

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

October 26-30 is Red Ribbon Week. During this week we participate in different daily themes to remind students of the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and bullying. A detailed list of the daily themes was included in last week’s NN.

I wanted to remind parents who are dropping their child(ren) off in the morning that students need to be dropped off by 8:00am. We begin announcements by 8:10 and the students, as well as the teachers doing the morning checks, need to be in their classrooms by this time. This drop off time will be even more critical with winter coming and the extra time that will be needed for the children to take off their boots and to be ready to start their day. I ask that you please make every effort to have your child(ren) dropped off by 8:00am.

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success. ~ Henry Ford

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

NURSE NOTES - REPRINT

As a reminder all students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, and 7 and any new student, regardless of grade, must have an updated physical on file in the health office. If you have not done so yet, please send in your child's health appraisal form as soon as possible.

It is also mandated by NYS that all students be up to date on immunizations.

As we prepare for flu season it is important to get your yearly flu shot. Please call your healthcare provider to make your appointment. Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding with our many new health office protocols.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **10/26-10/30** Red Ribbon Week
- **10/28** - Progress Report Upload, K-8
- **11/4** - NEW: Fall Picture Retake Day
- **11/6** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- **11/10 - 10:45 Dismissal**, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **11/11 - No School**, Veterans Day
- **11/25-27 - No School**, Thanksgiving Recess
- **11/30 - 1:00 Early Dismissal**, Staff PD
- **12/4** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am, **NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE TODAY**

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

October 6, 2020 to October 12, 2020, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$317.19**.

Collectively, St. Mary’s goal is to sell \$30,000 in Scrip each month with a rebate goal of \$1,500.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Rebate Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
October Sales Total	Annual Rebate (3/2020 - 2/2021) Profit to Date
\$9,065.00	\$3,949.12

Contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com to find out how you can support his fundamental program!

CANDY BAR SALE:

Online orders are preferred but hard copies of the form are available at any time.

Questions can be sent at any time to candybarsale@smeschool.com.

All flavors are \$1/bar, \$48/box.

Electronic Order form:
<https://forms.gle/eq1au7amGqRBrbLj6>

CANDY BAR SALE

Orders can be placed at any time via the google form: <https://forms.gle/eq1au7amGqRBrbLj6>

Please email candybarsale@smeschool.com if you need the link emailed to you.

A hard copy of the order form is available on the NewsNote tab of the school website or you can email: candybarsale@smeschool.com.

This has historically been HSA’s largest fundraiser for the school and the duration of the sale will depend on the demand.

Boxes contain 48 bars and cost just \$1 per bar. Factory mixed boxes as well as the ever popular ‘build your own’ option are available.

Payment is due within 30 days of distribution by cash, check, charge (of 2 boxes or more) or Venmo by request. Thank you for your anticipated support of this delicious fundraiser!

Your candy bar team, Cheryl Barber & Amanda Kuhn

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The Home School Association is a vital group of volunteers who work to ensure the positive growth of our school community. The HSA team will host a variety of fundraisers throughout the school year. Each fundraiser benefits the school and students directly.

Thank you to those that pre-ordered from our New SME Gear Store! Items should be arriving in about a week! Pre-ordered items will be filled and distributed as soon as the shipment arrives!

Current/Upcoming Fundraisers:	Little Caesars Delivery:
◇ Candy Bar Sale featuring Gertrude Hawk Chocolate	Wednesday, 10/28
◇ Panera Bread Fundraiser: December 17th	Orders will be ready for pick up in the Pavilion (near the church) at dismissal or until 6:00pm.

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RED RIBBON WEEK: 10/26-10/30

Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free!

We encourage all students to participate in our fun dress days as we celebrate Red Ribbon Week. If a student chooses not to participate on any given day they must wear their school uniform.



- Monday 10/26: Kick off the week wearing as much RED as you can!
- Tuesday 10/27: Team up against drugs by wearing your favorite sports jersey!
- Wednesday 10/28: Show you’re too bright for drugs by wearing neon tops, sunglasses are ok too!
- Thursday 10/29: Drugs can’t find me, wear camouflage tops!
- Friday 10/30: Lets scare off drugs by wearing Halloween tops and unobstructive accessories!





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WE DO GOD'S WILL



NJHS NEWS

Hello!

We wanted to update all students and their parents in grades 6-8 that we will be evaluating cumulative averages for National Junior Honor Society inductees after the first report card is released in mid-December.

Students with qualifying cumulative averages of 94% or higher will receive application packets before Christmas break and will be due upon return.

We feel this is the fairest way to evaluate students due to the unexpected circumstances of virtual learning in the spring and the addition of so many new students who are still settling in here at SME this year.

The induction ceremony will take place in January.

-Mrs. Gasiecki, Mrs. Dembski & Mrs. Wojcik
NJHS Advisers



SCRIP CORNER

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. 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 school office, as well as in the back of the church, so that you can drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you!

Check out the flier in the 9/30 electronic NewsNotes re: Bonus Fest: 4 Weekends of 2-day bonuses! You will need an online account with Great Lakes to take advantage of the deals.

All Scrip sales are in the Rectory on Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays from 8:00-3:00. As stated in the information packet, 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.

If you have any questions, please email scrip@smeschool.com

Your Scrip Team: MaryKate DeMarzio & Jessica Kulpit

SET

The SET opt in/out form went home one last time last week to ensure everyone has a chance to be included in this valuable directory! Forms need to be returned by Wednesday 10/28 so that we can get it compiled and distribute it as soon as possible!

Your SET team is always available for you! Visit the School Effectiveness Team tab on our website (under School Life) to learn more about this group.

SET forms are available to be sent home with your child, emailed to you or on our website.



School
Effectiveness
Team

CALENDAR UPDATES



Please make note of the following updates to the Annual Calendar through the end of December:

- * (10/24) We are unable to host the Family Fun Night this year
- * 11/4 NEW Fall Picture Re-take Day
- * (11/20) NJHS Induction mass will be held in January
- * 12/4 - We will still be hosting the Merry Moose Shop with extra COVID precautions. More information to come.
- * (12//13) We are unable to host the Breakfast with Santa
- * (12/18) We are unable to host our usual Living Nativity & Concert. Keep your eye out for our reimagined celebration that we will be sharing with everyone.
- * 12/15 - Report Cards will be uploaded on December 15th (**not** January 15th)

We will reevaluate the remainder of the school year events before Christmas break.

P/T CONFERENCES

We will be hosting parent teacher conferences via Zoom this year on 11/10.

Please keep your eye out for more information on how to sign up for a time with your child(ren)s teacher.



FLYERS & FORMS

Although we are going green as much as possible; hard copies of any flyer or form are always available and can be sent home with your child.

Please email Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com) at any time if you need a hard copy.

OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU

As per the tuition schedule that was included in your registration paperwork:

Family Service Hour & Fundraising Participation Responsibility is expected of each family. Regardless of parish affiliation and tuition rate, active involvement of all SME families is necessary to keep school expenses to a minimum, encourage community involvement, and assure continued success of our school. SME hopes to promote the true spirit of participation and volunteerism which is not compensated.

Family Service Hour & Fundraising Participation Responsibility is expected of each family. Responsibilities include 20 Service Hours per family and purchase and/or sell 3 Fall Fest tickets @ \$50 ea, 2 Mega Raffle tickets @ \$100 ea, 10 Golf Super Raffle tickets @ \$5 ea, and 1 box of chocolate @ \$48

We have had to adjust our fundraising plans with the current COVID restrictions and are revamping what would have been our Fall Fest and Mega Raffle into one big raffle. Stay tuned for more information!

Did you score a Buffalo Sabres 50th Anniversary Yearbook before school shut down in March? It is not too late!

There are a limited amount still available in the school office.

The cost is just \$10.00/book.

Please submit your payment in an envelope
Attn: Sabres Yearbook
and your copy will be sent home the same day!



FALL PICTURE - RETAKE DAY

With the delay in receiving our Fall pictures from Inter-State Studios we have postponed our fall picture retake day until Wednesday, November 4th.

We will distribute the picture packages from our September picture days as soon as they arrive.

Any student that did not have their photo taken here in September must have their photo taken on 11/4. These photos will be used in our yearbook as well as in our eSchool database.

With the exception of brand new students or those absent in September, the picture on the ID cards that you received is a 'sneak peek' of what you will be receiving. Thank you for your patience!

8TH GRADE INFO

If your child is planning on attending a Catholic High School, please don't forget to submit the signed record release form as indicated in your application confirmation email.

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam will be held on 11/21. Your child should take the exam at their first choice HS.

If your child is planning to shadow at any of the local catholic high schools please be sure to notify the school office & middle school teachers. Shadow days should be planned around any tests/quizzes that may be assigned by the middle school team.



HANDBOOK

If you have not yet signed & returned the last page of the Parent/Student handbook please do so ASAP. Forms were due on 9/25.

If you are in need of another handbook, an electronic version can be emailed to you. Just the last page needs to be signed & returned.

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 10/26 Red Ribbon Week Begins

Save the Date: 10/28 Progress Report Upload

Save the Date: 11/4 NEW Fall Picture Re-Take Day

Save the Date: 11/10 10:45 Early Dismissal

Save the Date: 11/11 No School, Veterans Day



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SEPTEMBER '20

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- 9 **School Starts Gr K-8**
- 11 Pre-K Orientation, 9:30am
- 14 Pre-K 4 – 1st Day
- 15 Pre-K 3 – 1st Day
- 21 Fall Picture Day (Pre-K 4 – 8)
- 22 Fall Picture Day (Pre-K 3)
- 23 Fall Book Fair 8:30-2:00,
Room Parent Social, 2pm
- 24 Meet the Teacher Night
& Bookfair 6-7:30pm

OCTOBER '20

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- 2 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 15min **Emergency Release Drill**
- 5 Catholic Schools
Marathon, 9-10am
- 9 **NO SCHOOL**, Staff PD
- 12 **NO SCHOOL**, Columbus Day
- 16 My Little Sweetheart Dance, 6:30
- 24 Family Fun Night, 6pm
- 28 Progress Report Upload, K-8

NOVEMBER '20

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- 4 Fall Picture Retake Day
- 6 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 10 **10:45 Early Dismissal**,
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11 **NO SCHOOL**, Veterans Day
- 19 Gr 5 – Grandparents Mass, 8:30
- 20 NJHS Induction Mass, 8:30 –
postponed until January
- 25-27 **NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving
Recess
- 30 **1:00 Early Dismissal**, Staff PD

DECEMBER '20

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- 4 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30;
Merry Moose Holiday Shop;
NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE TODAY
- 8 School Mass: Immaculate
Conception, 8:30
- 13 HSA: Breakfast with Santa
- 15 Report Card Upload, K-8
- 18 Band Concert 5:30 &
Living Nativity 6:00pm
- 23-31 Christmas Recess

JANUARY '21

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- 1 **NO SCHOOL**, New Year's Day
- 4 **School Resumes**
- 8 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 15 **10:45 Early Dismissal**, Staff PD,
- 18 **NO SCHOOL**, M.L. King Day
- 19 Pre-K & K Open House 5-6:30
- 31 Catholic Schools Week Begins:
Mass 12:00pm

1-6 Catholic Schools Week

- 5 Christian Witness & Distinguished
Graduate Mass, 8:30
- 6 Catholic Schools Week Finale:
Ice Cream Social & Spirit Games
- 9 New Family Open House 6-7:30
- 10 Spring School Photos Pre-K 3-Gr.8
& Pre-K 4 Graduation Photos
- 11 Gr. 8 Graduation Photos
- 12 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30,
1:00 Early Dismissal, Staff PD
- 15-19 **NO SCHOOL**, Winter Recess

FEBRUARY '21

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- 3 Progress Report Upload K-8

MARCH '21

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- 5 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30,
Ready-SET-Read & Battle of the
Books 6-8:00pm
- 12 **NO SCHOOL**, Diocesan Staff PD,
Mother / Son BINGO 5:30-8:00
- 19 SME's Got Talent "Variety Show"
- 24 Report Card Upload K-8
- 26 Living Stations 1 & 7pm, Church

1 NO SCHOOL, Holy Thursday

- 2 **NO SCHOOL**, Good Friday
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 5-9 **NO SCHOOL**, Easter Recess
- 12 School Resumes
- 13 Parent Night 6-7:30pm: Open
House, Art Show, International
Night, STREAM Showcase
- 16 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 20-21 NYS Testing Gr 4 & 8: ELA
- 23 **1:00 Early Dismissal**, Staff PD

APRIL '21

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- 3 STREAM Walk-a-Thon
- 4 NYS Testing Gr 4 & 8: Math
- 7 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
Penny Fair
- 13 Ascension Thursday Mass, 8:30
- 21 Hope Ribbon Mass, 8:30
- 25 8th Gr. Science Performance Test
- 27 7th & 8th Grade Class Trips
- 28 **NO SCHOOL**
- 31 **NO SCHOOL**: Memorial Day

MAY '21

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- 19 Progress Report Upload K-8

JUNE '21

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- 2 Spring Concert, 9am
- 4 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 7 8th Gr. Science Written Testing
- 11 **10:45 Early Dismissal**
- 14-17 Gr 4-8 Exams
- 18 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 21 **10:45 Early Dismissal**
- 22 **1:00 Early Dismissal**, School
Picnic, Last Day of School,
Report Card Upload K-8
- 23 Graduation Ceremonies: Pre-K
(9&10am), K (12pm) & 8th Gr. (4pm)

Although projected & planned,
all events are subject to
change/cancellation due to
circumstances beyond our control.

Yellow: No School

Green: Early Release Days

Purple: Progress Report /
Report Card Uploads



health.ny.gov/flu



Department
of Health

Fight Flu

at Home and School

Flu, or influenza, spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids. You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it all together.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Ask people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, to get the vaccine, too.
- The vaccine is especially important for people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions because the flu can make them even sicker.

If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems.
- If your child gets flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease, call their health care provider. Young children and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. Ask their health care provider if they recommend an antiviral drug.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don't spread flu!

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.



St. Mary's Elementary

Red Ribbon Week

October 26th-30th 2020



BE HAPPY. BE BRAVE. BE DRUG FREE!

Monday, Oct. 26th

Proud to be DRUG Free!

To kick off Red Ribbon Week, wear as much **RED** as you can! (no hair dye)

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears, NO jeggings/skinny jeans, leggings, yoga's or jogger pants).

Wednesday, Oct. 28th



I am too **BRIGHT** for Drugs!



Please wear a neon shirt/sweatshirt and you may wear sunglasses too!

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears, NO jeggings/skinny jeans, leggings, yoga's or jogger pants).

Tuesday, Oct. 27th

Let's Team Up Against Drugs?

Wear your favorite Sports Jersey or Team Gear!

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears, NO jeggings/skinny jeans, leggings, yoga's or jogger pants).



Thursday, Oct. 29th

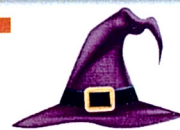
"Drugs Can't Find Me"



Today you may wear a camouflage shirt/sweatshirt.

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears, NO jeggings/skinny jeans, leggings yoga's or jogger pants).

Friday, Oct. 30th



Drugs are Scary, so let's **SCARE** off Drugs!!



Today please wear a Halloween T-shirt/sweatshirt, Halloween socks and or Hat (no face masks).

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears, NO jeggings/skinny jeans, leggings, yoga's or jogger pants).



Just a reminder, if you do not want to participate in the "special dress up" days that are assigned for Red Ribbon Week, you will need to wear your school uniform.