

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday is our Christian Witness Mass. Please join us in celebrating this past month’s recipients.

Mother/Son Bingo is on March 13th. We are extending the deadline to send in your RSVP in case this may have slipped past you. We will accept the RSVP’s until Monday, March 9th.

Also, please remember to send back your RSVP for the SME’s Got Talent Show on March 19th.

Love the Buffalo Sabres? Would you like a chance to win tickets to the game on March 21st? There is still time to purchase raffle tickets for this opportunity. You have until March 9th to send in your information and payment. In addition, we have a few of the Sabres 50th year yearbooks still available for \$10.00 each if you are interested.

God’s Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Thank you to those that supported our Niagara Spring Fund-raiser. 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 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:

- 3/6 - 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 6:00pm
- 3/18 - Niagara Sale Pick Up 4:30-6:00 PC
- 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 Feb. 25 - Mar. 1 the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$178.97.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
March Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$143.82	\$7,666.61
We are only \$1,333.39 below our annual profit goal, certainly attainable!	

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 = 45,935
Entries in the monthly raffle = 22

BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION:
Don’t forget, the program has been revamped. Download the BoxTops app & start earning today!

Mega Raffle:
352 Tickets Sold
348 Tickets Remaining
1st Early Bird Drawing on 3/1 Winner: #462

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Read Across America week:
Monday, March 2nd - Friday, March 6th.

Thurs: Dress as world travelers
Fri: Wear a pair of crazy socks **with uniforms** & donate a pair to a local charity.

On Friday, students can wear crazy socks for "Fox and Sox" day. Students are also encouraged to donate a pair of socks. We are conducting 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 collect and donate them to Buffalo City Mission - Cornerstone Manor (Women & Children).

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



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.

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!

Sham O’Gram’s are due this Friday! (.25 each 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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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. 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.

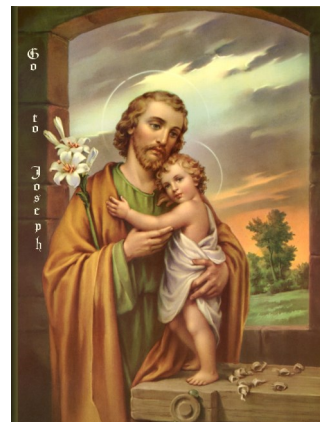
All Scrip sales are in the Rectory on Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays from 9:00-4:00. As usual, if you send your order into school with your child, your order will be sent home as soon as it has been filled. Feel free to reach out with any questions: scrip@smeschool.com

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.

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.

R-SET-R & BATTLE OF BOOKS

Our reading challenge
begins on Monday
March 9th!



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 see the letter coming home today with more information about how the weigh in will work with our varying class sizes.

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!**

MEGA RAFFLE

The Mega Raffle ticket sales are off to a great start!
To date, **352** tickets have been sold for the Mega Raffle.
There are **348** tickets remaining – did you get yours??

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

Our first early bird winner was ticket number #462!

The next Early Bird drawing with a prize of \$150 will be Wednesday, April 1st.
(Orders received by 4pm 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. 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, **105** 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.

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 reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio at megaraffle@smeschool.com.

Donations

Thank You!

Help Wanted

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>

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 45,935 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!

SPRING SPORTS

Students were able to grab a signup form for Track & Field, Softball & Boys Volleyball during lunch this past week. If your child is interested and did not get a form, please contact Mr. Kelly (Athletic Director) at athletics@smeschool.com. Additional forms are also available in the main office.

BOOK SWAP

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



YEARBOOK

Today you will find an order form for our yearbook. The cost is just \$12. Yearbook orders must be turned in by April 3rd.

There will be a limited inventory of yearbooks available for cash & carry upon delivery.

Making
MEMORIES
that last.

STAY IN THE KNOW



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

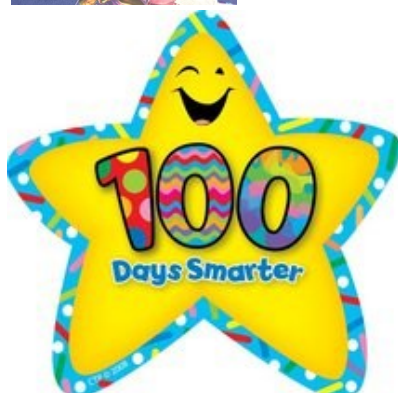
Save the Date: Thurs 3/19 SME's Got Talent Show

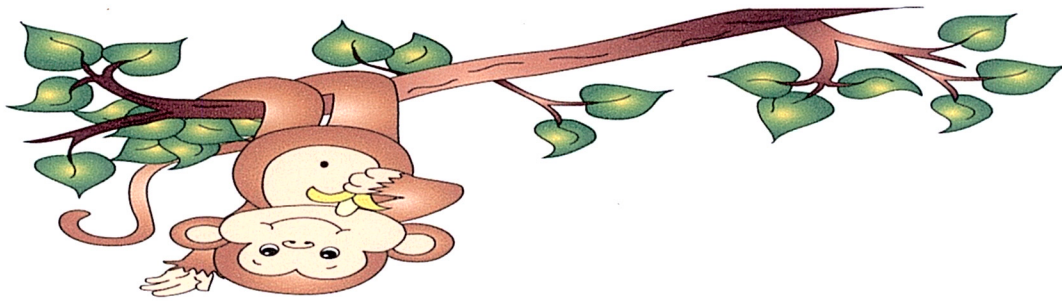
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Save the Date: Tues, 4/7 - SME Parent Night Open House, Art Show, International Night & Book Fair



PEEK INTO PRE-K





Dear SME Students and Parents:

Help your class win the Ready, SET, Read **Classroom Reading Challenge!** For every 20 minutes read by a student, or by a parent to a student, one bead will be added to your classroom's bucket. At the **Ready, SET, Read event Friday, March 27th**, the three classes that have the heaviest buckets will win classroom prizes!

Because class sizes vary, we will determine the average number of minutes read by each student in the class. The winning classes will be the ones that have the highest average of minutes read per student.

The challenge starts on Monday, March 9th. Starting on Monday, for every 20 minutes read, cut out and have a parent sign one of the attached tickets. When you give completed tickets to your teacher, you'll get a bead to drop into your classroom's bucket. **The last day to hand in tickets is Thursday, March 26th**. If you run out of tickets, tell your teacher and they will send more home.

Remember to come to **Ready, SET, Read Night** in your favorite jungle outfit. Don't miss the bucket weigh-in, fantastic guest readers, food, activities, prizes, book sale, and raffle for Sabres tickets.

If you haven't sent in your sign-up sheet, you have until **Friday, March 13th**. (The sheet includes sign-up for the Battle of the Books for students in fourth through eighth grade). If you have any questions regarding this event, please email the SET Committee at: set@smeschool.com

Happy Reading!

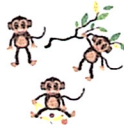
Ready, SET, Read! Committee School Effectiveness Team (SET)

Welcome to the Jungle! CLASSROOM READING CHALLENGE

Ready, SET, Read Night – Friday, March 27th, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Ready, SET Read! Reading Ticket
CLASSROOM READING CHALLENGE

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Parent's Signature:



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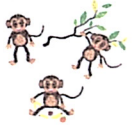
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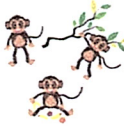
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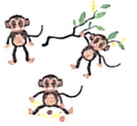
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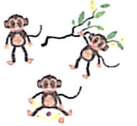
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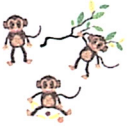
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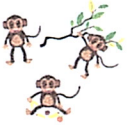
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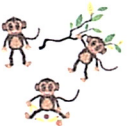
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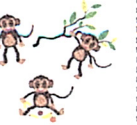
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St Mary's Elementary School

YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE

Ordering available until:
April 3, 2020

Full-Color Yearbook.....\$12.00

To order visit: www.inter-state.com/yearbook and enter this code: **45866M**
Or return envelope with cash, check or money order payable to:
Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co.

Tear At Perforation Above, Moisten Flap, Fold To Seal.
Enclose correct payment and return this envelope to school. Save top portion of this flyer for your reference.

St Mary's Elementary School (NY7235)

Student's Name_____

Teacher's Name_____

Grade_____ \$_____ Total Amount Enclosed

Use one envelope for each child – please do not fold currency.

Payment by check is your express authorization that it may be converted into a one-time EFT from your account, and all returned checks or EFTs may be re-presented electronically along with a separate EFT or demand draft for the maximum returned check fee allowed by state law.

For additional information: www.statecheckfees.com

Saint Joseph's Day Table



All are welcome....Parish Members, SME Family and Friends

Monday March 16, 2020 at 6pm in the Parish center

The Middle School Faith Formation Team is hosting the Saint Joseph's Day Table. Those who wish to participate we ask that you please bring a meatless dish to share.

Hope to see you all there!

