

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I would like to congratulate all of our students who participated in the Living Nativity this past Friday. Everybody did a phenomenal job and truly showed the meaning of the season. Thank you to all who helped out to make the evening so special!

I wanted to share with our families a Christmas Blessing.



Best wishes for a blessed and joyous holiday season!! See you on January 6, 2020.

God’s Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

JOY TO THE WORLD!



We hope that you enjoyed our depiction of our Lord’s birth as much as we did presenting it to you!
Merry Christmas!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/20 - 8:30 School Mass, 10:45 Dismissal, Christmas Recess through 1/3
- 1/6 - School Resumes, Dress Down Day, NO EARLY RELEASE
- 1/10 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 1/15-1/16 - Book Swap
- 1/20 - No School, MLK Jr. Day
- 1/27 - 2/1 - Catholic Schools Week
- 1/31 - Christian Witness Mass, Distinguished Graduate Mass, 8:30
- 2/3 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day
- 2/4 - New Family Open house 6-7:30
- 2/5 - Spring Photo Day (Pre-K 3 - Gr 8), Pre-K 4 Graduation Photos, PR2 Upload

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From Dec. 10 - Dec. 16, the SCRIP rebate profit earned for the school was \$1,158.86. At this point we have surpassed our monthly goal!

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
December Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$2,595.88	\$6,247.11

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



CANDY BAR SALE:

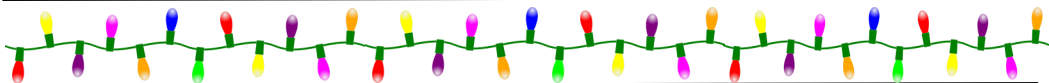
Available Now... Milk Chocolate PRETZEL!! Available by the bar or the box!

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 holding at 21 supporters with plenty of space for more but are up to 15,735 points!



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.

Our final collection 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).

We cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of support to the various causes selected for our Reverse Advent Calendar. The ability to help so many this Christmas Season is just wonderful!

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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

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.

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.



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.

Thank you to all that joined us for our
Pancake Breakfast with Santa!
A big thank you to all of our helpers.
We could not have done it without you!



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.

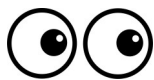
Through your gracious ministry to the St. Mary's Parish Community, you are a priceless gift, for which we are very grateful!

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



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 have 21 supporters and 15,735 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!

8TH GRADE INFO

Catholic High School Application:

On Friday, December 13th a copy of your child's first marking period report card was sent to their first and second (if applicable) choice catholic high school(s). This was only done for students who have submitted a copy of the signed confirmation of application which was sent via email to their parent/guardian.

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.

Graduation Photos: 8th Graders will have their graduation photos taken by Inter-state studio on Thursday, Feb. 6th. We ask that they please plan to wear a white polo that day with their uniform.

STAY IN THE KNOW



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

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

Save the Date: Mon. 1/20, No
School MLK Jr. Day

Save the Date: Mon 1/27 Catholic
Schools Week Begins

Save the Date: Sat. 2/1 Catholic
Schools Week Ends, Ice Cream Social,
Spirit Games