

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday, November 8th, we will be holding our parent/teacher conferences. If you have not signed up for a conference, please contact your child’s teacher to sign up. We will be dismissing at 10:45 am to accommodate the conferences.

On Saturday, 11/9, our HSA is hosting a craft fair and spaghetti dinner. We hope that you will be able to join us. For tickets or more information, please contact our HSA team.

There is no school on Monday in honor of our country’s Veterans. May God bless all the men and women who have served and who continue to serve.

God’s Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



HSA CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR

This 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. Dinner tickets include admission to the craft/vendor fair. 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.

The HSA team could use some extra hands to assist with the spaghetti dinner. If you, or someone you know (perhaps students looking for service hours) are available to help, please contact the team at hsa@smeschool.com.

HSA is currently seeking donations of baskets/items for the basket raffle that will be happening in conjunction with the vendor fair. We are also collecting donations of desserts for the spaghetti dinner. Donations can be dropped off in the office anytime. We thank you in advance for your assistance!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/7 - Red White & Blue Dress Down, \$1
- 11/8 - 10:45 Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-6pm NO FAST CLUB
- 11/8 - HSA Popcorn Sale Ends
- 11/9 - Vendor Fair & Spaghetti Dinner, 1-6pm
- 11/11 - No School, Veterans Day
- 11/12 - 8th Grade Poinsettia Sale Ends
- 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

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:	
From <i>October 29, 2019</i> to <i>November 4, 2019</i> , the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$208.99 . We have \$1,291.01 to go to hit our monthly goal, and we are \$1,396.25 below our yearly goal.	
Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
October Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$790.18	\$1,603.75

CANDY BAR SALE:

Thank you to those who took advantage of earning extra dress down coupons by pre-paying for your box of chocolate(s) during the months of September & October. The candy bar sale team is preparing those tickets and you will receive them shortly!

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!

TECHNOLOGY HICCUPS

We understand the importance of technology in this day in age. We apologize that we are having a delay in getting our website up and running on all cylinders. Additionally, the ability to send out our weekly NewsNote electronically is also on pause.

Please know that this is a work in progress and we are working every day to resolve the situation. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding while we work to resolve this issue.

Today we are sending home a contact list for the teachers. At anytime, if you are in need of any further information or would like to be added to the list to have an electronic copy of the NewsNote sent to you, please contact Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com and we will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

DRESS CODE

A friendly reminder that effective 11/1 the winter weather uniform policy goes 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)

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



ATHLETICS

This past weekend the St Mary's Knights swim team had their final regular season meet for the 2019/2020 year. As the team gets prepared for the upcoming Championship Meet, please join me in congratulating these athletes for an amazing year as well as the best of luck for the Championships! A special "thank you" goes out to all the volunteers that made this years season a huge success. If you are interested in learning more about next years swim team, feel free to contact me at sdemarzio1@roadrunner.com

- Coach Steve DeMarzio



Best of luck to our basketball athletes as the season gears up!



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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 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. A flyer will be going home as we get closer to the sales.

HSA

POPCORN SALE:

The HSA popcorn sale ends this Friday 11/8, with pick-up on 11/22.

This is not a microwave product; it comes popped, flavored & ready to eat!

This is a locally produced item (through Kate's Country Cousins on Broadway) and has options such as: Chicago Mix, Caramel, Movie Theater, Salt and Vinegar, Cinnamon, Green Apple & Cheddar.

Order forms went home last week. If you would like another copy, please contact Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com.



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.kellytanskiphotography.com>

Enjoy!



SET



Located near the front office window, a new SET lockbox has been installed. You will also find a copy of the SET Issue form & Ask SET 1/2 page flyers. Please feel free to drop a note at any time for our SET Team.



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.

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 IS GRADES 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.

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>

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

The 8th Grade Class of SME is hosting their annual Poinsettia & Wreath Sale.

The sale began: 10/30

The sale ends: Tuesday, 11/12

Due to the nature of this sale, late orders cannot be accepted

Red, White & Pink poinsettia plants are available in the following sizes:

4.5" - \$5.50

6.5" - \$7.25

10" - \$14.75

Fresh cut undecorated wreaths are available for \$22 or decorated with pinecones, berries & bow for \$25.

Payment is due with your order, cash or checks made payable to St. Mary's.

The class of 2020 thanks you in advance for your support!

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



Save the Date: Thursday, 11/7 \$1 Dress Down: Red, White & Blue Day

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

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

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

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

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Fight Flu

at Home and School

Flu, or influenza, spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids. You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it all together.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Ask people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, to get the vaccine, too.
- The vaccine is especially important for people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions because the flu can make them even sicker.

If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems.
- If your child gets flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease, call their health care provider. Young children and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. Ask their health care provider if they recommend an antiviral drug.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don't spread flu!

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

health.ny.gov/flu

