

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday, September 20th will be our second annual Fall Fest on the Hill. There will be food, basket raffles, cash giveaways and a band. We would greatly appreciate some volunteers to assist at the event as well as to donate baked goods. If you have not purchased your ticket yet, and/or you are able to help out, please contact the school office. This is a major fundraiser for the school, so please show your support. Please remember that Friday is a 10:45 am dismissal and there will not be any afterschool care available.

On Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Meet the Teacher Night. I hope that you will join us and take the opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and to see their classrooms. I am looking forward to seeing our families there!

There is no school on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. The teachers will be taking in part in professional development for the day.

Have a great week and we all hope to see you at the Fall Fest on the Hill Friday evening!!

God’s Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



TUITION CONFUSION

Many questions have arose recently regarding the “change” to the tuition invoicing policy.

There has been **no change** to the invoicing policy for this year.

Both the Tuition Payment Schedule & the Payment Policy (both were included in your registration packet) read as follows in the late payment section: Tuition Statements may be sent as a courtesy only. Tuition and FAST Club payments not received within 10 days of the due date will be considered late and may be assessed a \$25 late fee. Tuition payment schedules are noted on your Tuition Contract, Tuition Payment Schedule, and Payment Policy forms. FAST Club payments are due bi-weekly as noted in the FAST Club section.

As always, if at any time you have any questions on your child(s) tuition account, please feel, free to contact Mrs. Jezuit, our Director of Student Affairs, at [jezuitn@smeschool.com](mailto:jezuitn@smeschool.com).



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **9/18** - Room Parent Social, 2-3:30pm
- **9/20 - 10:45 Dismissal, NO FAST CLUB**, Fall Fest on the Hill, 6-11pm
- **9/25-26** - Book Fair
- **9/26** - Harvest Homecoming & Meet the Teacher Night 6-7:30
- **9/27 - No School**, Professional Development Day
- **10/4** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30, **15 Early Release Drill**
- **10/7 - 1:00 Dismissal**, Catholic Schools Marathon 9-10am
- **10/11 - No School**
- **10/14 - No School**, Columbus Day

BY THE NUMBERS

In this section we will talk about the numbers of our fundraisers; the good, the bad and the most up to date as possible!

SCRIP:

Today you will find information on our SCRIP program in your folder.

If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact our Scrip Coordinator, Mary Kate DeMarzio at [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com).

Be a fundraising hero! Purchase Amazon gift cards through Scrip & shop Amazon Smile! Search for: St. Mary of the Assumption and a portion of your purchase will come to us!



CANDY BAR SALE:

Our Candy Bar Sale is off to a great start! We are filling orders on a daily basis (dependent on in-stock varieties).

Don’t forget, with every two boxes that are pre-paid your child will receive one dress down ticket in November!

Additional order forms are available in the school office or feel free to email Amanda Kuhn to request one be sent to you.

FALL FEST ON THE HILL

*Our event is this Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-11:00pm  
It is not too late to get your tickets!*

We are still seeking volunteers to work the event on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please go to this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4BA5A728ABFA7-fall> . The link is also available on the School and Parish websites.

This fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. Every ticket sold gets us closer to our goal and makes sure we have a successful drive! The prize winners will be announced at the live drawing in the Parish Center. Flyers are available in the front office if you would like to bring them to your place of business to sell - people love a raffle!

If you wish to donate a basket for our basket raffle, we can always use a holiday themed basket. You are also welcome to donate gift cards (which you can conveniently order through our Scrip program), and we will do the shopping for you! We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Do you love to bake? We are also looking for donations of baked goods to serve during the event. We ask that items are pre-cut, ready to serve, and they can be dropped off beginning Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in the school office through Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

If you are interested in joining our committee, or helping with the event in any way, please contact us at [fallfest@smeschool.com](mailto:fallfest@smeschool.com).

FRIDAY DISMISSAL

As a reminder we have a 10:45 Dismissal this Friday.

There will be **NO After School Care/FAST Club** on this day.

Additionally, the following buses will not be transporting at dismissal: Alden & Cheektowaga

Please continue to be prepared to show identification until such a time as the teachers are able to recognize you when you are picking up your child as a walker.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Our Harvest Homecoming / Meet the Teacher Night will be held on Thursday, September 26th from 6-7:30.

At this time you will also have an opportunity to sign up for a parent/teacher conference (to be held in November) as well as hear from different groups within the school. We look forward to seeing you there!



Oops! We were unable to send the NewsNote electronically last week. We apologize for any inconvenience that may have caused and hope that you were still able to find all of the information via the blue folder, as everything was included there.

We are including a copy of the ABC’s of SME in your folder this week.

If you must have a copy of the NewsNote electronically before we have our distribution list finalized, please email Amanda Kuhn ([secretary@smeschool.com](mailto:secretary@smeschool.com)) and we will be sure to send it out to you!



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UPON THIS HILL,  
WE DO GOD'S WILL



## SCRIP

This week, each family should have received a Scrip information packet in their Blue Folder. After reviewing it, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. The brown envelope is what you can use to send your orders in to school with your child, and your gift cards will be sent home to you in.

Included in the information packet is the enrollment code to create an account on ShopWithScrip.com or MyScrip Wallet.com, if you don't have one yet. Be sure to enroll in online payments (PrestoPay) to receive your eGift cards and reloads to your physical gift cards faster. Great lakes is now also accepting credit cards as payment for online orders!

Don't forget that there is a locked box in the church foyer and outside the Athletics office so that you can drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you!

~ The Scrip Team is looking for additional volunteers to sell gift cards after weekend masses. If you are interested in joining our team, please email us at scrip@smeschool.com. Thank you for your support of the Scrip program!

Mary Kate DeMarzio  
Scrip Coordinator

## KITCHEN CORNER

Did you know... For \$4.25 you are welcome to come and have lunch with your (grand)child? We welcome family members to come anytime to celebrate a special day or any day at all!

We do want to remind you that outside food (from a fast food restaurant of any variety) is not allowed to be brought into the cafeteria.

If you are interested in coming in for lunch we ask that you send a note into our kitchen staff so that they can plan their cooking accordingly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

A copy of the birthday treat order form is coming home in the blue folder today.



## HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

We are looking forward to hosting our room parents & teachers this afternoon at the room parent social. Our teachers are eager to share their plans for the year!

Today you will find a copy of the HSA Newsletter. If you have any questions please feel to reach out to our HSA team at hsa@smeschool.com.



## MARATHON

Each year we participate in a Catholic Schools Marathon. Our marathon will be held on **Monday, October 7th**. The children (Pre-K - 8) will walk around the school grounds with their respective class while raising monies for their school. All money collected is used to enhance the technology here at SME.

A pledge form will be coming home next week. As always, we ask that children collect pledges from family and friends. We encourage all families to participate. Pledges can be sent in prior to the marathon, or afterwards with all money sent in by October 25th.

**Students are to wear their SME attire or gym uniforms.** This is a rain or shine event, so please be sure your child is in weather appropriate attire.

## CAFETERIA

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! After lunch, we enjoy getting the students outside for a bit of fresh air and we need at least 2 volunteers each day to do so. If you are interested in volunteering in the cafeteria please contact our cafeteria supervisor, Mrs. Regina, at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com.



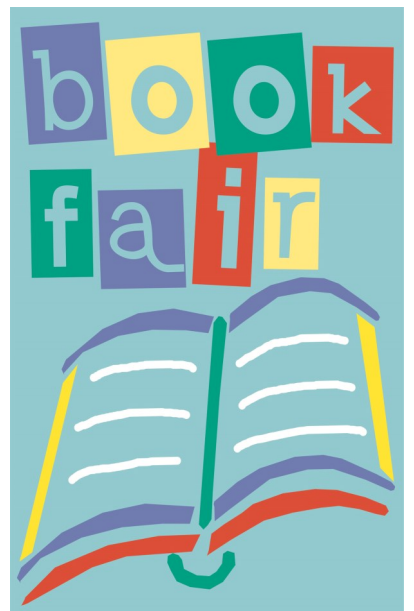
## FALL BOOK FAIR

Our fall book fair will be held September 25-26!

Students will have the opportunity to shop the book fair on Thursday, Sept. 26th as a class. Parents & Students are invited to shop during our Meet the Teacher / Harvest Homecoming Night on Thursday the 26th as well.

If you are able to help with the book fair, please contact Mrs. Kuhn and your information will be shared with Mrs. Bookmiller, our book fair chairperson.

A schedule of class visits to the fair will go out next week. Parents/Grandparents/Guardians are welcome to come and help your child shop.



## HELP WANTED

Thank you to those that reached out to join our blue folder stuffer team! We can always use another hand or two, and a rotation schedule can be set up with the team.

Stuffing takes roughly an hour & starts around 8:15.

If you (or someone you know) is interested, please contact Mrs. Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com.



## STAR SAVERS CLUB

Do you have a Star Saver? Remember, deposits days at SME are every Tuesday!

St. Mary's Elementary School partners with The Good Neighbors Credit Union in their Star Savers Club. The credit union is located at 30 Brunswick Road (Next to Tops).

The Star Savers Club is a unique youth savings program. Any child age 0-11 can set up a savings account with the credit union and make real deposits into a real account. Every deposit earns one sticker and 20 stickers earns a prize, every time!



## STAY IN THE KNOW



**Save the Date:** Friday, 9/20, Early Dismissal, 10:45am, No FAST Club

**Save the Date:** Friday, 9/27, NO SCHOOL

**Save the Date:** Friday, 10/4, Christian Witness Mass, 8:30.

**Save the Date:** Friday, 10/4, 15 Minute Early Release Drill

**Save the Date:** Friday, 10/18, My Little Sweetheart Dance, 7-9pm

## ABC's of SME

<b>A</b>	Absences	If your child will be absent, call the main office at 683-2112 by 9:00am. If you are requesting homework to be picked up at the end of the day it must be done at this time. An excuse must accompany your child on their first day back.
	After School Care	After school care (FAST Club) is available to all students pre-k through grade 8. Registration forms were in your school registration packet, and are always available on our website or in the main office. Joining our after school care program can happen at any time as needed during the year.
	Attendance Policy	Please review this important policy in our 19-20 handbook which will be distributed in the first weeks of school and is expected to be read & the last page signed off on and returned.
<b>B</b>	Back to School Night	Thursday, September 26th. Harvest Homecoming & Meet the Teacher Night. 6-7:30pm.
	Birthdays	We encourage you to celebrate your child's birthday through our cafeteria. Our kitchen offers a variety of snack options and order forms are available on our website, with different price point options noted. Orders should be submitted a week prior to the date which you would like to celebrate.
	Building Hours	Early drop off is available from 7:00-7:30. Our doors open at 7:30. Students are tardy at 8:10. Pre-K is released at 2:00. Bus & Walker/Parent Pick up dismissal is at 2:15. Any walker/parent pick up not dismissed by 2:30 will await your arrival in our after school care program and regular rates will apply. After school care runs until 6:00.
	Blue Folder Day	Each Wednesday our communication folder comes home with our weekly NewsNote as well as any important flyers/order forms etc.... Please take a moment to review this information and return the folder empty the following school day for your child.
<b>C</b>	Calendar	Our annual calendar is always available on our website. It is also inserted into the front cover of your blue folder which may remain there or be pulled out to post at home. An upcoming calendar section is also on the front page of our NewsNote.
	Cameras	For the safety of everyone on campus our school is monitored with closed circuit cameras. Footage can be reviewed for any reason by administration.
	Cell Phones	Students are not allowed to use cell phones during the school day, and they must be turned into their homeroom teacher each morning. In the event of an emergency students may be permitted to utilize the phone in the office. Forgotten homework, athletic equipment/P.E. clothes or musical instruments do not constitute as an emergency.
	Christian Witness	Each month one student per class is chosen to receive the Christian Witness Award. This award is in recognition of a student who has embodied our vision of being "... a visible example of Gospel living". Students are not aware of their receipt prior to their name being called however parents are notified and invited to celebrate Mass with us.
	Class Parties	Many of our classrooms are Peanut/Tree Nut safe. This means there are to be <b>no</b> home baked goods brought into the classroom. Any food treats must be prepackaged and indicate that they are safe. This includes any/all candy for holiday parties. All items will be checked and approved by the nurse &/or office staff before being allowed to go to the classroom.
	Clubs	We offer a variety of different clubs which will be indicated during morning announcements and in our weekly NewsNote.
<b>D</b>	Dances	Dances are open to our middle school students (gr 6-8) & area catholic schools only. Watch for flyers & information in the NewsNote.
	Dismissal Procedures	<p>Safety is ALWAYS our top priority!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pre-K dismisses at 2:00 via the double doors near the main office. Parents/Guardians are to wait in the vestibule for your child's class to arrive &amp; dismiss one student at a time.</li> <li>- Kindergarten-Grade 8 walker/parent pick up will occur through the Parish Center. Parents will wait in the vestibule until the doors are opened by the dismissal team. Each student will need to be signed out by a parent/guardian.</li> </ul> <p>Please be prepared to show identification until such a time as the teachers are able to recognize you.</p>



## ABC's of SME

<b>D</b>	Drop-Off Procedures	<p>If you are dropping your child off in the morning for school please use the following protocol in an effort to keep EVERYONE safe in the parking lot:</p> <p><b>#1</b> as you come onto the property continue ALL THE WAY DOWN the drive and pull into the parking lot near the church (just beyond the recycle bins). <b>#2</b> The section of parking lot closest to the school is ONE WAY and is used for EXITING only!</p> <p><b>#3</b> If you are 'dropping &amp; dashing' feel free to drive around the perimeter of the lot and pull up in front of the school to allow your child to exit your vehicle without needing to walk through the parking lot. This is EXACTLY what the district buses will be doing, please use caution, and the same rules that apply on the street apply in our lot: DO NOT pass a bus with its red flashing lights engaged.</p> <p><b>#4</b> If you have ANY need to leave the drivers seat you MUST park in a regular spot and do what you need to do/walk your child(ren) to the door or PC for Pre-K drop off.</p> <p>We will have staff outside during the drop off &amp; dismissal times ensuring rules are followed. SAFETY IS ALWAYS OUR TOP PRIORITY!</p>
<b>E</b>	Email	Email is the best mode of communication between you and your child's teacher.
	Excuse	Students who are absent are required to submit a written note signed by a parent/guardian to their homeroom teacher on their first day back to school.
	Early Dismissal Days	Any/All early dismissal dates are indicated on the annual calendar. Cheektowaga & Alden districts DO NOT provide busing on early dismissal days.
<b>F</b>	Faculty & Staff	A complete listing of SME faculty & staff can be found on the SME website.
	FAST Club	After school care (FAST Club) is available to all students pre-k through grade 8. Registration forms were in your school registration packet, and are always available on our website or in the main office.
	Fundraisers	The support of our various fundraisers ensures the ability to do and provide all that we can for our students! Information regarding all fundraising efforts will be in our NewsNote. We encourage you to participate in any way possible!
<b>G</b>	GYM	We received a grant last school year and are eager to share with the students all of the new equipment we were able to get! All students, pre-k through 8th grade attend gym class.
<b>H</b>	Handbook	Our Parent/Student handbook will be published and distributed in the first weeks of school. The last page is to be signed and returned. We will also publish it on our school website for easy reference.
<b>I</b>	Ice Cream	At the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week (1/27-2/1/20) we celebrate with Mass on Saturday @ 4:30 in the Church where our students assist in the mass followed by an ice cream social and spirit games back here in the school. It is a wonderful time and we encourage you to join in on the fun!
<b>J</b>	Join	Encourage your child to join a club, sport or extra-curricular activity!
<b>K</b>	Keep in touch	If at any time you have any questions/concerns please reach out! We are here for you and are happy to assist in any way possible.
<b>L</b>	Lockers	Lockers are issued to middle school students only. Locks are suggested but not required. Destruction of property is a punishable offence (included but not limited to scratching anything into the paint on the lockers)
	Lost & Found	Located in the cafeteria, all unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each marking period. A reminder will be made prior to the end of each marking period to have students go through the items before they are donated.
	Lunch	We are proud to offer a delicious hot lunch program! This is available to all students Pre-K through 8th grade. Lunch is \$3.00, with milk and assortment of snacks available a la carte. Lunches can be prepaid or pay by day. A lunch menu will go home in the blue folder the week before a new month begins and will also be available on our website & through the parent portal.
<b>M</b>	Main Office	All visitors must sign in and out at the main office & obtain a visitor pass. Students who are late or leaving early must also sign in or out from the main office. Messages from home, forgotten lunches and schoolwork can be brought to the office and will be given to students between periods or at the end of the day.
	Mass	Our students attend Mass every Friday in the church at 8:30am. Each class is assigned to and serves (singing/reading/ushering) at masses throughout the year.

## ABC's of SME

N	Nurse	We have a nurse on staff through the district of Lancaster, with her office located in the main office. If your child becomes ill during the day they are able to come down and she will determine if they are able to return to class or must be picked up. All medications must be kept with the nurse.
	Non-Uniform Days	On each 1st Monday of the month, as indicated on the calendar, and at various times throughout the year on 'For a Cause/Donation Days' we offer dress down days. Students should adhere to the uniform policy regarding appropriate attire.
O	Online	All the information you need throughout the year is available on our website smeschool.com. Our weekly NewsNote is also posted to our website as well as emailed to every family.
P	Parking Lot	We cannot stress enough the importance of adhering to the parking lot traffic flow as indicated in the drop off directive. SAFETY IS ALWAYS OUR TOP PRORITY!
	Parent Group	The Home School Association (HSA) is our parent group which runs a variety of events/fundraisers throughout the school year. As a parent, you are already a member of the group. If you are interested in joining the team leaders please contact hsa@smeschool.com. Hands are always welcomed & needed throughout the year.
	Parent Portal	We utilize eSchool for our K-8 students. Parents have the ability to view their child(ren)s gradebook, progress & report cards at any time via the parent portal. You can access the eSchool website through the link available at the bottom of the main page of our website.
	Parent Teacher Conferences	You will have the opportunity to sign up for parent/teacher conferences during our Harvest Homecoming Night. Conferences will be held in November as indicated on the annual calendar. If at any time you have any concerns about your child(ren) please contact your teacher. Meetings can be set up if/as needed.
	Photographs	Inter-State Photography will be offering both fall & spring photos. All students will be photographed in the fall for our yearbook. Spring photos will only be taken of those students who have purchased a picture package. All photo dates are indicated on the annual calendar.
	Progress Reports	All progress & report card uploads are indicated on the annual calendar in purple.
Q	Questions	If at any time you have any questions/concerns please reach out! We are here for you and are happy to assist in any way possible. The main office number is 683-2112.
R	Report Cards	All progress & report card uploads are indicated on the annual calendar in purple.
	Riding the bus with a friend	Students wishing to ride the bus home with a friend must have a note from both parents (the sender & the receiver). It is the policy of each school district that they cannot transport a student outside of their district. For example: You live in Lancaster & your friend lives in Depew, the office is contacting each parent to let them know that their child will be coming home on their own bus and not to their friends house.
	Room Parents	Under the guidance of our HSA, Room Parents (RPs) have a great opportunity to assist your teacher throughout the school year. RP's assist during class parties and spearhead the hosting of a one time teacher/staff luncheon per grade level. Information will go out at the start of the school year to sign up.
S	School Closings	In the event of inclement weather SME follows the closings of Lancaster Central School District. We will also post on all three local news stations as St. Mary's Elementary School. A school wide email and alert system will also be engaged.
	Security	Our doors remain locked all day. All visitors must arrive and be buzzed in at door #1 by pressing the button one time. When responding to the intercom it is <b>not necessary</b> to press the button to talk. Visitors arriving to any other door will be instructed to make their way to door #1, which includes dismissal time with our parent pickups.
	SME Attire	HSA offers SME logo hoodies for sale throughout the year as well as during HSA meetings. Our sports teams also offer apparel shops where you will purchase your jersey and also purchase items to show your school/team spirit. Links to those apparel shops will be advertised in our NewsNote.
	Social Media	Be sure to follow SME on Facebook, we love to show off what we've got going on! We will also post important information & reminders. Not on FB? Every post we make is available on our school website, you can see the entire post without having to sign up.

## ABC's of SME

<b>S</b>	Sports	We offer many different sports throughout the year. Students will have the opportunity to pickup a signup form through the nurse during their lunch. A valid physical must be on file with the nurse for your child(ren) to be able to participate. All upcoming sport information will be published in the NewsNote.
	STREAM	We are very proud of our STREAM program! Students will have the opportunity to choose a STREAM academy and each Friday the last hour of the day is spent in that academy. We showcase our STREAM work during open houses & by participating in the X-STREAM games at St. Joes each year!
<b>T</b>	Tardy	If your child is late (arrival of 8:10 or later) they must be signed in at the main office and bring a note. If a district bus is late, no note is needed.
	Teacher Concerns	If you have a concern with a teacher, please contact the teacher directly. Additionally, you may contact our principal via email at <a href="mailto:Kwitowski@smeschool.com">Kwitowski@smeschool.com</a> .
	Transportation	Busing is available by almost every surrounding district. If you have any questions as to if the district which you reside in transports to SME, you can contact them directly or contact the main office.
	Tuition	SME offers different ways for families to build their own tuition package and there are many different payment options that can be arranged. If at any time have any questions or concerns regarding your tuition account, please contact Mrs. Jezuit. Tuition payments can be made by cash/check or credit card (must be done in person, not over the phone).
<b>U</b>	Uniforms	Our uniform policy is posted on our website, within our parent/student handbook & was included with your registration paperwork where the last page needed to be signed and returned.
<b>V</b>	VIRTUS	Every teacher, staff & volunteer (parents and coaches) must be VIRTUS certified. To find out more on this program, please contact the main office.
	Volunteers	We love our volunteers! Volunteering is a great way to meet staff and other parents! Watch the NewsNote for upcoming opportunities!
<b>W</b>	Walk-a-Thon	We host two walk-a-thons, one each in the fall & spring. Students are asked to dress in SME logo attire for both. Our fall walk-a-thon is apart of the Catholic Schools Marathon where schools across the area all participate. All funds raised benefit expanding technology opportunities for our students. Our spring walk-a-thon raises money for our STREAM program.
<b>X</b>	eXtra eXtra, read all about it!	Stay 'in the know' by reading our NewsNote each week. We will have information about all upcoming events as well as showcasing our team sports & more!
<b>Y</b>	You don't want to miss this!	We host an event just for the Mothers & Sons as well as the Fathers & Daughters. Our talent show in the spring is a wonderful showcase of the many talents of our students!
<b>Z</b>	Zero Tolerance	We are a bully free zone! Should an issue arise it will be brought to the attention of the principal for appropriate action. We also have a School Resource Officer that visits the school once a week.

**Who to Contact:**

Main Office Phone Number: 683-2112

<b>Principal</b>	<b>Mrs. Kim Kwitowski</b>	<a href="mailto:kwitowskik@smeschool.com">kwitowskik@smeschool.com</a>	ext. 124
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# ***Birthday Snack Order Form***

**It's** \_\_\_\_\_ **birthday on** \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Please allow grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Homeroom(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**to purchase a snack in the amount of ;**

**\$0.50 x** \_\_\_\_\_ **=** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Students/Total Amount Due**

**\$0.75 x** \_\_\_\_\_ **=** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Students/Total Amount Due**

**\$1.00 x** \_\_\_\_\_ **=** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Students/Total Amount Due**

**Please submit this form along with cash or check made out to St Mary's Elementary at least one day prior to when you would like your child and their classmates to receive snack. Any unused funds will be returned with your child.**

**Thank you for your support!**

**The SME Cafeteria**

See what's NEW at the

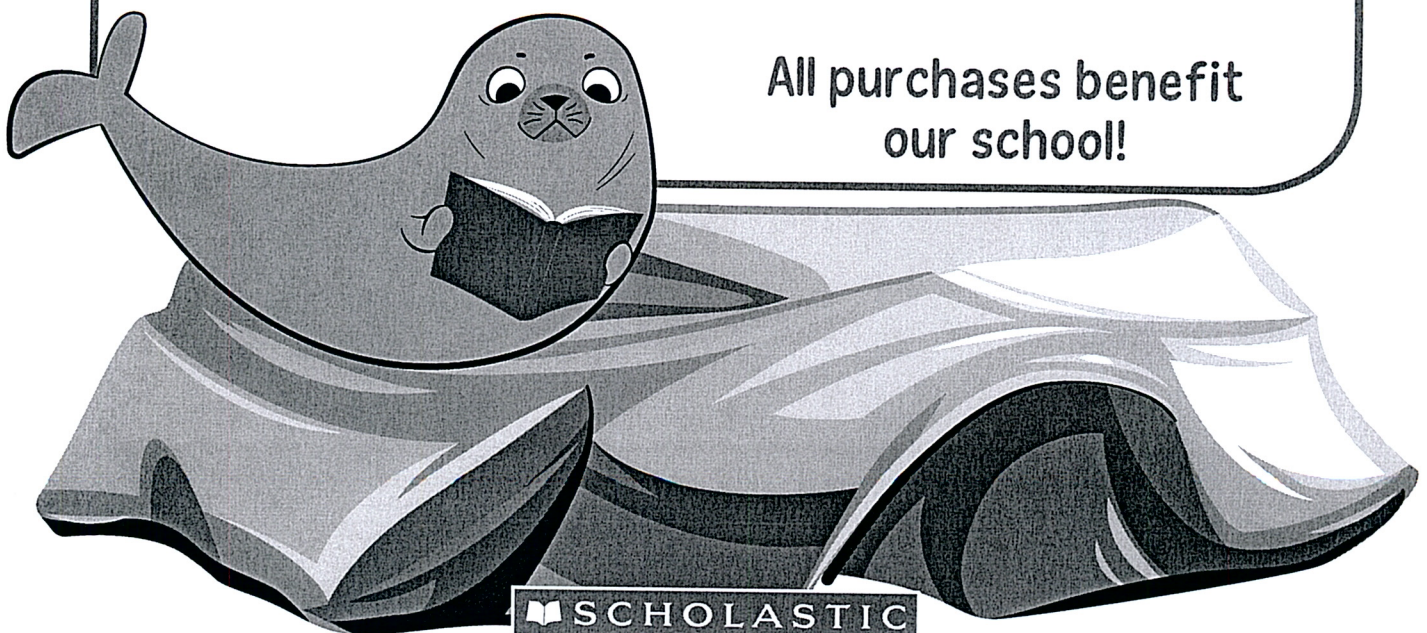
# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dates, Times, and Place

Wednesday, September 25th  
8:20 AM - 2:20 PM

Thursday, September 26th  
8:20 AM - 2:20 PM  
and  
Harvest Homecoming "Meet the Teachers Night"  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

All purchases benefit  
our school!



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SEPTEMBER 2019

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## WELCOME BACK!

The year has begun and we are looking forward to a fun year. We are beginning to work on our annual Halloween Party and Craft Fair. We are adding a new event with our Craft Fair this year - a spaghetti dinner. Keep your eyes open for ways you can help. For the new families, our school's HSA is in charge of fundraising for our school and also provides services for our teachers. Did you know... HSA with the help of each grade sponsors a teacher lunch every month and also helps provide funds to the teachers at the beginning of the year to set up their classroom? HSA provides parties and events for our children during and after the school day such as a Halloween Party, Ice Cream Social, and Penny Fair. HSA provides an annual gift to our school? Last year we were able to donate \$10,000. Without your support both financially and through volunteering, this would not take place. So please keep this in mind throughout the year – we ALWAYS need help!

Barb Kalinowski, Jennifer Jerackas, and Kristie May



## Upcoming Events

### October 26

HALLOWEEN PARTY

### November 9

CRAFT FAIR AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

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## Important Announcement

### HOODIES

Need to stay warm during the winter? HSA has hoodies for sale for \$25. The students are able to wear them during the school day. Order forms are on line or can be picked up in the office.

### CANDY BARS

Candy bar sales have begun. This is the largest fundraiser HSA has – and one of the easiest things to sell – who doesn't love chocolate??

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PROFITS FROM LAST YEAR

HERE IS THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

2019	
Candy Bars	\$ 8,107
Merry Moose	\$ 674
Coffee/Pie	\$ 1,291
Book Fair	\$ 26
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 95
Craft Fair	\$ 539
Pepsi	\$ 229
Easter Candy	\$ 3,335
Meat Raffle	\$ 6,627
Penny Fair	\$ (543)
Teacher Appreciation	\$ (5,826)
Teacher Start Up	\$ (1,950)
School Picnic	\$ (2,725)
Mixed Bag / Flower	\$ 1,284
Sale	\$ (1,954)
All Other	\$ 9,209
Total *	\$ 9,209

\* HSA ISSUED A CHECK TO ST MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR \$10,000 FROM THIS PROFIT



HALLOWEEN PARTY

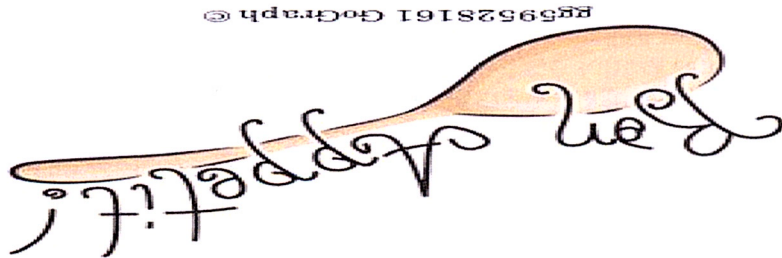
Planning for our Halloween Party has begun. We will have some of the old favorites, DJ, Pizza, and Truck or Treat – but new this year is we hope to host a Haunted Carnival for the kids. We are looking for Middle School Grade students to help design this activity. If you can help, please email Kristie asap at kay52178@gmail.com. This is a great way for students to earn service hours.



VENDOR FAIR AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

More Important News

This year our Vendor Fair is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. As noted above, we are adding a spaghetti dinner. Tickets will be \$8 presale and \$10 at the door. This price will include admission to the Vendor/Craft Fair. We are currently in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen and serve the tables. Please email us at hsa@smeschhool.com if you can help. Look for more information to come in the coming weeks.



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