

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody had a Merry Christmas and was able to take some time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. This Friday will be our Christian Witness Mass. The last week of January we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week.

The New Year is a time to celebrate past accomplishments and to look forward to future successes. I wish you a year full of blessings, good health and much success. Have a wonderful, and prosperous New Year!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



SMES GOT TALENT



Calling all students & staff!

Who's got talent??

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

A reminder that the applications to participate in this year's SMES Got Talent are due this Friday, January 10th.

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 that went home with our last NewsNote is being sent out today. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kuhn.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/10 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 1/15-1/16 - Book Swap
- 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

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From Dec. 17 - Jan. 6, the SCRIP rebate profit earned for the school was \$493.31. We have just over \$1000 to go to reach our monthly goal for January and with some extra planning we can easily achieve it!

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

Effective this week, all SCRIP sales will occur in the Rectory.

Orders that come in through your child will continue to be processed and sent home as usual.

CANDY BAR SALE:

Available Now... Milk Chocolate PRETZEL!! Available by the bar or the box!

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

SHOPAROO:

Do you Roo? We have 22 supporters with plenty of space for more but are up to 24,505 points & 30 entries in the sweepstakes to earn bonus points!

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD



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.

Contact the school office at 683-2112 for a nomination form before January 17th, 2020.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020

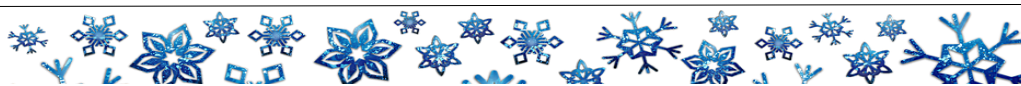
Each year we look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week here at SME.

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!



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.



OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED

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

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

We are hosting a Seussical Adventure Open House for 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! At this time 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.

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).



HSA

Only \$12! One size fits most, child to adult!
Contact Amanda Kuhn for yours!



SNOW CLOSINGS

January has arrived, and it is possible the snow will too!

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.



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!



HELP WANTED

The volunteer sign-up form will be live all year & will list all events where help is needed. Remember, many hands make light work, and so the more people that can help out, the more efficiently the events will run!

Type the following into your web address bar:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4BA5A728ABFA7-stmarys>

PEEK INTO PRE-K



Pre-K celebrated Three Kings Day with a play during religion class.

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 have 22 supporters and 24,505 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

Catholic High School Application:

On Friday, December 13th a copy of your child's first marking period report card was sent to their first and second (if applicable) choice catholic high school(s). This was only done for students who have submitted a copy of the signed confirmation of application which was sent via email to their parent/guardian.

If you are unsure as to whether this form has been submitted, please contact Amanda Kuhn.

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 they please plan to wear a white polo that day with their uniform.

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: Fri. 1/10, Christian Witness Mass 8:30

Save the Date: Mon. 1/20, No School MLK Jr. Day

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