for additional volunteers to sell weekday mornings during the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in learning more please contact the scrip team at scrip@smeschool.com.

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

June Calendar Review

JUNE 2019								
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3 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day, NYS Science Written Test,

- Gr. 4 & 8
- Spring Concert, 9am in the Gym
- Pre-K 3 Last Day
- Christian Witness Mass 8:30, Pre-K 4 Graduation 10:00am Mega Raffle 6pm
- 10 Kindergarten Graduation, 10:30, MP3: Upload (Gr. K)
- 10-12 Pre-K Screenings
- 11-12 Kindergarten Screenings

ATHLETICS

This weather sure has put a damper on our spring sports - pun intended! Please feel free to email Mrs. Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com with sport photos to include in our NewsNote.

This week you will find a flyer regarding the fall swim team. A big thank you to Mr & Mrs Fulciniti who coached the team the past few years and now to Mr. DeMarzio who is taking it over!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

Student Council will host its last middle school dance of the year this Friday, May 17 from 7:00 to 9:00.

The theme is:



Tickets are \$5 each and food and drinks will be available to purchase. We hope to see you there!

14 1:00 Dismissal, Last School Mass 8:30, School Picnic 17-18 No SCHOOL, Recording Days 19 Awards Assembly, 9:15, 10:45 Dismissal, 8th Grade Graduation, 7pm in the Church, Reception to follow in PC 19 MP3: Report Card Upload (Gr. 1-8)

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!

STAY IN THE KNOW 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!





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

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

Save the Date: 6/5 - 9:00 Spring Concert, Grades K-8

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

Save the Date: 6/16 - \$1 Dress Down Sponsored by Student Council Supporting Toys for Tots

St. Mary's Elementary School

Home School Association Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE:

June 14, 2019

School Picnic



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

Dear Parents/Students,

It is hard to believe that we are closing out the year already. This year has gone by so fast. We thank you for vour continued support of HSA. We are looking for new ideas/ members/ and thoughts, so, if you have any ideas or can help us out, please contact us. See more details HSA regarding responsibilities below. Also, we are inputting changes into next year's plan. Please look forward to those⁽²⁾. Again, thank you for your support.

Our past month has been

appreciation, Penny Fair, and the School Book Fair. We provided our teachers, with the help of SET, а teacher appreciation stipend. In addition, we provided a luncheon for them and had a different daily theme of a snack and candy. It was a success, as was the Penny Fair and Book Fair. Thank you to Bernie Bookmiller and Kristen Khoury for chairing Penny Fair and the Book Fair. We couldn't have done it without you!

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At this point, we are gearing up for the school picnic. As you know, the more help we receive, the more we can do. Anv assistance is helpful, even if you have an hour to share. So let's make this the best picnic ever! Let us know if you can We are also in help. need of a donation of watermelon and snacks for the children. If you know of anyone who would be able to donate. please let us know asap!

Kristie May and Barb Kalinowski

What does HSA do?

As we begin to plan for next year, we realize even more, we need more help. HSA is responsible for many activities and with only two people it makes our workload more demanding.

Here is a list by month of the activities that we complete or assist with during the year: August – Welcome Back Teacher Luncheon and Kindergarten/Pre-K Orientation September – Room Parent Tea and Spring Book Fair October – Halloween Party, Pancake Breakfast November – Meat Raffle and Craft Fair December – St. Nick's Day Coordination, Merry Moose, Breakfast w/ Santa January/February – Ice Cream Social, Distinguished Grad Luncheon, Assisting at Orientation March – St. Joseph's Table, Pancake Breakfast, Meat Raffle May – Teacher Appreciation, Penny Fair, Pancake Breakfast June – School Picnic and Pre-K/Kindergarden Graduation

We are looking to put changes into place next year and would appreciate any feedback we can get. Have an hour, we can use it. Have an idea, we can use those too. Able to be a board member??? The more help we receive, the more we can do, and the better our school will be[©]. Thank you.

Year to Date Earnings

Below is our projected earnings information through April 30, 2019.

Again, thank you for your support!

		Aug		Sep	1	Oct		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	YTD
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Candy Bars		\$ (4,52	4) \$	\$ (1,655)	\$	1,497	\$	1,772	\$ (725)	\$ 2,811	\$ 2,207	\$ 5,169	\$ 1,270	\$ 7,820
Merry Moose							\$	(500)	\$ 1,174					\$ 674
Coffee/Pie					\$	3,986	\$	(2,736)	\$ 40					\$ 1,291
Book Fair					\$	1,981	\$	(1,983)					\$ 29	\$ 26
Pancake Breakfast							\$	(44)	\$ 139					\$ 95
Craft Fair												\$ 524	\$ 15	\$ 539
Pepsi			-	5 196							\$ 237	\$ (369)	\$ 78	\$ 143
Easter Candy												\$ 3,335		\$ 3,335
Meat Raffle							\$	3,264				\$ (6,095)	\$ 9,458	\$ 6,627
Penny Fair														\$ -
Teacher Appreciation													\$ (5,650)	\$ (5,650)
Teacher Start Up					\$	(1,950)								\$ (1,950)
Annual Gift														\$ -
School Picnic												\$ (105)	\$ (500)	\$ (605)
Mixed Bag / Flower Sa	ale			1									\$ 1,284	\$ 1,284
All Other	1	\$ 35	0	5 (48)	\$	(180)	\$	(555)	\$ (176)	\$ (498)	\$ (51)	\$ (156)		\$ (1,314)
Total		\$ (4,17	4) \$	\$ (1,507)	\$	5,334	\$	(782)	\$ 452	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,393	\$ 2,303	\$ 5,984	\$ 12,315
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Through 4/30/19	201	L8 - YTD	201	.9 - YTD	VA	RIANCE
Candy Bars	\$	14,728	\$	7,820	\$	(6,908)
Merry Moose	\$	969	\$	674	\$	(296)
Kids Stuff Books/Coffee Pie Sale	\$	1,323	\$	1,291	\$	(32)
Book Fair	\$	1,132	\$	26	\$	(1,106)
Pancake Breakfast	\$	2,290	\$	95	\$	(2,194)
Craft Fair	\$	80	\$	539	\$	459
Pepsi	\$	(51)	\$	143	\$	193
Easter Candy	\$	6,792	\$	3,335	\$	(3,457)
Meat Raffle	\$	(350)	\$	6,627	\$	6,977
Penny Fair	\$	(523)	\$	-	\$	523
Teacher Appreciation	\$		\$	(5,650)	\$	(5,650)
Teacher Start Up	\$	(3,750)	\$	(1,950)	\$	1,800
Annual Gift	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
School Picnic	\$	-	\$	(605)	\$	(605)
Mixed Bag / Flower Sale	\$		\$	1,284	\$	1,284
All Other	\$	(279)	\$	(1,314)	\$	(1,035)
Total	\$	22,362	\$	12,315	\$	(10,047)

Financial Notes

At this point last year, we had \$10,047 more in profit. \$5,000 if this variance is due to the teacher appreciation checks as we wrote the check in May last year and this year the check was written in April. The other major contributor to the loss is the candy bar sale where we made \$6,900 more last year.

4th of July Parade

We are beginning to plan for the 4th 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.

A flyer is coming home today with more parade information.

SET for the Future

The mission of St. Mary's Elementary School is to provide excellence in Catholic education and to foster in members of the school community, the ability to be visible examples of the Gospel, especially by being of service to others.

SET is constantly looking for ways to improve our school. But to do this, we need your feedback. Every family is a valued stakeholder at our school. Your ideas are important to us and we want to know what you're thinking.

Thank you again for your interest and continued support of SET. We appreciate your active involvement in our school and look forward to hearing from you.



School Effectiveness Team

SET

Since 1998, St. Mary's Elementary teachers, administration, and parents have been participating in school-based planning and shared decision-making.



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School Effectiveness Team

SET to go Effecting Change



St. Mary's Elementary School



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School Effectiveness Team



What is SET?

Established in 1998, SET works to gather information in order to identify strengths, and areas of improvement

regarding the 12 characteristics of an effective school. SET acts as an avenue of communication for suggestions, ideas, and concerns raised by parents, faculty, staff, and students. SET members skillfully blend diverse experiences and viewpoints into wise, effective decisions for St. Mary's Elementary School.

Characteristics of an Effective School

- 1. Has a clearly defined Catholic identity.
- 2. Maintains a positive school climate.
- 3. Has an established planning process.
- 4. Has clearly defined academic goals.
- 5. Has clearly defined curricula.
- 6. Has an established system of monitoring student progress.
- 7. Maintains teacher/staff effectiveness.
- 8. Allows for parent and community involvement.
- 9. Has strong and competent administrative leadership.
- 10. Allows for student responsibility and participation.
- 11. Provides rewards and incentives.
- 12. Maintains order and discipline.

Who is on SET?

SET is a team of parents, administrators, and faculty that meets once each month for the students of their school. The purpose of SET is to improve student life and learning. This group operates under the philosophy that our school is working toward continual improvement in all areas.

What topics can SET discuss?

Topics that are educational in nature, academics, programming, procedures and operations of the school, and overall well-being and climate of students, staff, and school are appropriate for SET. Some items that are not appropriate topics include confidential matters of personnel or students and items that are out of the control of the school.

Anyone can bring forth an issue for SET to discuss. If you have a concern that you would like to bring forward to SET, complete the issue form provided.

Research supports a strong partnership between home and school. Not only is it good practice, but it is the right thing for our students. We all want to work to make St. Mary's Elementary School the best school it can be for our students. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you for your support.

St. Mary's Elementary School SET ISSUE FORM

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And the winner is... Would you like to win a \$250 St. Mary's Elementary school tuition voucher for the 2019-2020 school year?

Tickets are on sale now for **\$5** each!

They are available in the school office (7:30-3:30), and at select school functions. You may also complete and send in the tear off below with your payment.

Thank you for supporting the 2019 Mega Raffle event, a major fundraiser for St. Mary's!

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Family Name:		
Phone #:	Email:	
Number of tickets desired:	at \$5.00 each for a total of \$	

Please Join Us For An End of Year Celebration Dance Sponsored by Student Council



Grades 6,7,8 are invited!

When: Friday, May 17th, 2019 Where: St. Mary's Elementary Gym Time: 7:00 - 9:00 Tickets: \$5 Taco in a bag: \$3 Drinks & Snacks: \$1

> 2 St. Mary's Hill Lancaster, NY Any questions please feel free to ask at... (716)-683-2112 x221



2019 / 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

St Mary's Elementary School will be participating in the Neumann Catholic Swim League (NCSL). We look forward to another year of participating in the program.

Below you will find some basic information regarding the program. Should you have any additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call, text or email the contact(s) below.

PLEASE NOTE – THIS IS <u>NOT</u> A "LEARN-TO-SWIM" PROGRAM

SIGN UP: June 2019
GRADES: K-8 (CO-ED) and all swimmers must be able to swim at least 25 yards non-stop
SEASON: Early September – end of November
PRACTICES: Monday / Wednesday / Friday at the William Street School Times to be determined
SWIM MEETS: Every Sunday / Locations vary and are scheduled by the NCSL
FEES: Fees cover the costs for lifeguards, pool rentals, rewards, etc Prices are not yet posted
EQUIPMENT NEEDED: Suit, cap & goggles (more information to follow)

** Knowledge of competitive strokes are not required ** ** Child must have confidence in the water and ability to swim the distance **

If your child is interested in swim club next year, please contact me using the information below. Your child will be put on the roster and you will be contacted in JUNE when the official registration process begins. In addition, I look forward to your volunteer efforts and support throughout the upcoming swim season as this is not possible without all of the support from our amazing families!

Thank you for your interest in our swim program!

Steve DeMarzio Sdemarzio1@roadrunner.com 716-536-4150

hey families!

NED's Kindness Adventure assembly is visiting our school! The performance will inspire your child to be **kind-hearted and caring** through storytelling, music and an interactive video of NED's trip to Kenya.

NED'S KINDNESS

adventure

show date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 sale dates/time: May 23rd - May 30th sale Location: Cypterin



DID YOU KNOW? Our school gets the assembly for free because we're hosting a Kindness Sale. With each purchase, you help *keep kindness going* in three ways:

- I Gives your child a kindness reminder
- **2** Sends the Kindness Adventure to other schools for free
- **B** Provides income for artisans in Kenya
- A small portion from each item sold provides over 100 gallons of **clean water for kids in Kenya.** See what's happening at KindnessAdventure.com/giving.html

hand-crafted items available for 5 school days

Check desired items and send payment to school with your child. Or, visit together at the time/location above. *Make checks payable to our school*.





Items vary in availability and style due to changing supply from our artisans - see more at KindnessAdventure.com

4th of July Parade – 2019

Want to Show Off Our Great School??? Want to be seen by the Community??

Available on the 4th of July???



We need you! HSA is currently recruiting SME Families to be in the 4th of July parade in the Village of Lancaster this year. We will supply everything – we just need YOU! This is a great opportunity for us to show off our school pride and make our school seen in the community.

Please send back this form if you would be willing to help us!

My family would be willing to participate in the parade.									
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_ We have a trailer that can be used in the parade.