

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Christmas is in the air here at SME! In addition to activities in the classroom, the students are preparing their songs for the Living Nativity on Friday, December 13th.

Our HSA is sponsoring a pancake breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 15th.

Next week we have some fun Christmas activities and “special” clothing days planned. Please be sure to see the schedule of Christmas clothing fun that went home. As a school, we will also be celebrating Las Posadas on Thursday.

God’s Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



JOY TO THE WORLD!

We are excited to present JOY TO THE WORLD! – a Living Nativity Christmas Celebration this Friday, December 13th, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

The evening will begin with a performance by our school band at 5:30 and the Nativity Christmas Celebration will begin at 6:00.

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.

DRESS CODE:
This is a dress up event, and as such students should dress nicely. Christmas attire is welcome! Students should not wear jeans, sweatpants/joggers or sneakers.

Band Members: Please follow the guidelines above. If you are a participant in the Nativity, you may wear that attire for the concert.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/11 - K-8 Report Card Upload MP1
- 12/12 - \$1 Dress Down Day, Supporting Lakeview Animal Sanctuary
- 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 - 8:30 School Mass, 10:45 Dismissal, Christmas Recess through 1/3
- 1/6 - School Resumes, Dress Down Day
- 1/10 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 1/15-1/16 - Book Swap
- 1/20 - No School, MLK Jr. Day
- 1/27 - 1/31 - Catholic Schools Week

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From Dec. 3 - Dec. 9, the SCRIP rebate profit earned for the school was \$1,263.37. We have just \$62.98 to go to reach our monthly goal, and \$911.75 to stay on par with our annual goal!

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
December Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$1,437.02	\$5,088.25

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!

If you are working towards the Snow Day Prize (10 Boxes) please contact Amanda Kuhn. Only students who are current with their payments as of 12/31 will be eligible. These 10 boxes cannot be ‘reused’ to earn a second higher prize should you sell more.

SHOPAROO:

Do you Roo? We are up to 21 supporters and 13,545 points!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

HSA is hosting a Pancake Breakfast with Santa this 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. Advance tickets are available in the main office, and will be available at the door.

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

Additional adult help is needed for this event including kitchen work & chaperones. If you are able to help please contact our team at HSA@smeschool.com.



MERRY MOOSE



Many thanks to those that were able to help with our Merry Moose Shop! It was a great success and our students were able to purchase gifts galore for their loved ones.

Thank you to our Merry Moose Co-Chair Team, Jennifer Carroll & Jenny Sparmo!

DRESS DOWN FOR A CAUSE

Tomorrow, December 12th, we will be hosting a Dress Down for a Cause day to support the Lakeview Animal Sanctuary.

Each year the sanctuary brings their animals to enhance our Living Nativity. The sanctuary is a non Profit organization, so every bit helps to care for the animals throughout the year.

We thank you in advance for your generosity as we show our appreciation for joining in our celebration with a donation to their cause. Any amount is appreciated, with a minimum donation of \$1 per student.

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.

We are currently collecting items for teens/tweens. Examples are (but not limited to): small gift cards to Hortons/Starbucks etc., craft items, small tech items such as ear buds, sports balls, jewelry/hair care accessories, nail polish etc... All items will be delivered to the youth bureau on 12/17 during their annual day of giving.

Our final collection beginning 12/16 will benefit the Mother Teresa Home & St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Center.

Mother Teresa Home Needs: towels, sheets/pillow cases (queen size), baby wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags, laundry detergent, dish detergent, dryer sheets, diapers (size 4-6).

St. Gianna Molla Needs: diapers (size 1 & 6), new infant socks, baby wash, baby lotion, bibs, receiving blankets, fleece blankets, girls onesies (size 0-3 month).

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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

There is only **1** more order date before Christmas: 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

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.



Congratulations to each of our Christian Witness Recipients for the month of November.

May you continue to be a
“...visible example of Gospel living.”

HSA

Available just in time for the holidays.
Only \$12! One size fits most, child to adult!
Contact Amanda Kuhn for yours!



Please take a look at the November/December Newsletter coming home today with the latest information from HSA.

BOOK SWAP

Our first book swap begins today for students in grades Kindergarten through five.

How it works:

Day 1 (12/11) - Students bring in book donations and earn a ticket for each book

Day 2 (12/12) - Students exchange tickets for new books!

Students should bring in books that are grade level appropriate for themselves.

Students may “swap” up to 3 books in ‘like new’ condition.

Our next swap days will be January 15 & 16.



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& when YOU do good
it Reminds others
of what joy feels like
& it just
might inspire
them to do
the same.

PARISH PASSAGE

Anyone who has volunteered at our Parish in 2019 is invited to be our guest at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch to be held on Sunday, January 5, 2020 - the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

The event will take place from 1:00 - 3:00 in the Parish Center with a hot catered brunch served at 1:15.

To assist in getting an accurate guest count, included in your electronic copy of the NewsNote is a flyer with RSVP portion. The RSVP can be returned in the collection basket during Mass, mailed to the rectory or you can call them directly at 683-6445. If you are in need of a paper copy of this flyer please contact Amanda Kuhn.

Through your gracious ministry to the St. Mary's Parish Community, you are a priceless gift, for which we are very grateful!

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

Preschool is getting ready for our annual sing-a-long on December 11th and the Living Nativity on December 13th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs. O'Grady's class enjoyed decorating cookies with their families this past Friday.



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 21 supporters and 13,545 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!



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8TH GRADE INFO

Catholic High School Application:

The time is coming for us to send a copy of your child's first marking period grades to the catholic high school(s) of their choice. This **cannot** be done without the signed copy of the application confirmation you received in your email after completing the catholic high school application for admission to grade 9.

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.

STAY IN THE KNOW



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

Save the Date: Thurs., 12/12 Dress Down Day for a Cause, \$1

Save the Date: Mon. 1/6/20 School Resumes, Dress Down Day

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

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