

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody got their fill of turkey this past week and that you were able to spend time with family and friends.

We are heading into that time of year when school closings are always a possibility. St. Mary’s will be closed if Lancaster Central School District is closed. This will be posted on the TV stations.

This Friday is our Merry Moose Shoppe. It is a great opportunity for our students to purchase Christmas presents for their family members. This Friday is also our Christian Witness Mass.

Our Living Nativity will take place on Friday, December 13th. It is a beautiful event to celebrate the birth of Jesus. I hope to see many of our families there.

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:

- 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 - 8:30 School Mass, **10:45 Dismissal, Christmas Recess through 1/3**
- 1/6 - School Resumes
- 1/10 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 1/20 - No School

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From Nov. 19 - Dec. 2, the SCRIP rebate profit earned for the school was \$1,093.72. We FINALLY surpassed our monthly goal, but we are still falling short of our annual goal by \$848.77

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
November Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$2,047.48	\$3,651.23

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 20 supporters and 10,870 points!

MERRY MOOSE HOLIDAY SHOP

Our Merry Moose Shop is 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.

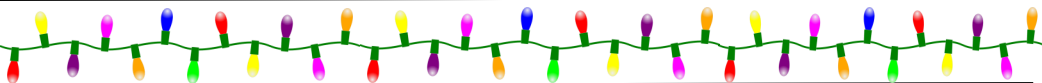
PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

HSA is 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!!

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.



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 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.

Our next collection which begins on December 8th and we will be collecting items for teens/tweens. All items will be delivered to the youth bureau on 12/17 during their annual day of giving.



Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to help those in need.

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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 is Sunday, December 8th in the Rectory from 8:00-2:00. Coffee and Timbits will be available!

There are only 2 more order dates before Christmas:
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

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.

NURSE NOTES

St. Mary's Elementary School Health Services program supports your student's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way that we provide care for your student is by performing the health screenings as mandated by the State of New York.

During the next couple weeks, the following screenings will be completed at school:

Vision - Distance and near acuity for all newly entering students and students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, and 7.

Color perception screening for all newly entering students.

Hearing - Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, and 7.

Scoliosis - Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all girls in grades 5 and 7.

A letter will be sent home if your student needs follow-up with your health care provider.

Please call the Health Office if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Mrs. Parker RN, 683-2112 ext 128



HSA

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



BOOK SWAP

Our first book swap will begin on Wednesday, December 11th 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.

Keep your eye on the NewsNote for the next swap days.



BOARD GAME CLUB



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!

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!

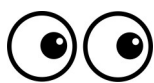


HELP WANTED

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

All of our sweet preschool friends
Are wrapping presents and tying loose ends!

We are getting ready for the new Christmas Season
We all know the meaning, the why and the reason.

The birth of our Lord is filled with wonder for all,
Please look for our creations on the SME wall!

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 20 supporters and 10,870 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:

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.

STAY IN THE KNOW



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)

Save the Date: Mon. 1/6/20 School Resumes

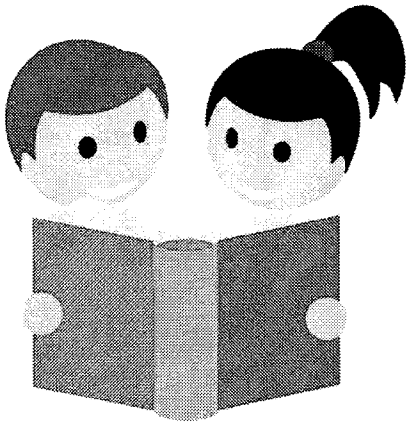
Save the Date: Fri. 1/10, Christian Witness Mass 8:30

The Book Swap

The book swap is back! A few times throughout the year, Mrs. Wojcik and Mrs. Gasiecki will host a book swap for students in grades K-5. Students can bring gently used books from home that they are finished with to "swap" for new books. We hope to encourage reading at home, without costing families any money!

How it works:

- This will be a two day process. Day 1: students bring in their books and get a ticket for each book they turn in. Day 2: students exchange each ticket for one book.
- Notifications of the dates will be posted in the newsletter.
- Grades 2+ will have to show responsibility by keeping track of their tickets. We will track grades K and 1.
- Students may "swap" up to 3 books. Books need to be "like new" condition, but not brand new. Books with torn or missing pages will not be accepted.
- We kindly ask parents not to come to help your children pick out books, as we want them to make their own choices (we will monitor this, of course ☺).



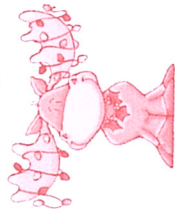
Students should bring in books that are grade level appropriate for themselves!

Our book swap will start on **Wednesday, December 11th**.

We hope you will encourage your students to participate!

If you have any questions, please email us at: wojcikk@smeschool.com or gasieckih@smeschool.com.

My Shopping Budget



MERRY MOOSE
HOLIDAY SHOP

I'd like to buy a gift for:

Parents	Budget	Spent
Grandparents		
Brothers / Sisters		
Family / Special Friends		
Total		

STUDENT: _____