

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very Happy Thanksgiving and a restful break spent with family and friends.

Thanksgiving Prayer

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



JOY TO THE WORLD!

Save the date!

On Friday, December 13th, 2019 at 5:30 pm, Saint Mary's Elementary School students will present JOY TO THE WORLD! – a Living Nativity Christmas Celebration.

This will be the only Christmas production taking place this year. This beautiful depiction of our Lord's birth will take place in the SME school gymnasium.

ALL STUDENTS IN 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:

- 11/27-29 - Thanksgiving Recess, No School
- 12/2 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day, Staff PD Day 1-3pm
- 12/6 - Christian Witness Mass 8:30, Merry Moose Shop 9:30-1:30, NO FAST CLUB
- 12/7 - X-Stream Games @ SJCI, 12-3
- 12/9 - School Mass 8:30, Immaculate Conception
- 12/11 - K-8 Report Card Upload MP1
- 12/13 - Christmas Band Concert 5:30, Joy to the World: Living Nativity 6:00
- 12/15 - Pancake Breakfast with Santa! 9-12:00 in the P.C.
- 12/20 - 10:45 Dismissal, Christmas Recess through 1/3

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

Please check back next week for a current report of our profits. The following is our profit report for the week of 11/13-11/18.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
November Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$1,127.41	\$2,731.16

There is a staff wish list available now in the school office!

CANDY BAR SALE:

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

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

All bonus dress down tickets (earned with every 2 prepaid boxes ordered Sept - Oct.) went home with every students today!

If you have any questions, please contact the candy bar team at candybarsale@smeschool.com.

SHOPAROO:

We are up to 14 members and 8,385 points! Have you downloaded the App?

MERRY MOOSE HOLIDAY SHOP

Our Merry Moose Shop will be held next Friday, Dec. 6.

Many hands are needed to assist to make this event a success! If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Carroll at jcarr2300@gmail.com. Volunteer opportunities include setting up on 12/5 between 5-7:00pm, helping our students shop or working at the wrapping station.

Our K-8 students will enjoy shopping at the following times:

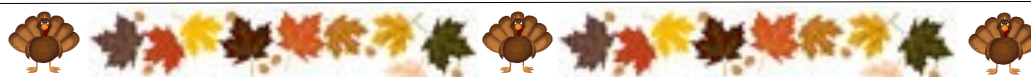
9:29-10:03 - 3rd & 6th Grades	10:05-10:39 - Kindergarten
10:41-11:15 - 1st & 2nd Grade	12:29-1:03 - 4th & 5th Grade
1:05 - 1:39 - 7th & 8th Grade	

Students in Pre-K are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian at any time during the course of our Shop (9:29am - 1:39pm).

Donations of wrapping supplies are being collected in the main office.



Congratulations to our Christian Witness Recipients for the month of October.
May you continue to be "...visible examples of Gospel living."



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.

- One donation goes in the box each day, and then cross the day off the calendar.
- Take this chance to talk about the "why" of giving.
- Keep it fun! Your kids can even decorate the box.
- Remember to plan your donations into your weekly shopping trips. You may run out if you don't!
- Return your donations weekly, on Friday morning to school so they can be delivered to each organization.

What an amazing display of generosity we saw at this past Friday's Mass where the donations of canned goods were presented at the Altar!

Thank you to all that supported our collection for the Trinity Food Pantry.

As you are out shopping this weekend, consider taking advantage of those great sales for our second week of the advent calendar which begins on December 1st.

We are collecting new toys, games, books etc... for Children's Hospital. All donations will be delivered to Peyton's Toy Drive Event which is taking place on 12/7.

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP

Not sure what to give this year? Buy a Scrip Certificate! You choose the amount, and they choose the cards. These certificates can be redeemed for any gift cards available through Great Lakes – that's over 750 different vendors!! Feel free to reach out with any questions: scrip@smeschool.com

Our 2nd Parish Gift Card Sale will be on Sunday, December 8th in the Rectory from 8:00-2:00. Coffee and Timbits will be available!

There are only **3** more order dates before Christmas:
December 2nd, December 9th and December 16th

The last day to purchase Scrip before Christmas is December 20th.

Some vendors are offering low denomination gift cards through December 23rd. The list of available cards is below and there will be a limited number available in the Scrip office. Please plan ahead and order soon!

\$5 Cards: Barnes & Noble, Blimpie, Cold Stone, Panera, Starbucks, Taco Bell

\$10 cards: Amazon, Applebees, CVS, Home Depot, IHOP, Meijer, Olive Garden, Outback, Red Lobster, Regal, Safeway, Target, Walmart

SME WEBSITE

Our school website has been updated and our staff directory page is now available & accessible. We encourage you to take a look at your child(ren)s teacher website as they are able to post important & upcoming information. This is also their platform to be able to showcase their happenings in the classroom.

The NewsNotes from this year have also been uploaded and are available by clicking on the quick link at the top of the page.

The monthly lunch menu has also been uploaded and is available at the top of the page. A copy is always sent home in the blue folder prior to the first lunch of the month and it is also available by logging into your eSchool account.

We will once again begin sending out our NewsNote electronically to every family as well. We will continue to send home all the information in the blue folder.

Again, we apologize for the delay and any inconvenience this may have caused.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

HSA



Pancake Breakfast:

We will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 15th from 9-Noon in the Parish Center.

Santa will be here from 9-11:30. Children will have the opportunity to decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus as well!

The cost is \$5 per person / \$20 per family. Tickets are available in the main office.

All are welcome... SME School & Parish Families and Friends!!

MY LITTLE SWEETHEART

This week is your last week to download any pictures from the My Little Sweetheart Dance.

Another huge thank you to Mrs. Tanski for sharing her talent with us and capturing these special moments!

<http://www.kellytanski.com>

Enjoy!



BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE

UPDATE:

The can & bottle drive scheduled for Saturday, November 30th has been **CANCELLED!**

However, our 8th grade class is still accepting donations which can be brought to the school on Monday, December 2nd.

No donation is too great or small!

Donations can also be dropped into the bins located in the foyer of the school anytime throughout the school year.

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

This past week in Pre-K:

Our students enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast with their families!



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 14 members and 8,385 points!

How does it work? Keep snapping 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.

8TH GRADE INFO

Poinsettia Sale:

Don't forget: Poinsettias & wreaths will be delivered on Tuesday, December 3rd. Thank you to all those that supported our sale!

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.

Can/Bottle Drive:

Donations can be dropped into the bins located in the foyer of the school anytime throughout the school year.

WANTED: BOARD GAMES

Our new Board Game club is looking for donations of gently used board games!

We would greatly appreciate if you could look through your cabinets to see if there are any games you no longer use!

Drop them off in the office with "Miss Rozsa" labeled on them. Thank you in advance!

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: Wed. 11/27 - Fri. 11/29, Thanksgiving Recess

Save the Date: Tues. 12/3 Poinsettia Pick up in the Gym

Save the Date: Friday, 12/6, Merry Moose Shop

Save the Date: Saturday, 12/7 - X-Stream Games @ SJCI

Save the Date: Wed. 12/11, MP1 Uploaded (K-8)

SME's PANCAKE BREAKFAST With SANTA

Hosted by: SME's HSA Team



When: Sunday, December 15, 2019

Where: Parish Center

2 St Mary's Hill

Lancaster, NY 14086

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Santa will be present 9:00am-11:30am

Decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus!

\$5 per person/\$20 per family of 4 or more

ALL ARE WELCOME

(Parish Members, SME Family and Friends!!!)

Proceeds to Benefit the Students of St. Mary's Elementary

DECEMBER 2019

Child lunches are \$3.00. Adult lunches are \$4.25. All students must take, at least, three of the five offered components to meet the requirements of a full lunch. Fresh fruits/vegetables are offered daily, when available. If you have any questions, please call the Kitchen Manager at 683-2112 x119. Thank you for your participation.



*Merry
Christmas*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 1 pm Dismissal Dress Down Day Popcorn Chicken Oven Fries Peas, Fruit & Milk	3 Ramen Incredi-Bowl Chicken & Veggies Fruit & Milk	4 Sweet-n-Sour Chicken Brown Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk	5 Nachos Grande Refried Beans Corn, Fruit & Milk	6 Calzones Romaine Salad Mixed Veggies Fruit & Milk
9 Chicken Parm on a Bun Mixed Veggies Tater Tots, Fruit & Milk	10 Mexi Incredi-Bowl Bean Salad Corn, Fruit & Milk	11 Loaded Baked Potato Tomato Soup Broccoli, Fruit & Milk	12 Chicken Caesar Salad Breadstick Veggies, Fruit & Milk	13 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Carrots, Fruit & Milk
16 Taco-in-a-Bag Baked Beans Carrots, Fruit & Milk	17 Chicken Incredi-Bowl Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Cheese, Corn Fruit & Milk	18 Chicken Souvlaki w/Pita Bread Hummus & Veggies Fruit & Milk	19 Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Veggies, Fruit & Milk	20 10:45 Dismissal
23 Christmas Recess	24 Merry Christmas!	25 Merry Christmas!	26 Christmas Recess	27 Christmas Recess
30 Christmas Recess	31 Happy New Year!	<p>Daily Alternate Lunch Options: Each alternate includes choice of veggies, fruit & milk.</p> <p>B – Julienne Salad with WG Muffin</p> <p>C – Yogurt Parfait with Berries, Granola & WG Muffin</p> <p>D – Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich on WG Bread with a Cheese Stick</p> <p>E – Deli Turkey Sandwich on WG Bread with Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese; Mayo & Mustard Avail.</p> <p>F – Deli Ham Sandwich on WG Bread with Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese; Mayo & Mustard Avail.</p>		

Our Mission All dishes are made fresh daily with only the best produce, quality proteins and low fat dairy. We limit processed foods and pre-packaged entrees. Many, if not most, menu items have minimal ingredients and are prepared from scratch. Students and Staff can choose from a variety of Daily Alternate Choices, as well as the Main Entrée. We hope your child finds many favorites, and looks forward to the lunch we serve. As always, we appreciate your support, welcome your input and look forward to seeing you in the Lunch Line! Tracy Hadsall & Jenny Fulciniti

Snacks Snacks are sold daily! \$0.50 to \$0.75 Baked Snacks & Ice Cream! Granola Bars, too!

Milk Milk is sold a la carte for \$0.50. You may prepay for your child/children's daily milk purchase.

Popcorn Chicken Whole Grain Breaded Popcorn Chicken Bites baked to a tasty Crunch! Served with Optional BBQ Sauce

Loaded Baked Potato Fresh, delivered weekly, Russet Potatoes, baked and topped with Steamed Broccoli, melted Cheese and Real Bacon Crumbles

Chicken Caesar Salad Romaine Lettuce topped with lightly seasoned Grilled Chicken Breast, Real Crumbled Bacon, Whole Grain Croutons, Grated Parmesan Cheese & Caesar Dressing

Mexi Incredi- Bowl Brown Rice served in a Bowl covered with Taco Meat, Corn, Black Beans, Shredded Cheddar Cheese & Taco Sauce

Calzones Whole Grain Pocket with Marinara Sauce and Ricotta & Mozzarella Cheeses

Chicken Parm on a Bun Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Patty topped with Provolone Cheese & Marinara Sauce served on a Whole Grain Bun

Ramen Incredi-Bowl Restaurant Grade Ramen Noodles and Broth, served with a variety of Fresh Veggies

Nachos Grande Lean Ground Beef spiced with Taco Seasonings, served hot over Whole Grain Tortilla Chips, topped with melted Mild Cheddar Cheese Sauce, with Optional Salsa, Sour Cream & Hot Sauce

Sweet-n-Sour Chicken Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Pieces and Asian Veggies tossed in a delicate Sweet Sour Sauce, served over Brown Rice

Cheese Pizza Whole Grain Pizza Crust with Tomato Sauce and Low Fat Mozzarella

Taco-in-a-Bag Taco Meat scooped into a Bag of Whole Grain Tortilla Chips with Shredded Cheddar Cheese & Optional Salsa

Chicken Incredi-Bowl Chunks of Breaded Chicken and Corn on top of Mashed Potatoes, with Chicken Gravy and melted Cheddar Cheese

Chicken Souvlaki Boneless, Skinless marinated Chicken Breast grilled and served with Fresh Vegetables, Feta Cheese and Greek Dressing; served as either an open salad, or stuffed into a Whole Grain Pita Pocket

Mozzarella Sticks Whole Grain Breading over Mozzarella Cheese, baked and served with Marinara Sauce for Dipping