

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

A big thank you to all of our SME students and teachers who participated in our Catholic School's Week mass this past Saturday. It was a beautiful mass. Thank you to Mr. Kelly for the basketball activities and to the parents who helped out. We had a very delicious ice cream social as well!!

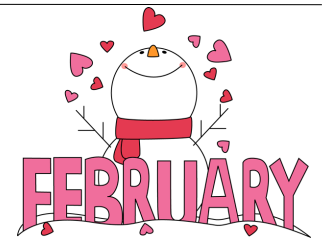
Also, thank you to the families that helped out at our Open House last night. We greatly appreciate your help in promoting our school.

Don't forget that this Friday we will be celebrating our Christian Witness Mass.

Registration packets for the 2020-2021 school year went out with your oldest/only child last week. Please return your paperwork ASAP to secure your spot! Any questions can be directed to the school office.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/5 - PR2 Upload
- 2/6 - 8th Gr Grad Photos
- 2/7 - Christian Witness Mass (Jan Recipients), 8:30
- 2/11 - Winter Sports Yearbook photos
- 2/12 - K-5 Book Swap Day 1
- 2/13 - K-5 Book Swap Day 2
- 2/17-2/21 - **NO SCHOOL**
- 2/26 - Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:30am
- 3/2 - **1:00 Dismissal**, Dress Down Day
- 3/6 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- 3/13 - Mother / Son BINGO, 5:30-8pm
- 3/19 - SME's Got Talent
- 3/20 - **No School**, Prof. Development

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From Jan. 28 - Feb. 3 the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$177.96.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
January Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$415.47	\$7,176.46

We have fallen below our yearly goal by \$323.54 but there is still time to catch up!

Questions can be directed to scrip@smeschool.com at any time.

CANDY BAR SALE:

Super custom blend boxes available by request & product availability. Contact Amanda Kuhn to find out more!

SHOPAROO:

Do you Roo? We have 26 supporters with plenty of space for more but are up to 35,245 points & 21 entries so far this month in the sweepstakes to earn bonus points!

BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION:

Don't forget, the program has been revamped. Download the BoxTops app & start earning today! Pillsbury is BACK! Earn on refrigerated Pillsbury products. For more info please visit: boxtops4education.com.

'SOUP'ER BOWL SUCCESS!

Thank you to those who brought a can of soup in this past Thursday for our collection to benefit the Lancaster Food Pantry.

With your help we were able to collect 109 cans for donation!



SPRING PHOTOS

Winter Sports Yearbook Photos - Tuesday, February 11th
Students need to bring their sports uniform to change into prior to the photo.



NJHS SALE

Our National Junior Honor Society students are hosting a Candy Gram sale!



For just .25 you can spread the love of the season to a friend, cousin, son, daughter, grandson/daughter, niece or nephew!

If you buy 8 you get one free! (9 for \$2!)

Last call to order your candy grams to be delivered on Valentines Day! Please see last week's electronic NewsNote if you are in need of the tag order form!

NURSE NOTES

We all know that the cold and flu viruses are among us. SME is making every effort to keep the staff and students healthy, and we are asking for your continued help. Please read the following reminders:

- ◆ Your child must be fever free for 24 hours in order to return to school-this must be without the use of a fever reducer (Tylenol/Motrin). Please do not give them a fever reduce and send them to school-chances are they are still not feeling good and are contagious.
- ◆ Your child must be free from vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- ◆ We fully understand that coughing, sneezing, and runny noses are all a part of this season and school aged children developing immunity. Our school is equipped with sinks, hand soap, hand sanitizer, tissues and sanitizing wipes. Teachers have reviewed good hygiene practices to attempt to decrease the spread of germs. Please continue to practice these skills at home.
- ◆ Rest and increased fluids is one of the best ways to fight a cold or the flu. A day at home to do these things will make a big difference. Our teachers are very understanding and will be helpful to your child to make up any missed work. Please remember if your child will be absent to call the school office and to send in a note when they return. The SME family would like to thank you for your continued support and efforts to keep the staff and students healthy.

~ Mrs. Parker RN

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UPON THIS HILL,
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. 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.

All sales will be 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. There will no longer be Scrip selling hours in the school on Mondays and Fridays from 8:00-9:00. Feel free to reach out with any questions: scrip@smeschool.com.

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 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.



MEGA RAFFLE

Additional Mega Raffle order forms are available in the main office, and you are welcome to reserve your favorite number at any time – just send an email to us with your request number.

****New this year**** We will have THREE early bird drawings to celebrate those of you that are able to get your payment in early!

We are in need of parents to coordinate the basket donations for this year's event. If you are interested in helping out with that, please reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio at the email below.

If you are interested in joining our committee, or helping with the event in any way, please contact us at megaffle@smeschool.com.

Our next planning meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:00** in Room 140.

READY SET READ & BATTLE OF THE 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!
A book list is coming home today in the blue folder.

Please see the blue folder for more information on these events, including a template for the annual bookmark contest!



SUMMER CAMP

Our new Summer Camp program will begin on June 8th for students in Pre-K & K and June 29th for students in grades 1-8.

The operating hours will be 7:00 am - 6:00 pm. Flexible scheduling will be available!

Please see the flyer coming home this week. Registration paperwork will be available soon.



PARISH PASSAGE

You shop, Amazon gives!

When shopping through Amazon, please consider going to smile. Amazon.com and search for St. Mary's.

Be a superhero and purchase your SCRIP cards at the rectory and really hit the donation jackpot!

FACE LIFT



FAST Club is now called Afterschool Care.

Please make note of this. Moving forward, all paperwork and statements will have the new name reflected on them.

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

Our Pre-K friends enjoyed a visit from Checkers the Clown during Catholic Schools Week!



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 26 supporters and 35,245 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.

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



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 kierejewskis@smeschool.com. Thank you!

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 2/17-2/21 No School

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

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

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

Save the Date:

Battle of the Books 2020

Grades 4 & 5 Book Titles

***Flora and Ulysses* by Kate Decammilo**

Holy unanticipated occurrences! A cynic meets an unlikely superhero in a genre-breaking new novel by master storyteller Kate DiCamillo. It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book *Terrible Things Can Happen to You!*, is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry — and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. From #1 New York Times best-selling author Kate DiCamillo comes a laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting new format — a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations, all rendered in black-and-white by up-and-coming artist K. G. Campbell. *Flora and Ulysses* is the winner of the 2014 Newbery Medal.

***Restart* by Gordon Korman**

Chase's memory just went out the window. Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember *anything*. He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again . . . starting with his own name. He knows he's Chase. But who *is* Chase? When he gets back to school, he sees that different kids have very different reactions to his return. Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him. One girl in particular is so angry with him that she pours her frozen yogurt on his head the first chance she gets. Pretty soon, it's not only a question of who Chase is -- it's a question of who he *was* . . . and who he's going to be. From the #1 bestselling author of *Swindle* and *Slacker*, *Restart* is the spectacular story of a kid with a messy past who has to figure out what it means to get a clean start.

***26 Fairmount Avenue* by Tommy DePaola**

Tomie's family starts building their new house at 26 Fairmount Avenue in 1938, just as a hurricane hits town, starting off a busy, crazy year. Tomie has many adventures all his own, including eating chocolate with his Nana Upstairs, only to find out--the hard way--that they have eaten chocolate laxative. He tries to skip kindergarten when he finds out he won't learn to read until first grade. "I'll be back next year," he says. When Tomie goes to see Snow White, he creates another sensation. Tomie dePaola's childhood memories are hilarious, and his charming illustrations are sure to please.

Battle of the Books 2020

Grades 6, 7 & 8 Book Titles

***When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead**

Shortly after a fall-out with her best friend, sixth grader Miranda starts receiving mysterious notes, and she doesn't know what to do. The notes tell her that she must write a letter—a true story, and that she can't share her mission with anyone. It would be easy to ignore the strange messages, except that whoever is leaving them has an uncanny ability to predict the future. If that is the case, then Miranda has a big problem—because the notes tell her that someone is going to die, and she might be too late to stop it. Winner of the Boston Globe–Horn Book Award for Fiction, *A New York Times* Bestseller and Notable Book, Five Starred Reviews and A Junior Library Guild Selection.

***Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly**

Newbery Medalist Erin Entrada Kelly's *Hello, Universe* is a funny and poignant neighborhood story about unexpected friendships. Told from four intertwining points of view—two boys and two girls—the novel celebrates bravery, being different, and finding your inner bayani (hero). In one day, four lives weave together in unexpected ways. Virgil Salinas is shy and kind hearted and feels out of place in his crazy-about-sports family. Valencia Somerset, who is deaf, is smart, brave, and secretly lonely, and she loves everything about nature. Kaori Tanaka is a self-proclaimed psychic, whose little sister, Gen, is always following her around. And Chet Bullens wishes the weird kids would just stop being so different so he can concentrate on basketball. They aren't friends, at least not until Chet pulls a prank that traps Virgil and his pet guinea pig at the bottom of a well. This disaster leads Kaori, Gen, and Valencia on an epic quest to find missing Virgil. Through luck, smarts, bravery, and a little help from the universe, a rescue is performed, a bully is put in his place, and friendship blooms. The acclaimed and award-winning author of *Blackbird Fly* and *The Land of Forgotten Girls* writes with an authentic, humorous, and irresistible tween voice that will appeal to fans of Thanhha Lai and Rita Williams-Garcia.

***El Deafo* by Cece Bell**

A *New York Times* Bestseller and A 2015 Newbery Honor Book. Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn't—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become “El Deafo, Listener for All.” And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.

Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books 2020

Bookmark Contest

Draw your bookmark design within the box on the left of this page.

Entries for students in Pre-K 3 through 3rd grade should promote the theme "Welcome to the Jungle".

Entries for students in grades 4-8 should promote the theme "Battle of the Books 2020".

Bookmarks will be judged on originality and design.

Original entries only. Use any colors you want but do not trace or use computer art.

Use markers, crayons or colored pencils. Make sure colors are filled in and solid. Do not use highlighters.

Return your designs to the school office by February 28 to the attention of SET.

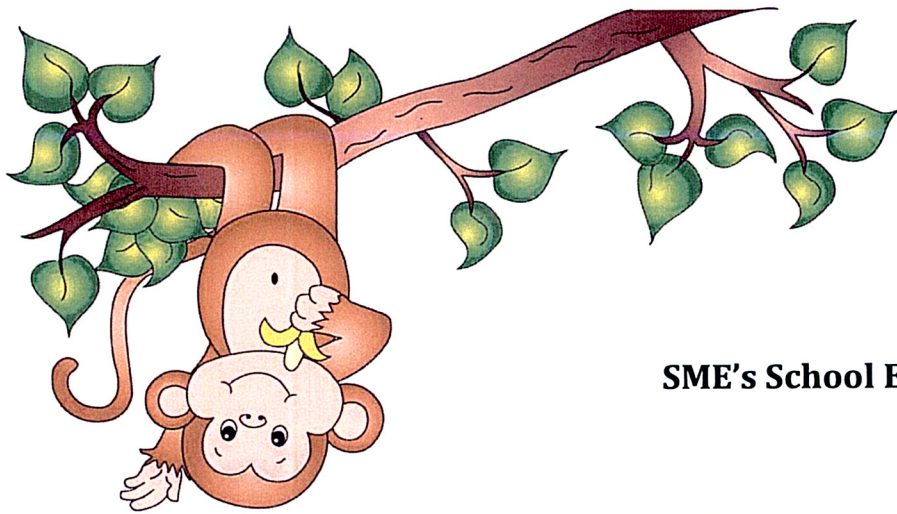
The winners will be announced at Ready SET Read Night on March 27th. One winner will be chosen for grades Pre-K 3 through 3rd and one winner will be chosen for grades 4-8.

Winners will receive a prize and their bookmarks will be copied and distributed to all students at Ready SET Read and Battle of the Books.

Name _____

Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____



SME's School Effectiveness Team Presents:

Ready, Set, Read: Welcome to the Jungle

For SME students in grades Pre-K through 3rd and their families!



March 27, 2020
6:00 - 8:00 PM



Get ready for books, games and activities about the jungle!



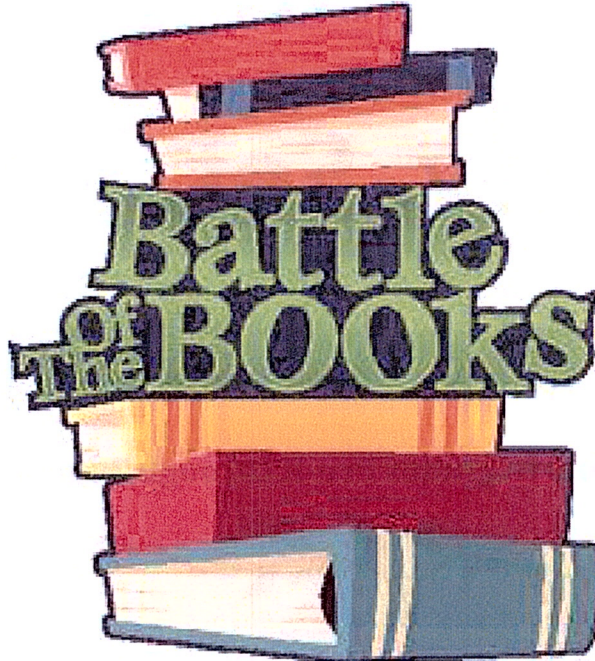
Registration is required. See Newsnotes for details.

SME's School Effectiveness Team Presents:

**March 27th
6-8pm**

**Cash
Prizes**

**Sign your team
up by 2/14 &
receive dress
down coupons**



**Two Divisions:
4th/5th grade &
Middle School**

**Team
Spirit
Awards**

**Pizza, subs,
snacks & desserts**

2020

**Sign up your team of 1-5 members with
Mrs. Kasinski (4&5) or
Mr. Olejniczak (Middle school)**

Registration is required. See Newsnotes for details.

NEW

All Day - **FIVE**
Days A Week

Summer Camp

Pre-K through 8th Grade

Available 7:00am until 6:00pm FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING



Parents, take the worry away of trying to figure out where or who will be able to watch your child(ren) during the summer months... SME will now be offering a Summer Camp from mid-June until the end of August!

More Info Coming Soon!

Field Trips

- ART
- SCIENCE
- TECHNOLOGY
- CREATIVE MOVEMENT
- FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- GROUP TIME
- CENTER FREE PLAY
- OUTDOOR PLAY TIME

Summer Camp will include a light breakfast, 2 snacks one in the morning and one in the afternoon!!