

NEWSNOTE

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 10 NOVEMBER 13, 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody enjoyed the long weekend. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is almost upon us. It is a good time of year to start reflecting on all of the blessings that are in our lives and to be thankful for the loved ones around us.

Congratulations to our National Junior Honor Society Inductees. We will have a ceremony to officially induct them into NJHS during this Friday's mass.

Thank you to everybody who attended our craft fair and spaghetti dinner this past Saturday.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



JOY TO THE WORLD!

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ALL STUDENTS IS GRADES Pre-K - 8 will be a part of this production! Students will be singing and acting with a backdrop of the manger including live animals, just as it was on that busy day in Bethlehem.

We are looking forward to presenting our annual Christmas production.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/14 - 5th Gr. Grandparents Mass
- 11/15 - NJHS Induction Mass, 8:30
- 11/22 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 11/27-29 - Thanksgiving Recess, No School
- 12/2 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day
- 12/6 - Christian Witness Mass 8:30, Merry Moose Shop, NO FAST CLUB
- 12/7 - X-Stream Games @ SJCI
- 12/9 - School Mass 8:30, Immaculate Conception
- 12/11 - K-8 Report Card Upload MP1
- 12/13 - Joy to the World, Living Nativity
- 12/20 - 10:45 Dismissal

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From November 5, 2019 to November 12, 2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was **\$200.43**. We have **\$1,093.83** to go to hit our monthly goal, and we are **\$2,490.08 below** our yearly goal.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
November Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$406.17	\$2,009.92

Please check out the flyer coming home today with more information on the gift card sale on 11/17!

CANDY BAR SALE:

There will be an exciting new addition to the Gertrude Hawk family with our next order, stay tuned!!

Christmas is coming. Who doesn't love a gift card? Trick them with the weight of a candy bar (or two) and help the school twice in one shot!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION:

Thank you to all that submitted BoxTops since the start of the school year. We just processed & earned \$104.90!

COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION

This Autumn, our 8th grade class is holding a Coats 4 Kids fundraiser. We are asking for gently used or new coats, mittens/gloves, boots, jackets, snow pants, hats, earmuffs, etc. for people who may not have these in the Buffalo area. There is a bin located at the front entrance for you to donate any of the items now through November 22nd. The 8th grade class sincerely appreciates every donation. Thank you!



DRESS CODE

A friendly reminder that effective 11/1 the winter weather uniform policy went into effect.

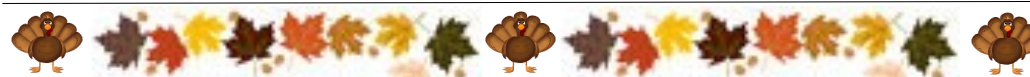
Shorts will no longer be permitted until the warm weather returns in May.

The only acceptable cool weather tops to be worn during school hours are:

- ◆ SME spirit hoodies
- ◆ SME gym uniform sweatshirts
- ◆ Solid navy/red/white cardigan sweater
- ◆ Navy blue fleece from a school approved vendor (Lands End / McKay's)

Athletic socks are never an approved uniform item for girls. Please be sure your child has appropriate knee-high socks.

If at any time you have any questions as to the uniform policy, please contact Mrs. Kwitowski.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Let us all help brighten someone's Christmas this year!

As you open your Advent Calendar and receive a treat, think about what makes your life comfortable and happy. Place something in the box each day by following our SME reverse Advent Calendar and give an item each day for our chosen charity.

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- Take this chance to talk about the "why" of giving.
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Our first week of giving is next week, 11/17 - 11/22!

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



NURSE NOTES

Thank you for your help and understanding with sending in allergy safe treats for our Halloween parties! Please continue to be mindful of our allergy policy at SME for future parties and celebrations. We do have several students who have latex allergies in our building. Please refrain from sending in or using any latex balloons.

Flu season has begun...please see the information sheet on how to stay protected and healthy this flu season. It's not too late to get your family protected with a flu shot!

Mrs. Parker RN



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.

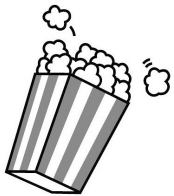
We thank you for your support in making the Scrip program a success for our school, our Parish and for our children!

Please contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

Don't forget... We will be hosting 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. Check out the flyer coming home today with more information!

HSA

POPCORN SALE:



Thank you to all that supported our popcorn sale!

Pick-up is on Friday, 11/22 in the P.C.

VENDOR FAIR/SPAGHETTI DINNER:

Another thank you to those that came out to our Vendor Fair & Spaghetti Dinner this past Saturday which was a sell out!



MY LITTLE SWEETHEART

Many thanks go out once again this year to Mrs. Kelly Tanski for capturing the memories of our gals with their guys during the My Little Sweetheart Dance.

Photos are now available for download by visiting Mrs. Tanski's website:

<http://www.kellytanski.com>

Enjoy!



BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE



The 8th Grade class is hosting a can & bottle drive on Saturday, November 30th!

Donations can be dropped off at the pavilion near the church.

You may even have an 8th grader near you who will be collecting donations curbside. Keep an eye out for a flyer by your mailbox!

No donation is too great or small!

We thank you for your support of the 8th grade class.

X-STREAM GAMES

Save the Date! The X-STREAM Games will be held at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute on Saturday, December 7th from 12:00-3:30.

Any student is welcome to attend the event!

Students will be signing up soon here at school. The robotics team will be competing and our other academies will also be displaying their work.

It is a fun event & wonderful showcase of the talent in our area!



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

Each week we will highlight some of the happenings in Pre-K. Be sure to check us out!

Mason K - Thank you for bringing in deer antlers to show the class!

Gabe T - Enjoys being wrapped up like a burrito for rest time!

Aidan D - Has proposed marriage to Miss Stephanie several times!

Alexandria B - Wants to be a unicorn when she grows up!



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.

Thank you to all those that supported our Poinsettia Sale!

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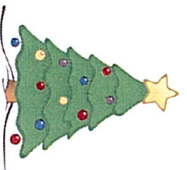
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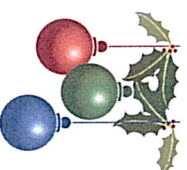
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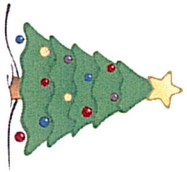


MY ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

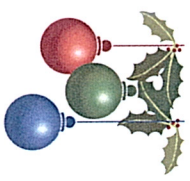
SME 2019



	<u>Nov. 17</u>	<u>Nov. 18</u>	<u>Nov. 19</u>	<u>Nov. 20</u>	<u>Nov. 21</u>	<u>Nov. 22</u>
WEEK 1 11/17-11/22 <i>Trinity Food Pantry</i> Needs: Non-Perishable food collection for the Local Food Bank						School Thanksgiving Mass: All donations collected will be brought to Mass
WEEK 2 12/1-12/6 <i>Peyton's Toy Drive to Benefit Oishei Children's Hospital</i> Needs: New toys, games, books, etc. for Children's Hospital	<u>Dec. 1</u>	<u>Dec. 2</u>	<u>Dec. 3</u>	<u>Dec. 4</u>	<u>Dec. 5</u>	Dec. 6 All Donations will be delivered to Peyton's Toy Drive Event Taking place Saturday December 7th.
WEEK 3 12/8-12/13 <i>Lancaster Youth Bureau</i> Needs: Items for tween/teens for Christmas. Some examples may be (but not limited to) small gift cards to Tim Hortons or Starbucks, etc., craft items, small tech things like headphones, sports balls, jewelry/hair accessories, nail polish, etc.	<u>Dec. 8</u>	<u>Dec. 9</u>	<u>Dec. 10</u>	<u>Dec. 11</u>	<u>Dec. 12</u>	Dec. 13 All Donations will be delivered to the Lancaster Youth Bureau For their <i>Annual Day of Giving</i> taking place on December 17th..
WEEK 4 12/15-12/20 <i>Mother Teresa Home & St. Gianna Molla Outreach Pregnancy Center</i> Needs: See Reverse Side	<u>Dec. 15</u>	<u>Dec. 16</u>	<u>Dec. 17</u>	<u>Dec. 18</u>	<u>Dec. 19</u>	Dec. 20 All Donations will be delivered to the Mother Teresa Home.



LET US ALL HELP BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR!



What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

Grab a box! As you open your Advent Calendar and receive a treat, think about what makes your life comfortable and happy.

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Follow our SME Reverse Advent Calendar and give an item each day for our chosen charities.

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Mother Teresa Home Needs: towels, sheets/pillow cases (queen size), baby wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags (large black and tall white), laundry detergent, dish detergent, dryer sheets, and larger size diapers (sizes 4-6 are in high demand!)

St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center Needs: size 1 & size 6 diapers, new infant socks, baby wash, baby lotion, bibs, receiving blankets, fleece blankets, and girls onesies size 0-3 months



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PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN the below acknowledgement to Mrs. Hoag by November 15, 2019. We are thrilled that **ALL** of our students in grades K-8 will be participating in this joyous annual event.

Thank you for your support of the activities that take place here at SME. We truly appreciate it!

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Kwitowski
Principal

Mrs. Hoag
Campus Minister & Religion Teacher Gr. 6-8

Mr. Hunter
Music & Band Teacher

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JOY TO THE WORLD! – a Living Nativity Christmas Celebration GRADES K - 8
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Please Return by November 15, 2019 ATTN. Mrs. Hoag

Student Name (Please Print)	Grade	Student Name (Please Print)	Grade
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I acknowledge that my SME student(s) are expected to participate in the SME annual *JOY TO THE WORLD! – a Living Nativity Christmas Celebration* and that this celebration will involve **ALL** SME students in grades K - 8. I am aware that this performance will take place on **Friday, December 13th, 2019 beginning at 5:30 PM.**

Parent/Guardian Name – PRINT

Parent/Guardian Signature



ST. MARY'S HOLIDAY GIFT CARD SALES

Where: In the Rectory of St. Mary of the Assumption

**When: Sunday, November 17th and Sunday, December 8th
after all Masses (8:00am – 2:00pm)**

~ Coffee and Timbits will be served ~

~ Beat the rush and give Scrip: the gift that fits all sizes!

~ Place large orders for your business or office.

~ Buy from our available inventory or place an order

~ Use Scrip for all your gifts and regular shopping, including Tops gas and groceries, prescriptions, coffee breaks and much more!

(Barnes & Noble, Dick's Sporting Goods, Wal-Mart, Applebee's, Tim Horton's ... the list goes on!)

**** BONUS - St. Mary's receives a profit of each card! ****

Cash or check accepted. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's Elementary."

Gift cards ordered 11/17 will be available for pickup at the Rectory Fri. 11/22 after 10:00 am

Gift cards ordered 12/8 will be available for pickup at the Rectory Fri. 12/13 after 10:00 am

Call St. Mary's Rectory at 683-6445, ext. 10 with any questions.

Thank you for supporting St. Mary's through our Scrip program!

MAKE AN EVEN BIGGER IMPACT WITH YOUR GIFT LIST



Find holiday gifts for everyone while raising money for our organization. Whether you buy gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, your order immediately raises money for our organization. Share the giftspiration with others—the more people that order, the truly merrier.

Our organization earns with every gift card purchased

BUY **GIFT CARD** **AT FACE VALUE** **OUR ORGANIZATION EARNS A REBATE**

Get the Holiday Gift Guide at ShopWithScrip.com/GiftGuide and explore many of the 750+ brands to shop



ALSO ANNOUNCING:

Limited-time \$5 and \$10 gift cards

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NEW THIS YEAR:

Pay with a credit card

Holiday shopping is easier, faster, and more rewarding. Earn points, cash back, or any perk you get by paying with your credit card—on top of the rebate.

Get started:

1. Enroll on MyScripWallet.com or ShopWithScrip.com with our organization's enrollment code: CB95L97L3L66
2. Seamlessly check out and receive eGift cards and reloads faster by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.



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Mark your Calendars!!!

6th Annual



X-STREAM GAMES and EXPO!

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INNOVATORS, SCIENTISTS, and BELIEVERS!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

St. Joseph Collegiate Institute 12:00-3:30 p.m.

ENTRANCE FEE: One canned food item per person to support SJCI Food Basket Drive.

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 11:15 Early Bird Robotics: Team Check-in and Staging
- 12:00 Robotics Competition Begins: Over 30+ teams every year!
- 12:00 All other STREAM ACADEMY Courses: Check in and Set Up 12-1pm
- 12:15 Science Scrimmage: CSI Forensics Presentation (Commons)
- 12:30 Lights, Camera, Action "The Peace of Christ" Showcase (Black Box)
- 1:00 Rube Goldberg Competition (Library)
- 1:00 Academy Demonstrations until 2:30
 - The "Best of" Arcade Academy Games to Play
 - Comic Craze- Student Created Books!
 - Mystery Science Demo, Maker's Space
 - Other Academy Demos: PEAP, FUTURE CITIES, LITTLE BITS, NEW ACADEMY INNOVATIONS!
- 2:25 CSI Award Ceremony (Commons)
- 2:30 Kitchen Chemistry "Apple of His Eye" Bake-Off (Black Box)
- 3:15 Robotics Finals and Awards



11/12/19



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In order for us to prepare to include the PreK students, we need to know how many students will be present that evening. **Please return the below form to Mrs. Hoag by November 18th** indicating whether or not your child will be able to participate in our production. Thank you for your support of the activities that take place here at SME. We truly appreciate it!

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JOY TO THE WORLD! – a Living Nativity Christmas Celebration PREK PARTICIPATION FORM
Please Return by November 18th, 2019 ATTN. Mrs. Hoag

Student Name (Please Print)

PREK Teacher’s Name

_____ Will be able to participate in **JOY TO THE WORLD! – a Living Nativity Christmas Celebration** taking place on **Friday, December 13, 2019**.

_____ Will not be able to participate in **JOY TO THE WORLD! – a Living Nativity Christmas Celebration** taking place on **Friday, December 13, 2019**.

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