# ST. MARY'S Elementary School

# NEWSNOTE

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Wow, I can hardly believe that the end of the year is upon us! The time has gone by so fast. In the past week alone, we have celebrated the graduations of our Pre-K 4 students and our Kindergarteners. These were both beautiful graduations and I was so proud to be a part of them.

We now look forward to the graduation of our 8th graders on June 19th.

Thank you to everybody who supported our Mega Raffle. As a school we rely on these fundraisers, so your continued support is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to our next big fundraiser, the golf tournament on 7/22/19. I know that the committee is still in need of volunteers, so if you are able to help out, please let us know.

Also, this Friday, June 14th is our school picnic. It looks to be a fun filled day! It is also a 1:00 dismissal.

Parents, thank you for all that you have done this school year and all that you continue to do. Thank you for putting the education of your child(ren) in our hands.

Please remember that if you are planning on re-registering to send in your forms and fees as soon as possible.

God's Peace and Love, Mrs. Kwitowski

# HSA - SCHOOL PICNIC

Our school picnic is Friday! If you find yourself with some spare time this Friday, we would love to have some extra hands! With our eye on the forecast, we are ready to make a last minute change to push the fun indoors.

If your child(ren) would like a sun butter & jelly or grilled cheese sandwich instead of a hot dog, all requests must be emailed to our HSA team no later than tomorrow.

## hsa@smeschool.com

Thank you in advance for your support of our school & students!

#### Picnic Class colors

Kindergarten - Red
2nd Grade - Yellow
4th Grade - Blue
6th Grade - Black
8th Grade - 8th Grade T-Shirt

1st Grade - Orange
3rd Grade - Green
5th Grade - Purple
7th Grade - Tie Dye

8th Grade students received a permission slip that **MUST** be signed by a parent/guardian and **returned** by **6/12** to be in the dunk tank. Mrs. Kwitowski will have the final say on whether a student is able to participate in the dunk tank.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 6/14 1:00 Dismissal, Last School Mass, School Picnic
- 6/17 –6/18- No School, Recording Days
- 6/19 Awards Assembly
  9:15, Early Dismissal
  10:45, 8th Grade Graduation
  7pm
- 6/24 Summer Office Hours Begin, 8:00-Noon (M-Th.)
- 8/19 Regular Business hours Resume (7:30-3:30)
- 8/28 Kindergarten & New Family (1-8) Orientation, 9:30-11:30am
- 9/3 1st Day of School Gr. K-8
- **9/9** 1st Day of School Pre-K 3 & 4 (5 Day Program)
- 9/10 1st Day of School Pre-K3 (2 Day Program)

# BY THE NUMBERS

#### **SCRIP**

From May 28 to June 10th the SCRIP rebate profit earned for the school was \$411.38.

Monthly Scrip
Sales Goal
\$30,000.00

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Profit-to-Date
\$337.36

Monthly Scrip
Profit Goal
\$1,500.00

Year
Profit-to-Date
\$10,416.99

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.

Orders can be placed with Amanda Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com)

#### Candy Left in stock: 61 Boxes Profit to collect: \$3072

We will finish our year with a slip & slide and glow party for eligible students tomorrow! A permission slip went home on Tuesday, again only to those students who reached that prize level. Students who reached the movie day prize level received their reward on Monday.

If you have any questions please contact our candy bar sale team

Rob & Jackie Brodziak at candybarsale@smeschool.com.

# MEGA RAFFLE

This past Friday we held our  $4^{th}$  Annual Mega Raffle event and the turnout was amazing! We sold out on Monday, June  $3^{rd}$  and we had roughly 300 people in attendance!

All prize winners have been contacted and the winning ticket numbers are posted below:

The 4 - \$150 prizes went to tickets #398, #98, #501 and #192

The 2 - \$250 prizes went to tickets #606 and #147

The 2 - \$500 prizes went to tickets **#336** and **#504** 

The \$1,000 prize went to ticket #220 and The \$25,000 GRAND PRIZE went to ticket #521!!

Thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets, especially those who went above and beyond by selling 10 or more tickets: 3 families sold 5 tickets, 2 families sold 6 tickets, 3 families sold 7 tickets, 1 family sold 8 tickets, 2 families sold 10 tickets, 1 family sold 12 tickets, and 1 family sold 39 tickets!

As you are all aware - the Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. Thank you again for all of your continued support! If you are interested in joining our committee for next year, please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at megaraffle@smeschool.com.

Please see the collage attached electronically with some photos of the night!



#### 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. Just a reminder to please do any Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com. The next major shopping holiday is Father's Day, on June 16. St. Mary of the Assumption is part of the AmazonSmile program and will receive a donation from them for purchases made.

# amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

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#### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

"...VISIBLE EXAMPLES OF GOSPEL LIVING...

#### PARISH PASSAGE

St. Mary's is offering Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion Training.

Friday June 21, 2019

9:00 AM to Noon OR Saturday June 22, 2019

9:00 AM to Noon

If you find yourself called to this ministry, please attend one of two training sessions beginning in Room 140 of the School Building then moving to the Church.



# ATHLETICS - TRACK & FIELD

SME Track & Field wrapped up their season with a very busy week.

The team took second at their meet at Orchard Park High School on May 30.

They placed 4th out of eight schools at the Championship Meet on June 1 at the Canisius High School track.

Twenty SME students were top finishers at the Championship Meet and qualified to attend the All-Sita Meet on June 4, where top finishing qualifiers from 15 schools competed for All-SITA Medals.

Congrats to all of the track and field members on a great season! The team would especially like to thank Coach Morrella, Coach Kuhn, Coach O'Grady, Manager Mrs. Kuhn, Coach Jones, and Coach Brown!

Please see the attached flyer with more information on where our students placed at each meet!



#### RECYCLING

NEW! Effective today you will notice that the paper recycling bin closest to the church will be allocated for the collection of cardboard only! All other bins will be for paper only.

Did you know that the paper recycling is an ongoing fundraiser for our school & parish?! It couldn't be easier to drop off your old papers & now cardboard on your way by!

Please do not include plastic bags with your dona-



# **ATHLETICS**

#### **SPRING BANQUET**

Just a reminder that the Spring Banquet will be held on Monday June 17th at 6:30pm at our own Parish Pavilion. There is still time to return your banquet RSVP to the front office attn: Dan Johnson.

#### **FALL SPORTS SIGN-UPS**

Fall sports sign ups have begun! All week long your student athlete will be able to pick up a sign up sheet in the Nurses office. We offer the following sports: - Boys Baseball - Girls Volleyball Swimming - Coed Cross Country Divisions and age groups are specified on each sign up sheet so please take a look. We would appreciate those sign up sheets back to school before the end of June. Please make sure to submit any updated physicals for summer appointments. Copies of that health appraisal can be mailed/emailed/faxed throughout the summer months.

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 22nd Chestnut Hill Country Club 1330 Broadway, Darien Center

The golf committee is looking for new members! Anyone interested is invited to the rescheduled meeting on June 12th @ 5:30. The meeting will be held at SME.

Additional 'super' raffle prize tickets are available in the school office.

Contact Amanda Kuhn to request more!

## **SCRIP**

We fell short of our monthly and yearly goals this past school year. If each family were able to purchase just \$200 in gift cards per month, the SCRIP program would be a HUGE success!

From September through June, we expected to reach \$15,000 in Scrip profit earned, which leaves us at a current deficit of \$4,583.01.

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!

The final order day of the school year was Monday 6/10. The SCRIP office will remain open on 6/14 & 6/19 from 8-10am. Summer hours will begin on 6/24. We are finalizing the details for the summer hours and will have it publicized

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

We are looking for additional volunteers to sell weekday mornings from 8-10am during the 19-20 school year. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Scrip team at scrip@smeschool.com.



#### Nurse Notes

June is National Safety Month. I know we all can't wait to get outside and play all sum- with wheels-bike, scooter, skateboard mer long, but please remember to do so safely.

- Drink lots of water to keep hydrated Wear sunscreen (at least SPF 15) and a hat when outside.
- Use insect repellent to protect against tick and mosquito bites.
- Be safe on playgrounds.
- Don't swim alone-always have an adult present.

- Always wear a helmet when riding anything

Thank you all for a wonderful year! Have a fun and safe summer! Mrs. Parker RN, BSN



# 8TH GRADE INFORMATION



# STAY IN THE KNOW



**Save the Date**: 6/14 - 9:30-12:30 School Picnic, 1:00 Dismissal

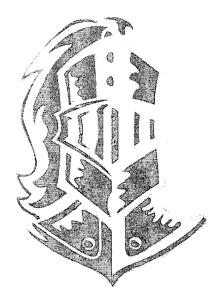
Save the Date: No School - 6/17 -6/18, Recording Days

Save the Date: 6/19 - 9:15 Awards Assembly, 10:45 Early Dismissal, 7:00 8th Grade Graduation

**Save the Date**: 8/28, Kindergarten & New Family Orientation 9:30-11:30

**Save the Date**: 9/3 - 1st Day of School

Grades K-8!



# **Spring Sports Banquet**

Monday, June 17th 2019 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish Pavillion (weather permitting) or Parish Center (in the event of rain)







# Teams, kindly assist in bringing the following:

- 1st & 2nd Grade Soccer Salads/Side Dishes (hot & cold)
- 3rd & 4th Grade Soccer Desserts
- 5th & 6th Grade Soccer Cases of water
- Girl's Softball Cut up Fruit
- Co-ed Track 2 liters of pop, Iced Tea or Juice

\*\*Team photos were previously taken in school following Easter Break

Please return the bottom of this form, along with \$10 per family, to office.

Attention: Dan Johnson - Banquet (by 6/10/2019).

Funds will go towards awards and pizza for the banquet.

\*\*We will be hosting the banquet at the Parish Pavilion and we will be using the parking lot closest to the church to set up games and food. PLEASE use the parking spots closest to the school and behind the church. In case of bad weather, we can find shelter in the PC.

# **Spring Sports Banquet**

Monday, June 17, 2019 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Family Name:	
Player Name(s):	
Number Attending:	

# Co-Ed Swim Team Sign-Up Fall 2019 Grades K-8th

Swim Team will begin in September and continue through the end of November. If you can swim about 15 yards (across the pool) without stopping, we'd love to have you join the team. Knowledge of the competitive strokes is not required -- your confidence in the water & ability to swim the distance will be enough. However, this is not a learn-to-swim program. The swim meet schedule will be set by the league. Practices begin when school starts and are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at William Street School. Swim Meets are on **SUNDAYS**.

\*All students must have a current physical on file in the nurse's office before they can practice or swim by September 1st.

Please return this completed form, <u>along with \$75 League fee/swimmer, \$100 for 2</u> <u>swimmers, and \$120 for 3 or more swimmers</u> (fees cover lifeguards, pool rental, etc.). Please make checks payable to: St. Mary's Elementary School, to the SME office, Attn: *Dan Johnson.* Checks will not be cashed until a team has been established.

Competition swim suits will be purchased through BSN. More information to come soon.

# Registration form & payment are due Friday, June 21st, 2019. If interested in coaching, please fill out the following information: Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number:\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in coaching: (please circle one) I am current with my VIRTUS training and bulletins. Yes or No I am CPR/First aid certified. Yes or No Co-Ed Swim Team 2019 Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_ DOB:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ HEALTH CLEARANCE: Nurse Approval \_\_\_\_\_\_ Last Physical: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-Ed Swim 2019 (grades K-8th)



# PRESCHOOL MULTIPLES DISCOUNT

I am very happy to announce that starting in the 2019-2020 school year we will now be offering a discount to families with 2 or more children in the PreK program here at SME. We have traditionally offered a discount to our K-8 families and wanted to be able to offer the same to our PreK families.

Additionally, we are now able to offer a discount to those families who have children in **both** our Pre-K & K-8 Programs!

The discount will be reflected in your Pre-K tuition rate.

The discounts will apply to both our 3 year old and 4 year old programs.

5 day Pre-K, 2 or more students in Pre-K - Gr. 8: 20% discount 2 or 3 day Pre-K, 2 or more students in Pre-K - Gr. 8: 15% discount

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 683-2112!

Thank you for entrusting the education of your child(ren) to us here at SME!!

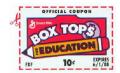
Mrs. Kwitowski

#### **Changes in the Box Tops for Education Program**

If you are unfamiliar with the Box Tops for Education program, it is a program through which schools can earn money by submitting evidence that eligible products have been purchased. Historically, the required evidence of purchase was a physical box top located on the top of the product package. The purchaser clipped the box top, sent it to the school's coordinator, and the coordinator took over from there. These "clippable" box tops, however, are being phased out in favor of a digital submission process. Some products have already made this transition, with the rest of the eligible products doing so over the next year or so.

#### What you can do NOW to help earn money for SME:

 Many products still have clippable box tops (look for scissors around the border and an expiration date). Continue to clip these, and send in to school with your child, or mail them to the coordinators at the address below.



 Some products have transitioned to new box tops that instruct you to scan your receipt. You can submit these using the Box Tops Bonus app. After downloading the app, search for SME, create an account, and you will see a list of all the products that are part of the box tops program. Select the product(s) you purchased, and scan your receipt. You are also welcome to mail your receipts to the coordinators after circling or highlighting eligible purchases, and we can take care of the scanning;



o **Double-dipping** – we can "double-dip" on products that still have clippable box tops. The box top can be clipped, sent to the coordinators, and submitted in the traditional way. But the box top can also be submitted digitally via the app, doubling the earnings for SME!

however, this must be done fairly quickly as the submission must be made within 14 days of purchase.

#### What to keep an eye out for in the FUTURE:

 A new app is being developed that will be easier to use. Rather than first selecting the products you purchased and then scanning your receipt, you will be able to simply scan your receipt, and eligible products will be automatically identified. When available, updating the Box Tops Bonus app described above will automatically transition you to the newer, more sophisticated app.

#### Coupons:

 Visit <u>www.boxtops4education.com/coupons</u> to find printable and digital coupons to make it more affordable to purchase products that participate in the box tops program.

Thanks for helping earn money for SME by participating in the box tops program. Please contact us with any questions. Additional flyers directly from the Box Tops program contain more information.

**Box Tops for Education Coordinators** Jon and Melissa Lopez 34 Rollingwood Dr., Lancaster, NY 14086 jlopez0721@gmail.com; call/text 716-868-4964



Dear Families,

Big changes are coming to the Box Tops for Education Program, and you're the first to know!

Over the summer, you'll begin to see some participating brands change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.









Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team is hard at work building a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app that will be ready this summer.

The new app will feature state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

# WHEN THE NEW APP LAUNCHES, BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD IT OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:





As we mentioned above, some brands have already started to update their packaging in advance. Until the new app launches, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, you can use the current Box Tops Bonus App to earn Box Tops for that product. Simply download the app, select the bonus offer for the product you've purchased and scan your receipt to earn.

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, be sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, once the new app launches, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping the traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!





# AN EASY WAY TO EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Look for the pink Box Top on hundreds of participating products. Each is worth 10¢ for your school!



**BUY** your favorite Box Tops products.



**CUT** out the Box Top from each package.



**SEND** your Box Tops to school with your child.



YOUR SCHOOL GETS CASH for every Box Top collected to help buy the things it needs most. All those Box Tops really add up!

Go online to www.btfe.com/products for a complete list of participating box tops products.

#### May 30 Meet Ribbon Winners:

Bubble gum relay: Amelia, Mia S., Andrew B., Isabella B., Christian B.,

First Place Girls 10U relay- Sophia, Allie, Ariella, Olivia 1st place Girls 12 U relay- Elena, Isabella D., Mae, Kalei

1st place sprinters: Olivia, Sophia, Ryan, Mae, Kalei, Evan 1st place throws- Molly K., Miranda, Tyler

1st place jumps- Amelia, Anna, Andrew W., Austin 2nd place throws: Liam, Cameron;

2nd place jumps: Colin, David A.

2nd place sprinters: Mia, Kaylyn,

2nd place mile- Evan S., 2nd place co-ed 800 relay: David, Isabella D., Andrew W., Ariella 2nd place have 14th relay take From C. David A. Ravid B.

2nd place boys 800 relay- Austin, Evan G., Luke, Tyler 2nd place boys 14U relay- Luke, Evan G. David A, David D.

3rd place sprinters: Sydney, Allie, Isabella, Luke, Evan G. 3rd place throws: Marissa

3rd place jumps: Mia S. 3rd place boys 14 U relay- Colin, Cameron, Tyler, Andrew

3rd place Girls 10U relay- Ava, Molly W., Madison, Sydney 3rd place girls 14 U relay- Miranda, Kaylyn, Anna, Emily

3rd place mile- Allie V., 3rd place girls 800 relay: Kaylyn, Anna, Lucia, Elena

4th place mile- Kaylyn
4th place jumps- Molly W.
4th place sprints: Ava, Christian B., Chris B., Kaylyn
5th place sprint- Emily

#### **Championship Ribbon Winners:**

Tyler L.- 1st Place Medalist Softball Throw, 2nd place 300 relay, 2nd place 800 relay; Evan S.- 1st Place Medalist Sprint, 3rd place mile, 3rd place relay; Elena S.- 2nd place sprint, 2nd place relay, 5th place 800 relay; Miranda L.- 2nd place softball throw; Molly K.- 3rd place softball throw; Kalei P.- 3rd place sprint, 2nd place relay, 5th place 800 relay; Isabella D.- 2nd place relay, 5th place 800 relay; Anna B.- 5th place jumps, 5th place 800 relay; David A.- 2nd place relay, Olivia D.- 3rd place sprint, 3rd place relay; Sydney- 6th place sprint; Ryan B.- 4th place sprint, 3rd place relay; Ariella M.- 2nd place sprint, 3rd place relay, 5th place co-ed relay; Allie V.- 3rd place relay, 5th place sprint; Luke W.- 4th place sprint, 2nd place 300 relay, 2nd place 800 relay; Evan G.- 4th place sprint, 2nd place 300 relay, 2nd place 800 relay; Amelia V.- 3rd place jumps; Austin J.- 2nd place 800 relay, 4th place jumps; Andrew W.- 4th place jumps, 5th place co-ed relay; David D.- 5th place jumps, 5th place co-ed relay, Marissa S.- 5th place softball throw; Lucia C.- 2nd place relay, 5th place softball throw, 5th place 800 relay; Liam D.- 6th place softball throw

#### **All-SITA Meet Ribbon Winners:**

**Tyler L.- 1st Place Medalist Softball Throw**, 4th place 800 relay, 6th place 300 relay; Molly K.- 2nd place softball throw; Evan S.- 3rd place sprints, 5th place mile, 5th place relay; Elena S.- 3rd place sprints, 4th place relay; Olivia D.- 6th place sprint, 4th place relay; Miranda L.- 4th place softball throw; Sophia D.- 5th place sprints, 4th place relay; Allie V.- 4th place relay; Amelia V.- 4th place jumps; Ryan B.- 4th place sprints, 5th place relay; Ariella M.- 4th place sprints, 4th place relay; Kalei P.- 4th place sprints, 4th place relay; Isabella D.- 4th place relay; Lucia C.- 4th place relay; Luke W.- 4th place 800 relay, 6th place sprints, 6th place relay; Evan G.- 4th place 800 relay, 6th place sprints, 6th place relay; Colin C.- 5th place relay; David A.- 6th place relay









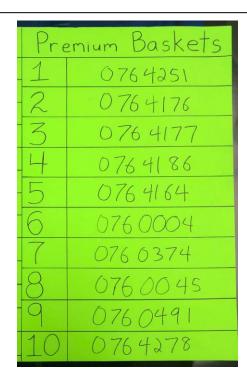


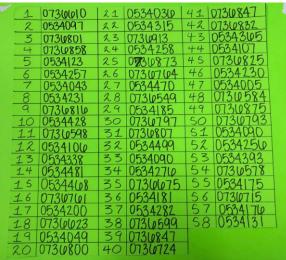




A MEGA Thank You to all that supported our Fundraiser!

See you next year!













Signed Jim Kelly Jersey	\$250 SME Tuition Voucher
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