

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!
In remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr., there will be no school on Monday, 1/20. Enjoy the long weekend!

During the last week of January, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been celebrated in the United States. Our Catholic Schools Week committee is working diligently planning several fun activities for the week.

We have some exciting information to share! This year our summer program will run the entire summer and will be open M-F, full days. More information will be forthcoming.

God’s Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From Dec. 17 - Jan. 6*, the SCRIP rebate profit earned for the school was \$493.31.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00

January Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$136.89	\$6,744.92

*Updated info coming next week.
Questions can be directed to scrip@smeschool.com at any time.

CANDY BAR SALE:

Super custom blend boxes available by request & product availability. Contact Amanda Kuhn to find out more!


SHOPAROO:

Do you Roo? We have 24 supporters with plenty of space for more but are up to 26,920 points & 73 entries in the sweepstakes to earn bonus points!

BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION:

With your clipping we earned a rebate check in the amount of \$474.70. Thank you! Don’t forget, the program has been revamped. Download the BoxTops app & start earning today! For more info please visit: boxtops4education.com.

SMES GOT TALENT

 **LAST CALL!!**

This is your last chance to get in your applications to participate in the talent show.

Who's got talent??
You’ve got talent & it’s time to show it off!

Some talent showcase ideas are:

Singing	Juggling	Magic	Comedy
Instrumental	Gymnastics	Poetry Reading	

Solo acts, group performances; if you can do it, we want to see it!

Act demonstrations: During school hours on 1/22 & 1/23
Mandatory Practices: 3/4 & 3/10, 2:30-4:30
Mandatory Dress Rehearsal: 3/17, 2:30-5:00
Dinner/Show Date: Thursday, March 19th, 5:30


An electronic version of the flyer is going out one last time today. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kuhn.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/20 - **No School**, MLK Jr. Day
- 1/21 - Pre-K - K Seussical Open House, 5-6:30
- 1/27 - 2/1 - Catholic Schools Week
- 1/31 - Christian Witness Mass, Distinguished Graduate Mass, 8:30
- 2/1 - Catholic Schools Week Mass, 4:30 in the Church
- 2/3 - **1:00 Dismissal**, Dress Down Day
- 2/4 - New Family Open house 6-7:30
- 2/5 - Spring Photo Day (Pre-K 3 - Gr 8), Pre-K 4 Graduation Photos, PR2 Upload
- 2/6 - 8th Gr Grad Photos
- 2/7 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD



Last call to nominate an alumni! Nomination forms are due this Friday, January 17th.

Are you a Graduate of St. Mary’s Elementary School or do you know one?
Did you know that each year we honor one of our former graduates at the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week at the end of January?


Please let us know about the accomplishments of an outstanding SME alum by nominating him/her for the 2020 St. Mary’s Distinguished Graduate Award.

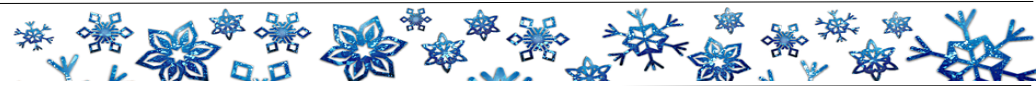
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020

Each year we look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week here at SME.

Fun activities & field trips are planned throughout the week and we conclude with Mass @ 4:30 with special help from our students. After mass we’ll head back to SME for the spirit games and an ice cream social sponsored by our HSA team!


Keep your eye on backpacks for permission slips & the NewsNote for more information!





OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED

Do you love SME? Well... **Spread the word!**



Pre-K & Kindergarten: Seussical Adventure Open House
Next Tuesday, January 21st 5-6:30

We are hosting a Seussical Adventure Open House for our current and any potential NEW families to our Pre-K &/or Kindergarten program. Parents will learn about the solid foundation SME offers while children experience hands-on Seussical activities!

Pre-K - 8th Grade: Open House
Tuesday, February 4th 6-7:30

Potential NEW Students & Families will have an opportunity to see our school & all we have to offer!

Don’t worry Moms & Dads!

We are hosting an Open House & Parent Night for our current SME families on Tuesday, April 7th so save the date! During this event we will be showcasing what we’ve been doing with an Art Show, STREAM Showcase, Book Fair & International Night. You won’t want to miss it!

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP

When we work together on the \$1,500.00 monthly goal, it is less than a \$200 purchase in gift cards per family, per month, through the Scrip program. Since Scrip cards can be purchased for Tops Gasoline, Tops groceries, Amazon, Tim Hortons, paying your Kohl's bill, etc I am sure we can all find easy ways to help with this goal. Each week we will update what we have sold towards the monthly goal of \$30,000 in Scrip sales. There is a locked box outside the Athletics office so that you can drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you! There is also one in the back of the church.

We thank you for your support in making the Scrip program a success for our school, our Parish and for our children! Please contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

All sales will be in the Rectory on Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays from 9:00-4:00. As usual, if you send your order into school with your child, your order will be sent home as soon as it has been filled. There will no longer be Scrip selling hours in the school on Mondays and Fridays from 8:00-9:00. Feel free to reach out with any questions: scrip@smeschool.com.

BISON FUND

Beginning January 1, 2020 parents can visit the Bison Fund website @ www.bisonfund.com to complete a scholarship pre-application for the 2020-21 school year. **The pre-application form is only for families NEW to BISON.** Current families will receive an e-mail with a link to complete the requalification process in February 2020.

The pre-application deadline is February 28, 2020. All pre-applications will be entered into a lottery drawing in early March. If families are drawn in the lottery, they will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to proceed with the application. We will also notify families that are not selected and place them on the waiting list.

Please note, the scholarship amounts vary depending on the family's income, household size, and the school's tuition cost. The maximum award will remain at \$2100 per family for the 2020-21 school year. Families will be expected to contribute partial tuition towards their child's education.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the BISON Fund office at 716-854-0869.



SNOW CLOSINGS

Should a closing occur due to the weather it will be announced on all local tv news stations.

We are a part of the Lancaster Central School District. As such, when they close for the day, we close. HOWEVER should Lancaster decide to cancel afterschool/evening activities this does not automatically include our school. Please keep watch for an update from us. We will always submit our closing/cancelling independently. Please make sure you are paying attention to the high school vs. elementary school in that scroll/list.

Safety of our students, and families, is always at the forefront of our decision making. When bad weather hits, our eyes stay on the forecast and we make a plan. Our goal is to notify you as soon as we are able to with any changes or concerns.

SPRING & GRADUATION PHOTOS

Spring Photos - Wednesday, February 5th.

Spring photos are optional. Only students who will be having a photo taken should attend school in 'photo attire'. All other students are expected to be in full uniform.

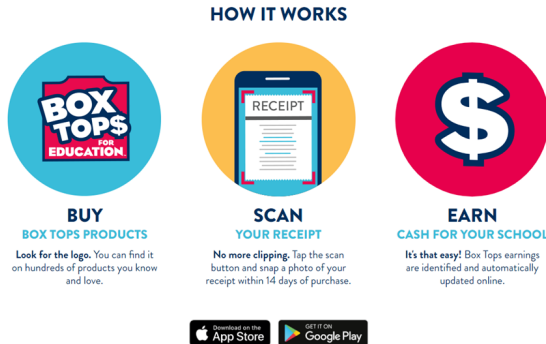
Pre-K 4 Graduation Photos - Wednesday, February 5th

Each Pre-K 4 student will be photographed in cap & gown, no special attire is requested, however if you would like your child to dress up please feel free.

8th Grade Graduation Photos - Thursday, February 6th

We ask that our 8th graders wear either a white polo or button down dress shirt & tie as part of their uniform that day. Graduation photos are not full length photos and as such, there will be no alteration to the dress code for the day (ie: dress up day).

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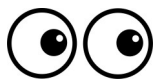
NURSE NOTES

Flu season is here. It is still not too late to get your flu shots-call your Pediatrician to make an appointment.

To stay healthy this cold and flu season remember to cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands, and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

If your child is not feeling well it is best to keep them home from school. Your child must be fever, diarrhea, and vomiting free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Mrs. Parker RN



PEEK INTO PRE-K

The letter **M** is
Magnificent!

Here are some of the cut-
est **M**ice you've ever seen.

These kids from
Mrs. Laid**M**an's class are
Mighty **M**ajestic too!



Pre-K is always accepting donations of bikes/trikes with rubber wheels for gym time. Donations can be brought in at drop off or pick up to the teachers or to the office anytime during the school day. Thank you!

Shoparoo

Have you downloaded the Shoparoo app yet? Shoparoo is a no cost, hassle free way to earn money for SME, just by snapping a picture of *any* store receipt! Each picture of your receipt can earn us points or entries into monthly sweepstakes for bonus points!

We are up to 24 supporters and 26,920 points!

How does it work? Keep snap-

ping pictures until the current fundraising year ends on 8/31/20. When we reach 25,000+ Roo Points those points are cashed out and a fundraising check is issued to the school.

Follow Shoparoo on Facebook & Twitter for contests and Roo Point giveaways!

If at any time you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

8TH GRADE INFO

Can/Bottle Drive: Donations can be dropped into the bins located in the foyer of the school anytime throughout the school year.

Graduation Photos: 8th Graders will have their graduation photos taken by Inter-state studio on Thursday, Feb. 6th. We ask that students wear a white polo that day with their uniform.



PARISH PASSAGE

You shop, Amazon gives!

When shopping through Amazon, please consider going to smile. Amazon.com and search for St. Mary's.

Be a superhero and purchase your SCRIP cards at the rectory and really hit the donation jackpot!

SUMMER PROGRAM

We have some exciting information to share... This year our summer program will run the entire summer and will be open M-F, full days! More information will be forthcoming.



PICTURES NEEDED

Hey Parents, Grandparents, even students! Do you have pictures from our sports games? If so we'd love to share them, maybe even get them into the yearbook!

If you have action shots of SME students playing any of our fall &/ or winter sports please email them to Mrs. Kierejewski at kierejewski@smeschool.com. Thank you!

STAY IN THE KNOW



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Save the Date: Tues. 1/21, Seussical Open House, 5-6:30

Save the Date: Mon 1/27 Catholic Schools Week Begins

Save the Date: Sat. 2/1 Catholic Schools Week Ends, Ice Cream Social, Spirit Games

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