

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody enjoyed the long weekend.

This Friday night is our Little Sweetheart Dance. If you have not sent in your RSVP yet, please send it in. I look forward to seeing all of you at the dance!!

Parents please remember that if you are going on vacation, teachers will not be able to send work with your child prior to them leaving. Even with the best planning, lessons need to be fluid and the timing of them can change. It is best for the teacher to put your child's work to the side for their return. This also enables them to discuss the lessons that were missed with your child. Thank you for your understanding. More information regarding this is in the Parent/Student Handbook.

I came across this "advice" that I would like to share. It is called "Advice from a Pumpkin"

Be well rounded
Get plenty of sunshine
Give thanks for life's bounty
Have a thick skin
Keep growing
Be outstanding in your field
Think Big!

- Ilan Shamir

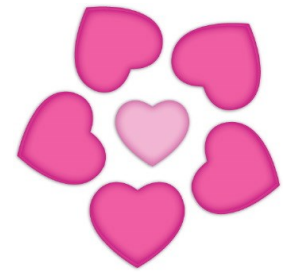
God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

MY LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE



We are looking forward to seeing all of our gals and their guys during the My Little Sweetheart Dance this Friday! The dance will run from 7-9:00 pm in the gym.

Moms, it is not too late if are interested/able to help during the event. If you are able to help please contact Sheila K. @kierejewskis@smeschool.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/18 - My Little Sweetheart Dance, 7-9pm
- 10/23 - Progress Report Upload
- 10/24 - School Picture Re-Take Day
- 10/25 - Marathon Pledge Money Due
- 10/26 - Family Fun Night 6-8 pm
- 11/1 - All Saints Day Mass, 8:30
- 11/4 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day
- 11/7 - RW&B Dress Down, \$1
- 11/8 - 10:45 Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-6pm
- 11/11 - No School, Veterans Day
- 11/14 - 5th Gr. Grandparents Mass

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From *October 1, 2019* to *October 7, 2019**, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was **\$275.31**. We are just **\$1,224.69** away from our goal this month!

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
October Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$275.31	\$1,088.88

*Updated scrip numbers have been delayed with the holiday weekend. Please check in next week. If you have any concerns, please contact scrip@smeschool.com

CANDY BAR SALE:

There was a slight delay in the shipment of Gertrude Hawk Chocolate but all backorders were filled and distributed last week.

The stock has been replenished so we have plenty to go out! Be the rock star in the neighborhood & help SME too by giving out big bars for Halloween!

Don't forget... You can earn a bonus dress down ticket for every two boxes of chocolate which are ordered & pre-paid through the end of the month! Tickets will be distributed in November.

SET COMMITTEE

SME's SET Committee is in need of one additional member.



School Effectiveness Team

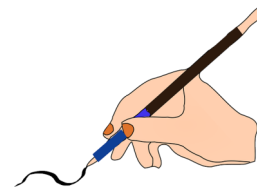
The SET Committee is a group of parents & teachers working together to establish a corrective action plan to any concerns/issues that are presented to them.

For more information, please see the flyer coming home in your folder today.



NOTES FROM HOME

Take the guess work out of your note, as the Note from Home pads have arrived! As outlined in your registration paperwork, your annual commitment fee covers the cost of one pad and is in your blue folder today! Refills are available for \$1.



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ATHLETICS

Our swim team & the Newman Catholic Swim League fundraiser are teaming up with Andersons Frozen Custard to help raise money for the entire NCSL.

How it works:

1. Visit ANY Anderson's location between 4-8pm on Mon. 10/21.
2. Give the cashier your voucher which you can get at the door/show it on your phone by visiting ncsl-buffalo.org
3. The SME swim team & NCSL will earn 20% of ALL food, dessert & beverage sales.

Discount books are also available for \$4 (containing over \$70 worth of coupons), email sdemarzio1@roadrunner.com for information!

We love to show off our student athletes! If you were able to capture a great photo while cheering on our teams feel free to send them to us! We will post on Facebook &/or the NewsNote as much as possible! Please send your photo to: secretary@smeschool.com, kierejewskis@smeschool.com & athletics@smeschool.com.

Cross Country Team:

Each week the kids are improving their finish times and are determined to do their best. The coaches couldn't be more proud!





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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



STEM NIGHT OPPORTUNITY

STEM Night with Mission Ignite, Girl Scouts, Mad Science of WNY

Where: Microsoft Store at Walden Galleria

When: Thursday, October 17th from 6-8pm

Register at aka.ms/stemnightbuffalo

Recommended ages - 8-14

*Please make sure that each attendee has their own registration. We will have various stations throughout the store, where students will complete a STEM related activity at each. Once attendees complete all the stations they will receive a swag bag!

Activity stations:

- STEAM trivia challenge and rube goldberg engineering marble drop contraptions by Mission Ignite
- Investigate the power of electricity and solve the riddle of conductivity while creating circuits, experience the pull of magnetism and catapult into Newton's three laws of motion and learn about structures and engineering before the days of Legos by Mad Science of WNY
- Learn how to string beads representing colors of morse code onto a bracelet by Girl Scouts
- Take a look at the inside of a computer, and learn about all the different parts by Microsoft
- Code Combat by Microsoft

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.

Due to popular demand, we will offering 2 Parish Gift Cards Sales again this year: Sunday, November 17th & Sunday, December 8th. Both events will be held in the Rectory from 8:00 - 2:00 each day. Coffee and Timbits will be available. A flyer will be going home as we get closer to the sales.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

CRAFT / VENDOR FAIR:

On Saturday, November 9th, our HSA Team will be hosting a Vendor Craft Fair & Spaghetti Dinner from 1-6:00pm.

Vendor Fair admission is \$2

Spaghetti Dinner Tickets are \$8 Presale / \$10 at the Door and will be available until sold out. Tickets are now available in the school office!

If you or someone you know is a crafter/vendor and would like an application, please contact our team at hsa@smeschool.com or Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:



It's not too late to RSVP for the Family Fun Night to be held on Saturday, 10/26.

If you've misplaced your form please contact

Amanda at secretary@smeschool.com for another copy.

MERRY MOOSE:

Thank you to those that have reached out regarding helping with Merry Moose this year.

Mrs. Jennifer Carroll is our current chairperson but she needs another set of hands (or two) to join her in coordinating this event.

We will also need many hands during the event to help the children shop & even to help wrap their items.

If you (or even a grandparent) is interested in helping in any way, please contact Amanda (secretary@smeschool.com) and your information will be passed along.

We thank you in advance for your assistance!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Parents - we need your help to make this event successful during our Family Fun Night!

If you wish to be apart of this growing trend please contact our HSA team at hsa@smeschool.com to register.

We look forward to seeing you there!



CAFETERIA



Our students will continue to go outside for lunch recess until the weather becomes too cool. Please be sure that your child is coming to school in weather appropriate attire to be able to participate.

EARLY DISMISSAL

A reminder to students residing in both Alden & Cheektowaga school districts:

Your district **does not** transport non-public school students on early release dates. Please be sure to make appropriate plans to have your child(ren) picked up at our early release times.

In the event you are unable to secure an early pick up (1:00 dismissal dates only), your child may stay in our after-school care program (free of charge) until regular dismissal time at which time the bus company will stop here. Please send in a note if you will need this option.

After school care does not run on 10:45 dismissal dates.

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!

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MARATHON

The weather didn't get us down, we turned up the tunes and rocked the halls of SME for our marathon this year!

Thank you to all who have already turned in their pledge money. As a reminder all pledges are due back by October 25th. All pledge money received will be utilized to continuously upgrade/update the technology here at SME.



SHOPAROO

We have begun a new fundraising option that needs no extra time commitment from you!

All you need to do is download the Shoparoo App and snap a pic of your cash register receipt from a variety of stores. The Shoparoo app is available in the apple store & google play.



For all the details visit shoparoo.com.

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

8TH GRADE INFO

High School Shadowing:

All coordinating of shadow dates at any of the local high schools will occur directly with the school(s) of your choice. Please take into consideration any tests that may have been scheduled with any of your child's teachers. Any missed homework will be the responsibility of the student to collect and complete upon return to SME. A note/email can be sent in ahead of time to advise of the absence.

Catholic High School Application:

As you register your child for a catholic high school, the final step is sending in a signed copy of the application confirmation email. Your signature allows us to forward a copy of your child's first semesters grades to their first & second choice schools.

STAY IN THE KNOW



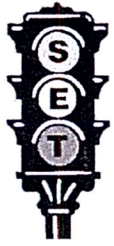
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Save the Date: Friday, 11/22 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am



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--- **ATTENTION PARENTS** ---

**St. Mary's Elementary School
2019-2020 Family Directory**

Each school year, the SME School Effectiveness Team (SET) publishes the Family Directory of all families who belong to St. Mary's Elementary School.

- ✓ Need to know the phone number of your child's teacher? *It's in there.*
- ✓ Looking for addresses of classmates to send party invitations? *They're in there.*
- ✓ Like to see your name in print? *You'll find it.*

The directory lists all the students sorted by grade, and includes their name, the names of their mother and father, address, phone number, and e-mail address. All of the information is taken directly from the school registration database. However, we understand that not everyone may want their personal information included in the directory. Please use this form to select what information you do NOT want included in the family directory.

NOTE: a non-response will be taken as you do not want to list any information and you will not be included in the directory.

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE BELOW
AND RETURN THIS FORM BY Friday, November 8, 2019.**

Family Name: _____

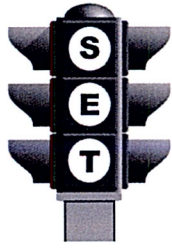
I agree to have our information in the directory. However, please do **NOT** include the following information in the 2019-2020 Family Directory:

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| → Address | → Phone Number | → E-mail Address |
| → Father's Name | → Mother's Name | |

OR

→ I **DO** agree to all of the information mentioned above

Parent Signature: _____



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St. Mary's Elementary School
SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS TEAM

Are you interested in being a member of a team that strives to improve the quality of education for all of St. Mary's Elementary Students? The SET Team of St. Mary's is currently looking for parent volunteer(s) who would help be the "parent voice" for your child's grade level within this group. We work closely with administration and teachers to strive for the best for our school. The SET committee meets monthly on the second Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 PM.

What exactly is the SET committee?

Established in 1998 in response to parental concerns; SET works to gather information in order to identify strengths, and areas of improvement regarding the twelve characteristics of an effective school. SET acts as an avenue of communication for suggestions, ideas, and concerns raised by parents, faculty, staff and students. School Effectiveness Team members skillfully blend diverse experiences and viewpoints into wise, effective decisions for St. Mary's Elementary School.

Thank you!

We are accepting one new member on a first come basis. **Please detach this form and return it to your child's teacher by November 8, 2019 if you are interested.**

I would be interested in participating as a member of the SET committee for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Contact #: _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s) and age(s): _____
