

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody had a relaxing break!

On Wednesday, February 26th, we enter the season of Lent. Lent is the six-week period leading up to Easter. It’s one of the most important times of the year for Christians. Lent is seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. From its start on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, Lent has been a traditional time for fasting or giving something up. Just as we carefully prepare for events in our personal lives, Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ life, death and body resurrection.

As a school, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday mass this week at the 8:30 mass on 2/26. We invite you to join us in this celebration of the beginning of Lent.

God’s Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

PARISH PASSAGE

St. Mary of the Assumption
Ash Wednesday Clam Chowder Dinner
Today! 4-7pm in the P.C.

\$9/Person Includes:

- ◆ Choice of Fish or Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- ◆ Choice of New England Clam Chowder or Tomato Soup
- ◆ Dessert & Non-Alcoholic Beverage



Eat In
or
Take Out!

- ◆ **A La Carte Options:**
 - ◇ Quart of Soup: \$6
 - ◇ Sandwich: \$3
 - ◇ Dessert: \$1



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/26 - Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:30am, Clam Chowder Dinner 4-7:00pm
- 3/2 - 1:00 Dismissal, Dress Down Day
- 3/6 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- 3/11 - 12 - Gr K-5: Book Swap
- 3/13 - Mother / Son BINGO, 5:45-8pm
- 3/15 - Pancake Breakfast 9am-12pm, GYM
- 3/16 - St. Joseph’s Day Table 6:30pm
- 3/19 - SME’s Got Talent 5:30pm
- 3/20 - No School, Prof. Development
- 3/25 - MP2: Report Card Upload (K-8)
- 3/25-26 - Gr 4 & 8 State Testing: ELA
- 3/27 - Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From Feb. 11 - Feb. 24 the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$209.38.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
February Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$464.14	\$7,487.64
We still have \$1,035.86 to go to reach our goal this month - I know we can do it!	

CANDY BAR SALE:

Account status letters went out 2/25 with our sale wrapping up 3/6. Prizes will be awarded (on paid accounts) on 3/16.

SHOPAROO:

Supporters = 27
Points = 43,225
Entries in the monthly raffle = 209

BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION:

Don’t forget, the program has been revamped. Download the BoxTops app & start earning today!

Mega Raffle:

244 Tickets Sold
456 Tickets Remaining
1st Early Bird Drawing on 3/1/2020 for a prize of \$250

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Read Across America will take place next week:
Monday, March 2nd - Friday, March 6th.

Mon: Dress in Red, White or Black with a hat or as the Cat in the Hat
Tues: Dress in Green from head to toe
Wed: Dress in your wackiest clothes
Thurs: Dress as world travelers
Fri: Wear a pair of crazy socks **with uniforms** & donate a pair to a local charity
An electronic copy of the flyer that went home already was sent out today.

As always encourage your child to
*READ,
READ,
READ!*



CAFETERIA CONTEST

It’s contest time and we’re all destined to be winners!!

During the month of March, the class with the highest percentage of purchased lunches will have the opportunity to plan an entire weeks worth of lunches in April!

Please take a look at the March menu to see all the delicious options for this month and also for more information on the contest and entry forms!



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SAVE THE DATE!

The 8th Grade Presentation of
The Stations of The Cross
will take place on Friday, April 3rd
at 1:00 & 7:00pm in the Church.



It is a long held tradition at SME that the 8th graders present this Lenten event. We hope that you will consider joining us for this beautiful and prayerful Lenten experience.

NJHS SHAM O’GRAMS

Every friendship should be treasured like the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.

Sending a Sham O’Gram is a fun way to show you care!

Now through March 6th you can purchase a Sham O’Gram for just .25 or 9/\$2.

All Sham O’Grams will be distributed on St. Patrick’s Day (3/17). Sham O’Grams can be purchased by Moms/Dads/Grandmas/Grandpas/Aunts/Uncles/Friends - Anyone!



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WE DO GOD'S WILL



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. 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.

Now available: \$5 & \$25 Tim Horton's cards!! We are offering these denominations for a limited time. If interest remains, we will make them a permanent addition to our inventory.

Scrip cards will be available to purchase during the Clam Chowder Dinner in the Parish Center on 2/26/20.

All Scrip sales are in the Rectory on Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays from 9:00-4:00. As usual, if you send your order into school with your child, your order will be sent home as soon as it has been filled. Feel free to reach out with any questions: scrip@smeschool.com

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.

BISON FUND

Beginning January 1, 2020 parents can visit the Bison Fund website @ www.bisonfund.com to complete a scholarship pre-application for the 2020-21 school year. **The pre-application form is only for families NEW to BISON.** Current families will receive an e-mail with a link to complete the requalification process in February 2020.

The pre-application deadline is this Friday, February 28, 2020. All pre-applications will be entered into a lottery drawing in early March. If families are drawn in the lottery, they will receive an e-mail with instructions on how to proceed with the application. We will also notify families that are not selected and place them on the waiting list.

Please note, the scholarship amounts vary depending on the family's income, household size, and the school's tuition cost. The maximum award will remain at \$2100 per family for the 2020-21 school year. Families will be expected to contribute partial tuition towards their child's education.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the BISON Fund office at 716-854-0869.



R-SET-R & BATTLE OF BOOKS



Our SET committee is proud to present this year's Ready SET Read theme: Welcome to the Jungle!

This event is for our students in Pre-K through Grade 3.

We encourage our students in grades 4-8 to participate in the Battle of the Books!

The bookmark contest ends on February 28th!

Registration forms are coming home today!

Ready SET Read & the Battle of the Books will be held on Friday, March 27th!



MEGA RAFFLE

The Mega Raffle ticket sales are off to a great start! To date, **244** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle. There are **456** tickets remaining – did you get yours??

We have sold out all 4 previous years! Orders will be filled once per week, so please be patient if you do not see your ticket come home the day that you send your check in. Winners will be announced live Friday, June 12th in the Parish Center.

****The first early bird drawing is Sunday, March 1st.**

Be sure to get your orders in for a chance to win \$250!!**

If you wish to donate an item for our basket raffle, we have set up a wedding registry on Amazon.com under the name 2020 Mega Raffle. All items purchased will be shipped directly to the school. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fund raiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, **69** of the tickets have been **sold or purchased by school families** – thank you for your support!! Please feel free to get creative with Social Media (posting this great opportunity to Facebook feeds, etc) as well as encourage multiple people to chip in on one ticket! Every ticket sold gets us closer to our goal and makes sure we have a successful drive! Thank you again for all of your continued support on this important fundraiser. Extra flyers are in the school office.

We need volunteers to work the night of the event, as well as set up the evening before. If you are interested in helping out with that, please reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio at megaraffle@smeschool.com.

SUMMER CAMP

As we button up the details of our Summer Camp Program you can contact Amanda Kuhn to get your name on the list to be the first to know!

Registrations will go out to all families as soon as possible.

BOOK SWAP

The next book swap for students in grades K-5 will be held on Wednesday, March 11th & Thursday, March 12th.



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



100 days, 100 days,
We've been in school 100 days!

We've read good books and made new friends,
We're working hard towards the end!



Ms. Bartkowiak's class was full of spry 100 year old's!

Students in Mrs. Laidman's class were on the hunt for Rectangles while learning about the letter R!



Students in Mrs. O'Grady's class were looking Royally cute as they learned about Queens & Royalty!



DONATION APPS

Donating to SME is easier than ever!

With apps such as Shoparoo & BoxTops for Education all you have to do is Buy, Snap & Earn! Available for download in the Apple App Store & Google Play you can get started today!

Shoparoo: Snap pictures to earn points or entries into the sweepstakes for bonus points! We are up to 27 supporters and 43,225 points! The current fundraising year ends on 8/31/20.

BoxTops: No more clipping tiny coupons for you! Snap a picture of your register receipt with the purchase of BoxTop products and earn away! Pillsbury is back! You can once again earn boxtops on refrigerated Pillsbury products!

8TH GRADE INFO

Can/Bottle Drive: Donations can be dropped into the bins located in the foyer of the school anytime throughout the school year.

Arcade Academy: Hello! We, Reese, Kaitlyn, and Lucia are participating in a STREAM academy called Arcade academy. In this academy we create fun games from scratch. First, we do this by coming up with a plan and then creating it. Some of the resources that we will use for these games are bottles, paint, tape, paper, and the main resource is cardboard. We were wondering if you could generously donate any of your unused large cardboard boxes, so that we can make our game come to life. Thank you, and have a great day!

PICTURES NEEDED

Hey Parents, Grandparents, even students! Do you have pictures from our sports games? If so we'd love to share them, maybe even get them into the yearbook!

If you have action shots of SME students playing any of our fall & or winter sports please email them to Mrs. Kierejewski at kierejewski@smeschool.com. Thank you!

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: Wed. 3/11 - Thurs. 3/12 - Book Swap

Save the Date: Fri 3/13 Mother & Son Bingo

Save the Date: Thurs 3/19 SME's Got Talent Show

Save the Date: Fri. 3/27 - Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books

Save the Date: Tues, 4/7 - SME Parent Night Open House, Art Show, International Night & Book Fair

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MARCH 2020

Student 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.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 1 PM Dismissal Bfio Chicken Patty Sandwich Carrots, Celery & Dip Bean Salad, Fruit & Milk	3 Green Jello & Ham! Breakfast Sandwich Horton Hash Brown Patty Yurtle the Turtle Jello Juice, Fruit & Milk	4 Wacky Wednesday! Loaded Baked Potato Tomato Soup Peas, Fruit & Milk	5 Oh the Places You'll Go! Hop-on-Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk	6 Fox in Sox Day! Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Veggies, Fruit & Salad
9 French Toast Sticks Sausage & Hash Brown Juice, Fruit & Milk	10 Chicken Dinner Mashed Potatoes Corn, Fruit & Milk	11 Mac-n-Cheese Tomato Soup Veggies, Fruit & Milk	12 Chicken Souvlaki Pita Bread Bean Salad, Fruit & Milk	13 Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Veggies, Fruit & Milk
16 Breakfast Pizza Tater Tots Juice, Fruit & Milk	17 St Patrick's Day Shepherd's Pie Mashed Potatoes Green Beans, Fruit & Milk	18 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggies, Fruit & Milk	19 St Joseph's Day Italiano Incredi-Bowl With Risotto & Meatballs Beans, Fruit & Milk	20 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
23 Cheeseburgers Oven Fries Veggies, Fruit & Milk	24 Mexi Incredi-Bowl Bean Salad Corn, Fruit & Milk	25 Baked Penne w/ Meatballs Romaine Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk	26 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Veggies, Fruit & Milk	27 Calzones Broccoli Carrots, Fruit & Milk
30 Pancakes Sausage & Potatoes Juice, Fruit & Milk	31 Sweet-n-Sour Chicken Brown Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk	Monday thru Thursday Alternates: Each alternate includes choice of veggies, fruit & milk. B – Julienne Salad with WG Muffin C – Yogurt Parfait with Berries, Granola & WG Muffin D – Sunbutter & Jelly on WG Bread with a Cheese Stick E – Deli Turkey on WG Bread with Lettuce, Cheese F – Deli Ham on WG Bread with Lettuce, Cheese		Friday Lenten Alternates: March 6 th , 13 th & 27 th B – Garden Salad w/Hard Boiled Egg C – Yogurt Parfait with Berries, Granola & WG Muffin D – Sunbutter & Jelly on WG Bread with a Cheese Stick H – Egg Salad on WG Bread I – Tuna Fish on WG Bread with Cheese

Menu subject to change..

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

Lenten Alternates Please make note of the changes made to the available Alternate Lunch Choices during Lent. Julienne Salad, Turkey & Ham Sandwiches will not be available on Fridays during the Season of Lent. Garden Salad with Hard Boiled Egg, Egg Salad Sandwich on WG Bread and Tuna Fish Sandwich on WG Bread with Cheese are offered as Meatless Alternates on Fridays, as well as Yogurt Parfait and Sunbutter & Jelly.

Did you know . . . When we serve juice with our breakfast entrees, it counts towards our vegetable requirement. Carrots, kale, broccoli, sweet potatoes, as well as apples and pears can be found in the list of ingredients for our Dragon Punch and Wango Mango Juice. The kids love 'em, and you can too, knowing that they are getting a healthy dose of veggies and fruits all in one serving!

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.

Contest Facts & Fun We served over 700 lunches in the month of February! There were only 15 days of school last month! Bringing our total lunches served to date to over 6,100 lunches. The 2018-2019 school year saw us serve over 10,300 lunches. Help us to meet, or better yet, exceed last year's total! We love our customers, and love to serve them lunches that we carefully plan and prepare.

In appreciation of our student participation in the school lunch program, the grade with the highest participation percentage for the month of March will get to plan 1 week of lunches for the month of April (post Easter Break). All government requirements will be met, and Ms. Tracy and Ms. Jenny will give guidance to the winning class during the menu planning stage. Stuffed crust pizza, chicken nuggets, ramen bowl, or whatever lunch favorites the winning class chooses will be on the menu that week. What does/do your child/children want to see on the menu in April? Be a part of the planning and voice your choice! See the 'Voice Your Choice' form to be filled out and returned by March 16th. We will announce the class and their winning selections in the March 25th NewsNote.

Teachers and Staff, you also contribute to our success. In the 2 weeks prior to Winter Break, you purchased 89 lunches! That brings the total Staff lunches purchased to date at 833 (69 lunches more than last year to date)! Your positive words and encouragement, willingness to help and lend hands when necessary, makes for a happy kitchen. So, raise some praise for your faves! You, too, will choose the menu for one week in April (post Easter Break). Every purchase will get you a vote for your top pick. Contest entry forms will be at the register, and can be entered into the Kitchen's mailbox.

Keep on buying, keep on trying, our customers are the BEST, that's no lying!

Menu Items	Here are a few of the menu items we've offered this school year.
Bflo Chicken Sandwich	Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Patty, Melted Provolone with a Side of Frank's Sauce and Blue Cheese Dressing
Breakfast Sandwich	Whole Grain English Muffin, Scrambled Egg Patty, Slice of American Cheese and Ham
Breakfast Pizza	Whole Grain Pizza Crust topped with Eggs, Cheddar & Mozzarella Cheeses and Real Bacon Crumbles
Baked Pasta & Meatballs	Whole Grain Pasta Baked with Marinara Sauce, Mozzarella Cheese and Mini Meatballs
Chicken Dinner	Chicken pieces lightly battered and baked to a Tasty Crunch served with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies and Fruit
Chicken Parm	Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Patty, baked with Low Fat Mozzarella Cheese and Marinara Sauce
Chicken Alfredo	Chicken tossed in a delicate Alfredo Sauce, served over Whole Grain Pasta
Chicken Souvlaki	Boneless, Skinless, marinated Chicken Breast grilled and served with fresh Vegetables (sweet peppers, onions, romaine), Feta Cheese and Greek Dressing; served as either an open salad, or stuffed into a Whole Grain Pita Pocket
Calzones	Whole Grain Pocket with Marinara Sauce and Ricotta & Mozzarella Cheeses
Cheese Pizza	Whole Grain Pizza Crust with Tomato Sauce and Low Fat Mozzarella
Chicken Fajitas	Marinated Chicken Breasts sliced and grilled with Sweet Peppers and Onions. Served on a Whole Grain Tortilla with toppings and Brown Rice
Chicken Stir Fry	Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breast marinated in a Teriyaki Sauce, sautéed with Fresh/Frozen Asian Vegetables, served with Brown Rice
Chicken Caesar Salad	Romaine Lettuce topped with lightly seasoned Grilled Chicken Breast, Real Crumbled Bacon, Whole Grain Croutons, Grated Parmesan Cheese and Caesar Dressing
Chicken Incredi-Bowl	Chunks of Breaded Chicken and Corn on top of Mashed Potatoes, with Chicken Gravy and melted Cheddar Cheese
Cheeseburger	Hamburger Patty on Whole Grain Bun with Cheese, Condiments on Side
Fish Sandwich	Battered Cod served on a Whole Grain Bun with Cheese. Freshly made Coleslaw is served on the side
French Toast Sticks	Whole Grain French Toast Sticks baked and served with Warm Syrup, Sausage Links and Hash Brown Patty
Grilled Cheese	Whole Grain Bread and American Cheese grilled to a golden crisp, served with Tomato Soup
Goulash	Whole Grain Pasta Baked with Marinara Sauce, Sautéed Onions, Sweet Peppers and Ground Beef
Italiano Incredi-Bowl	Risotto (Italian Arborio Rice), Mini Meatballs, Escarole & Northern Beans sprinkled with Parmesan Cheese
Loaded Baked Potato	Fresh, delivered weekly, Russet Potatoes, baked and topped with Steamed Broccoli, melted Cheese and Real Bacon Crumbles
Mozzarella Sticks	Whole Grain Breading over Mozzarella Cheese, baked and served with Marinara Sauce
Mexi Incredi-Bowl	Brown Rice served in a Bowl covered with Taco Meat, Corn, Black Beans, Shredded Cheddar Cheese & Taco Sauce
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 and or Hot Sauce
Popcorn Chicken	Whole Grain Breaded Popcorn Chicken Bites baked to a tasty Crunch! Served with Optional BBQ Sauce
Ramen Incredi-Bowl	Restaurant Grade Ramen Noodles and Broth, served with a variety of Fresh Veggies
Sweet-n-Sour Chicken	Crunchy Popcorn Chicken tossed in a Sweet Sour Sauce, served over a Bowl of Brown Rice
Turkey Dinner	Sliced Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Veggies & Cranberry Sauce, and even Fruit Pie! So Grateful are We!
Taco-in-a-Bag	Taco Meat scooped into a Bag of Whole Grain Tortilla Chips with Shredded Cheddar Cheese & Salsa
Tuna (not Crab) Cakes	Flake Tuna Mixed with Seasonings & Bread Crumbs, formed to make a Delicate Tuna Cake, lightly fried and served with Fresh Coleslaw
Tuna Noodle Casserole	Broad Egg Noodles with Chunk Light Tuna in a Cream Sauce

VOICE YOUR CHOICE FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES

STUDENT _____

GRADE _____

HOMEROOM _____

CHOICE 1 _____

CHOICE 2 _____

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CHOICE 5 _____

March 2020

Keep me here

Or post me at home!

St. Mary's
Elementary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 1:00 Dismissal Professional Development Day All: Dress Down Day BINGO rsvp Due!	3	4 SME's Got Talent MANDATORY Rehearsal, 2:30-4	5 SME's Got Talent rsvp Due!	6 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30	7
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15 HSA Sponsored Pancake Breakfast 9am-12pm, GYM	16 St. Joseph's Day Table 6:30 in P.C.	17  SME's Got Talent Dress Rehearsal, 2:30-4:30	18 Easter Candy Pick Up: 4:30-6 in PC	19 All: SME's Got Talent 5:30pm - Dinner 6:00pm - Show	20 No School Professional Development Day	21
22	23 Gr. 8: Living Stations Rehearsal 2:30-3:30	24 Gr. 8: Living Stations Rehearsal 2:30-3:30	25 K-8: MP2 - Report Card Upload 4 th & 8 th Gr State Testing: ELA	26 4 th & 8 th Gr State Testing: ELA	27 Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books, 6-8pm	28
29	30	31 Gr. 8: Living Stations Rehearsal 2:30-3:30				

Annual Calendar is available on our Website (smeschool.com)

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Sham O' Grams are an easy way to show your friends that you care!
Just bring your money and completed tags to Mrs. Wojcik and Mrs. Gasiecki's room, and
we'll do the rest! All money and tags are due by 3/6 and will be delivered on St. Patrick's
Day 3/17.

NJHS thanks you for your support!

*I'm Lucky to be your
Friend!*



To: _____

Recipient's Grade: _____

Homeroom: _____

From: _____

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SME's School Effectiveness Team presents...

Battle of the Books and Ready SET Read Night!

Friday, March 27, 2020 6:00-8:00pm

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS is a game show-like competition to test student teams' knowledge of three selected books. An emcee will read questions about the books and teammates will work together to answer questions and earn points for their team. There are two Battle of the Books divisions. The 4th & 5th grade Battle will be held in the school cafeteria. The 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Battle will be held in the gym. There will be prizes for the 1st and 2nd place teams in each division. There will also be a "Team Spirit" award in each division for the team that has the most creative team name, costumes, & poster. Teams can have one to five members. The team members can be from different grades within the same division. The team members can each read all three books, or each team member can read one or two books. All middle school students should sign up their teams with Mr. Olejniczak and 4th/5th grade teams should sign up with Mrs. Kasinski in the school library. Teams that sign up before March 13th will receive dress-down coupons. Please complete and return the form below and send in registration fees.

READY SET READ is a fun literacy event for students in grades pre-K 3 through grade 3 and their families. This year the students voted for the theme "Welcome to the Jungle!" Join us for books, games, and activities about the jungle! The adventure begins in the Parish Center. Please complete and return the form below and send in registration fees.

USED BOOKS WANTED! S.E.T. is collecting gently used books for the book sale at this event. A used book donation box can be found in the school office.

To help us prepare for this event, please let us know if you and your child will be attending. Complete and return the below portion of the page along with a payment of \$5 per child. The fee is used to cover the cost of crafts, activities and prizes at the event. Please include an additional \$10 per family to cover the cost of pizza and subs for the entire family. Return the form and payment in an envelope labelled "SET" by March 13th.

We are asking that each family bring the following items to the event:
Pre-K, Kindergarten, grades 6 & 7- a side dish (salad, fruit, chips, veggies)
Grades 3-5- a dessert
Grades 1, 2 & 8- two 2 liters of pop or equivalent of water or another beverage
If you have children in multiple grades, choose one item from any of those grades.

Yes, we will be attending Battle of the Books/ Ready SET Read night!

Family Name _____ Family email _____

Name and grades of children attending:

Student's name:	Grade:	\$5 per each child attending:
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Include \$10 per family for pizza and subs.

\$10.00

Total enclosed:

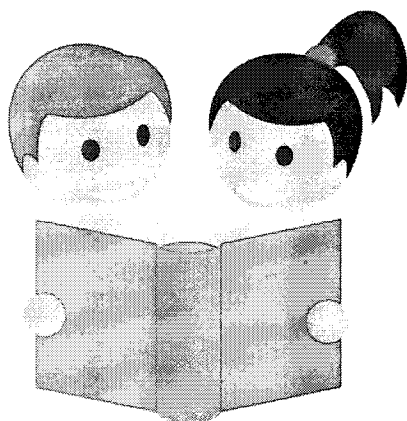
Total number of family members that will be eating pizza and subs: _____

Food item that we will bring to the event: _____

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The Book Swap

The book swap is back! A few times throughout the year, Mrs. Wojcik and Mrs. Gasiiecki 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!



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

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 NewsNotes.
- 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 ☺).

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

We hope you will encourage your students to participate!

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



Jon Leonetti

SURGE OF THE HEART

THREE EVENINGS | ONE MISSION | TOTALLY CATHOLIC

March 9, 10 & 11, 2020 @ 7 PM

St Martha Church, 10 French Rd, Depew, NY, 14043 (716-684-6342)

Co-sponsored by Our Lady of Pompeii, St Martha, St Mary of the Assumption, St Mother Teresa Parishes

EVENING ONE

WHO IS GOD AND WHY DOES THAT MATTER?

We cannot love someone we don't know. Therefore, in order to *love* God we have to first *know* God. So how do we come to know God? We examine the ways he's revealed himself to us. And in understanding the ways he's revealed himself to us, we better understand who we are and what our mission in life is all about. After all, selfishness, greed, resentment, ego make us miserable. It's the cross of Jesus Christ and the power of the Gospel that can set us free.

EVENING TWO

GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE

God's dream is to make you a saint. On this second evening, Jon shares both powerful and humorous stories of Catholic men and women who revolutionized their generation, living and sharing the extraordinary love and mercy of God in the most ordinary of ways. They're stories that will make you laugh and stories that will make you cheer—and stories that will make you want to go and do likewise.

EVENING THREE

LET'S BE SAINTS

Every saint had a mission. Every saint had a plan. We should, too. On this third evening, Jon shares the three things every saint had in common, and how we can implement them into our lives as well. There may not be any more important thing we will ever do. Let's get to work. Let's be saints.



*“One of the most
inspiring parish
missions available
in America.”*

*Matthew Kelly, Founder of
Dynamic Catholic*

Refreshments follow at 8:15 p.m. All are welcome! Free will offering accepted.

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February 26, 2020

Dear SME Family,

We would like to thank you for all that you do to make St. Mary's great. Without your support, the events and fundraisers that we hold would not be as successful as they are. At this time, we are looking for donations for baskets to raise additional funds during this year's Mega Raffle on June 12, 2020.

Attached is a list of items that can be donated, separated by grade. If you are able to donate an item (you do not need to donate for more than more grade if you have multiple children enrolled), please send you donation in with your student, **Attention: Mega Raffle**. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation in lieu of an item.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: We have set up an Amazon wedding registry to make it easier to purchase and donate items for the raffle. The registry name is **2020 Mega Raffle**, and you can select and pay for the items you wish to donate and they will be shipped right to the school – how easy is that? You can even buy Amazon.com cards from Scrip to pay for your purchases and support two fundraisers at once!

If you have any new Buffalo sports gear (Bills, Sabres, Bisons, etc), or know someone that can supply tickets for games, we will gladly accept those as well!

We are unable to accept donations of wine or any other alcohol.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Steve & Mary Kate DeMarzio (Mega Raffle Chair Couple)

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Theme (some items are listed for ideas)</u>
PreK-3	Lottery/gift cards
PreK-4	Cleaning: paper towels, Windex, new cloths, dusters, etc
K	Holiday decorations
1 st	Beach/Summer theme: towels, sunscreen, goggles, books, sunglasses, folding/lounge chair, sun umbrella, cooler, puzzle books, water bottles
2 nd	Pasta theme: boxes of pasta, colander, serving bowl, cheese shaker, wine glasses, salad bowl, salad tongs
3 rd	Car detailing: bucket, soap, brush, tire/wheel cleaner, windshield cleaner, interior cleaner, towels, Delta Sonic GC
4 th	Pet items: toys, food bowls, etc
5 th	Home décor - NEW items only : vases, lamps, pillows, frames, wall decor (paintings, shelves, etc), blankets, candles
6 th	Movie theme: movie theater GCs, popcorn, popcorn bowls/bucket, DVDs, boxed/bagged candy, drinks
7 th	Gardening: gloves, gardening tools, seeds, knee pads, etc.
8 th	Lottery/gift cards

Read Across America Week 2020

Monday, March 2nd - Friday, March 6th



Attention SME Families!

The week of Monday, March 2nd to March 6th is Read Across America Week commemorating Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel's) Birthday. SME students and staff will be celebrating in a variety of ways throughout the week.

- Who's Who of SME? - Teachers/Staff will have their picture taken with their favorite children's book. The catch is that the book will be covering their face. The pictures will be set up in a Whoville display outside the cafeteria for students to try and guess the teacher/ staff behind the book. At the end of the week students will turn in their guesses for the challenge to find WHO was able to correctly guess the most staff members from looking at their pictures. The students with the most correct guesses will win a dress down pass.
- Caught Red Hatted Raffle - We are going to boost book interest by awarding raffle tickets to students "caught" reading for enjoyment during non-instructional times. A winner will be drawn at the end of the week from all the entries to win a prize.
- Special guest readers - will be visiting the classrooms throughout the week as well.

Mon. March 2nd - Readers Oath & Dress in Red, White or Black with a Hat or as the Cat in honor of the Cat in the Hat: SME School will take the Reader's Oath during the morning announcements to launch Read Across America week. * SME students can dress in Red, White or Black with a Hat or as the Cat in honor of the Cat in the Hat today. Students may be out of uniform today only if they are dressed as stated above.

Tues. March 3rd - Green Eggs & Ham: Students can dress in green from head to toe today. Green, Ham & Eggs will also be available for students to purchase for lunch this day.

Wed. March 4th - Wacky Wednesday: Students can dress in their wackiest clothes today.

Thurs. March 5th - Oh the Places You'll Go!: Students can dress as a World Travelers today. For example: Grass skirt for Hawaii, Plaid Kilt for Scotland, Kimono for Japan, etc...

Fri. March 6th - Fox in Sox: Today is a mass day. Students will wear crazy socks. Students will also be asked to donate a pair of socks. We will conduct a sock drive to both raise awareness of the plight of the homeless and the problems they have from not having new socks. We will be donating to a local charity.

Parents: If you have any connections with the press, please share our good news with them. Let's brag to all about what a great school we have.

**As always, remember to encourage your child to
READ, READ, READ!**

Middle School Exam Week 2020

Middle school lunch is moved to first lunch (10:56 AM - 11:35 AM) during these four days

<u>Monday, June 15</u>	<u>Tuesday, June 16</u>	<u>Wednesday, June 17</u>	<u>Thursday, June 18</u>
*8:15 AM - 10:50 AM 6th - SS 7th - SS 8th - SS	*8:15 AM - 10:50 AM 6th - ELA 7th - ELA 8th - ELA	*8:30-10:00 AM: 8th Grade Graduation Practice **Final Exam Review Schedule TBD	*8:30-10:00 AM: 8th Grade Graduation Practice *10:00-10:54 AM: 8R Math Review w/Mrs. Dembski **Final Exam Review Schedule TBD
LUNCH 10:56-11:35 AM	LUNCH 10:56-11:35 AM	LUNCH 10:56-11:35 AM	LUNCH 10:56-11:35 AM
*11:40 AM - 2:00 PM 6th, 7th and 8th Activity with Specials Teachers - Walking Trip to Frosty's & Keysa Park	*12:00 - 1:30 PM: 8th Grade Graduation Practice **Final Exam Review Schedule TBD	*11:40 AM - 2:10 PM 6th - Math 7th - Math 8th - Math (non-regents) *12:00 PM - 3:00 PM 8th - Regents Science Living Environment	*11:40 AM - 2:10 PM 6th - Science 7th - Science 8th - Science (non-regents) *12:00 PM - 3:00 PM 8th - Regents Math Algebra

***RELIGION FINAL EXAMS:** June 9, 10, 11 *during Religion Classes*

***SPANISH FINAL EXAMS:** June 9, 10, 11 *during Spanish Classes*

***PLEASE NOTE:** All 8th grade students will take the 8th grade state tests: ELA (March 25-26), Math (April 21-22), and Science (May 27 and June 1). In addition, the 8th grade Regents students will take the Regents Living Environment exam (6/17) and Regents Algebra exam (6/18).

***REGENTS LIVING ENVIRONMENT EXAM:** Wednesday, June 17 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

***REGENTS ALGEBRA EXAM:** Thursday, June 18 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

GRADUATION PRACTICES with 8th Grade: Tuesday, June 16th 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Wednesday, June 17th 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Thursday, June 18th 8:30 - 10:00 AM

WALKING TRIP TO FROSTYS: Monday, June 15th 11:40 AM- 2:00 PM

Ticket Raffle

Buffalo Sabres VS. Chicago Blackhawks

(2) 100 Level Seats

Saturday, March 21st, 2020

2pm start

3 chances for \$10.00

Winner of tickets will be pulled Friday, March 13th, 2020
Please detach and send in form below with your information
and payment by Monday, March 9th, 2020 for a chance
to win Sabres tickets!!!

We have (15) of the Sabres 50th Year yearbooks available in the
school office. If you would like to purchase one, please stop in the
school office. They are \$10.00 each. Once they are gone, they
are no longer available.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of chances (3 for \$10.00) total _____

Please return to school office by 3/9/2020

Check # _____

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**THE FOLLOWING
ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & SME GRADUATES
HAVE BEEN NAMED TO THE DEAN'S LIST FOR THE SECOND
QUARTER OF THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR:**

FRESHMEN

TIMOTHY CAMPBELL
MAGDALENE DZIADOSZ
KAYLYN O'GRADY
ANDREW USINSKI
TYLER WASS
PAIGE WENTLAND

JUNIORS

SEAN BROWN
BENJAMIN HADSALL
LILLIAN MIKULA
NICOLE NORTON
ALYSSA OKON
ALLISON SHEPARD
MAKENNA WANAT
MEKENSIE WEINHOLTZ

SENIORS

SOPHOMORES

RYAN KOBIS
CHLOE SELL
CHARLES STANSBERRY
ALOISE WIPPERMAN

MEGAN ANDERSON
OLIVIA BONUITO
SAMUEL DANTONIO
JULIANNA Kladke
JENNAMAE LIPIARZ
BRENDAN MURTY
MARY OWCZARCAK
GIAVANNA SACCO
CAROLYNN STEFFENS
KERRY SULLIVAN
JILLIAN SZELUGA