

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who made their First Reconciliation this past weekend!

This Friday, March 13th is our Mother/Son Bingo night. I hope to see many of our moms and sons there.



Next Thursday evening, March 19th, will be our 2nd Variety Talent Show and dinner. SME has a lot of talent. Please make plans to join us!



Please find enclosed in this NewsNote information regarding Tuition Financial Assistance. We are fortunate enough, due to a generous donor, to be able to offer financial assistance to our families.

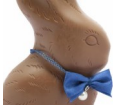
Students in grades PK - 1 & 6-8 are welcome to dress down in GREEN on St. Patrick's day! Please be sure to follow the dress down guidelines outlined in the handbook. We have an exciting field trip planned for students in grades 2-5, who must be in school uniform. Those students are welcome to accessorize in green.



Please remember that school will not be in session on Friday, March 20th. Our teachers will be having a professional development day.

God's Peace and Love, Mrs. Kwitowski

## HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Niagara Spring Fundraiser Pick up will be on Wednesday, March 18th, 4:30 - 6 in the P.C.

We are hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, March 15th. Tickets are \$9 presale (\$10 at the door) and available in the main office. To ensure a smooth service, help is needed with both cooking & serving. Any student needing service hours is welcome! We will be holding a basket raffle during the breakfast and welcome any donation of complete baskets or gift certificates. Please contact [hsa@smeschool.com](mailto:hsa@smeschool.com) for more information.



Our stock of SME bracelets has been replenished and are available for just \$12.00!

Coffee & cookies - a match made in heaven and we've got them both available to you! Beginning April 8th and running through April 28th we will be hosting a fundraiser with Otis Spunkmeyer (cookies/pretzels/pizzas) & Premium Coffee Co. (K-Cups /ground/cocoa/teas)!



*We thank you as always for your support of our fundraising endeavors.*

*Our children are the direct recipients of the profits earned!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 6:00pm
- 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day Dress Down!
- 3/18 - Niagara Sale Pick Up 4:30-6:00 PM
- 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, 6-8pm
- 4/3 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30. Living Stations 1 & 7pm

## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

From Mar. 2 - Mar. 9 the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$355.15.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
March Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$355.15	\$7,877.94

We are only \$1,122.06 below our annual profit goal, certainly attainable!

### CANDY BAR SALE:

The Candy Bar sale for the reward portion has now closed. Prizes will be distributed to closed accounts next week. We do have 68 boxes left to close out our sale entirely. If you are interested in a box, please email [secretary@smeschool.com](mailto:secretary@smeschool.com).

### SHOPAROO:

Supporters = 27  
Points = 47,925  
Entries in the monthly raffle = 55

### BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION:

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

### Mega Raffle:

385 Tickets Sold  
315 Tickets Remaining  
Next Early Bird Drawing:  
4/1 for a chance at a \$150 Prize!

## READY SET READ/BATTLE

Our reading challenge began on Monday!

For every 20 minutes of reading your child completes (on their own, or being read to) at home fill out a coupon and bring it to school.

One coupon = one stone for their bucket  
Please refer to the letter that went out last week with more information.

When we read - we all win!

We are currently collecting books for our used book sale. Books can be brought to the main office.

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

Registration forms are due March 13th!



## READ ACROSS AMERICA

Thank you to everyone who donated a pair of socks or two for our Fox in Socks day. They will be brought to the City Mission- Women and children.



## CONTEST TIME!!

Did you know... Each time your child buys lunch their class is earning points! 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! A whole weeks worth of favorites!!

A sample list of past entrée options was sent home with the March menu as well as a preference sheet for each student to complete and return.



## 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.



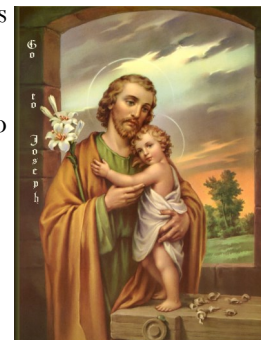
It is a long held tradition at SME that the 8th graders present this Lenten event. We hope that you will consider joining us for this beautiful and prayerful Lenten experience.

## PARISH PASSAGE

St. Mary of the Assumption's Middle School Faith Formation Team invites you to join in faith & fellowship as we celebrate St. Joseph's Day with a traditional meatless feast on Monday, March 16th at 6:00\*.

Those wishing to participate are asked to bring a meatless dish to share.

\*Please note adjusted time since March calendar was printed.



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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.

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.



Congratulations to our  
Christian Witness recipients  
for the month of February!

May you continue to be  
"...visible examples of Gospel living."

## SAVE THE DATE

Everyone's favorite STREAM Flower Fund-raiser is returning!

The sale will run Wed. 4/22 - Fri. 5/1!  
Order forms will be coming home on 4/22.

Delivery will be just in time for Mothers Day on Wed. May 6th!

Profits from this sale are solely used to fund STREAM related activities/fieldtrips/supplies.



## MEGA RAFFLE

The Mega Raffle ticket sales are off to a great start!  
To date, **385** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle.  
There are **315** tickets remaining – did you get yours??

Winners will be announced live Friday, June 12th in the Parish Center.

The next Early Bird drawing with a prize of \$150 will be Wednesday, April 1st.  
(Orders received by 4 pm 3/31 will be included in the drawing)

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. A letter went home last week with suggested items for each class sponsored basket. **Donations** 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, **119** of the tickets have been **sold or purchased by school families**. 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! Extra flyers are available in the main office. **Thank You!**

We are in need of volunteers to work the night of the event, as well as set up the evening before. If you are interested & able to help please **Help Wanted** reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio at megaraffle@smeschool.com.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Last week our students received a small box to collect for Catholic Charities as a Lenten offering. Catholic Charities offers a wonderful service to our community which is a not-for-profit and operates independently of the Diocese. Your support to their cause is appreciated. We ask that boxes are returned by 4/24.

## 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

In celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday  
Mrs. O'Grady's classroom made awesome hats!



Things sure were Wacky on Wednesday  
in Miss Cronmiller's classroom!



## 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 47,925 points! Just 2,075 shy of the \$100 earning mark!  
The 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:

Thank **BIG THANK YOU** to those that donated awesome boxes for our STREAM Arcade Academy!

From: Reese, Kaitlyn, and Lucia



## YEARBOOK

Yearbook order forms went out last week and are due back on April 3rd. The cost is just \$12. Additional order forms are available upon request through the main office. There will be a limited inventory of yearbooks available for cash & carry upon delivery.

Making  
**MEMORIES**  
that last.

## 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



## St. Mary's Elementary School Tuition Assistance Program

We are very blessed to receive a yearly donation from the Galasso Foundation that allows us to provide funding for tuition assistance. We wish to extend this sincere goodwill to any of our SME families who may need some financial assistance. This is done with respect and in keeping with our mission of living out the Gospel values, especially of serving one another.

The guidelines that are used to determine the amount of tuition assistance we can provide were provided in your registration packets. If you need another sheet or any assistance, please reach out to us. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Jezuit at 683-2112 ext. 121 or at [jezuitn@smeschool.com](mailto:jezuitn@smeschool.com) if you need assistance. All information provided remains in the strictest of confidence.

We truly appreciate our families and that you have chosen to entrust us with your child's education. We do not want to see a family leave due to a financial hardship. We encourage you to come and see us first and let's see if we can assist your family. Communication is vital and we would be more than happy to sit down and talk with you at any time.

God's Peace and Love,

Mrs. Kwitowski

# HSA PANCAKE BREAKFAST BASKET OF SNACKS RAFFLE



Win a GIANT BASKET of all your favorite snacks.  
Proceeds to benefit HSA – to be used for the  
school picnic!

\$2 Each or 3 for \$5

**Drawing Held After Pancake Breakfast 3/15/2020**

\*\*\* Have you got your pancake breakfast tickets yet?  
They are available in the school office. \$9 Presale/ \$10  
At the Door [\$40 Family Max]. Come Have Some Yummy  
Pancakes w/ toppings, Eggs, Sausage and Support HSA.

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