

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday night is our Meat Raffle. I am happy to see that many of our families have purchased tickets. If you have not, please consider purchasing one. There is going to be a door prize to win a freezer full of meat.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are running a poinsettia and wreath fundraiser. The proceeds from the fundraiser assist with their 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip, help with graduation costs and for purchasing a legacy gift. Please do not feel like you are under any obligation to place an order. We just want to offer our families these opportunities.

Please remember that Friday is a 1:00 dismissal. Monday will be a full day of school.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **11/1** - All Saints Day Mass, 8:30 am; Wax Museum, 10:00-11:15am, GYM
- **11/2 - 1:00 Dismissal**; HSA Meat Raffle 6:00pm
- **11/5** - Dress Down Day, **Full day of school**
- **11/9** - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30 - 6:30
- **11/12 - No School**, Veterans Day
- **11/13 - 10:45 Dismissal**, Parent/Teacher Conferences, 11:30 - 2:30

## ALL SAINTS DAY



You are invited to our Living History Wax Museum of Saints! In honor of All Saints Day, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have researched saints and will showcase their work in this Living History Museum. We hope you will join us!

When: Friday, November 2 @ 10:00 am - 11:15 am  
Where: SME Gymnasium

## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP

From Oct. 23, 2018 to Oct. 29, 2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$231.97.

Monthly Scrip	Monthly Scrip
<u>Sales Goal</u>	<u>Profit Goal</u>
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00

October	Year
<u>Profit-to-Date</u>	<u>Profit-to-Date</u>
\$988.01	1,771.35

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 Scrip office so that you can drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you! There is also one in the back of the church.

### Candy Bar Sale

Our candy bar sale is still running full steam! Boxes are available anytime and most often go home the same day as the order is submitted!

Be the cool kid on the block and hand out the good stuff! Orders emailed to Amanda Kuhn will be filled and sent home with your child just in time for the trick-or-treaters to arrive! (secretary@smeschool.com)



## HSA

Friday, 11/2 - We look forward to seeing you at our Fall Meat Raffle, doors open @ 6.

Tickets are available in the school office and are \$5 presale. If you are able to help during the Meat Raffle please email hsa@smeschool.com

Monday, 11/19 - Pie / Coffee Pick up day, 2:00 - 6:00pm.

Thank you to all that joined us for Family Fun Night & participated in our first Trunk-or-Treat! We hope you had a hauntingly good time!



## SCRIP

***Awesome news!!*** Amazon.com is now offering a new type of physical gift card instead of a printed thermal ticket. While the physical gift cards have a new look, they are still available in \$25 and \$100 denominations at the same great 2.25% rebate. The new gift card will be easier to handle and even better for gifting.



Beginning this week, a few vendors are offering low denomination gift cards, through December 14<sup>th</sup>. The list below is what will be available as of October 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a limited number available in the Scrip office (the cards that are in **bold** type), so please plan ahead and order!

\$5 Cards: **Barnes & Noble**, Blimpie, Cold Stone, **Panera**, **Starbucks**, **Taco Bell**

\$10 cards: **Amazon**, Applebees, CVS, Olive Garden, Home Depot, IHOP, Meijer, Outback, Red Lobster, **Target**, **Walmart**

Mark your calendars! The Scrip office will be open on the following Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 – October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Due to popular demand, we will offering 2 Parish Gift Cards Sales again this year: Sunday, 11/4 from 8:00-2:00 and Sunday, 12/2 from 8:00-2:00. Be sure to stop by and get your gifts taken care of! Coffee and Timbits will be available as well!

We thank you for your continued support. Please contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com to find out how you can support this fundamental program.



### *Don't forget...*

Shorts are no longer allowed as of 11/1.

The uniform policy is available on the school website for reference any time.

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LIVING..."

### 8TH GRADE CAN DRIVE

Our 8th Grade class will once again be collecting bottles and cans for their year round fundraiser.

Cans can be brought directly to Cash-4-Cans clearly labeled 'St. Mary's Elementary' (William & Aurora location) or dropped in one of the bins located in the school.

We do ask that you PLEASE separate your glass bottles from your plastic & cans. Failure to do so can result in the closing of our account.

Funds raised will be utilized for 8th grade expenses and the class trip in the spring.

We thank you in advance for your support! If you have any questions please contact Liz Heerdt at [heerdt34@roadrunner.com](mailto:heerdt34@roadrunner.com).



### MERRY MOOSE

It may seem far off but our Merry Moose Shoppe will be here before we know it!

Our merry helpers are in need of wrapping supplies such as:

- Wrapping Paper
- Gift Bags
- Gift Tags
- Tissue Paper
- Tape



Donations can be sent into the school office Attn: Merry Moose. Thank you in advance for your support of this shopping experience for our students!

### HOLLY HANGING

Parents,

We are in the planning process of turning the hallways into a Winter Wonderland for Christmas time!

We are in need of Christmas trees, wrapping paper, ribbon, and bows! If you have any extra laying around, and would like to donate them to the school, please send them into school attn: Mrs. Marrano.

Thank you in advance,  
Holly Hanging committee



### GIVE UNTO OTHERS...

*And the king will say to them in reply,  
'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of  
these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'*  
Mt. 25:40

Once again, SME will be collecting hats, gloves/mittens & scarves to be delivered to the Lancaster Youth Bureau and will serve the need in our community.

We will also be collecting new toys to be delivered to Children's Hospital via Peyton's Toy Drive.

Please see the flyer in your folder today for more information!

### MISSION POSSIBLE

**Challenge Period 1 takes place Oct. 2nd - Dec. 14th.**



Our minimum goal for this period is 750 cans/boxes of food donated! This equates to 3-4 cans/boxes of food per student donated. Last fall we exceeded our goal by over 200% and we accomplished this by donating more than our minimum goal.

Suggested Goals by grade:  
Pre-K- 2 = 60 cans each grade  
3-7 = 70 cans each grade  
8th grade = 100 cans  
Teachers/staff = 60 cans



### SAVE THE DATE

On Friday, December 14th, 2018 at 5:30 pm, Saint Mary's Elementary School students will present **JOY TO THE WORLD! – a Living Nativity Christmas Celebration**. This will be the only Christmas production taking place this year. This beautiful depiction of our Lord's birth will take place in the SME school gymnasium. **ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K - 8** will be a part of this production! Students will be singing and acting with a backdrop of the manger including live animals, just as it was on that busy day in Bethlehem.



### NURSE NOTES

November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month as well as National Diabetes Awareness Month. At SME we have several students affected by these serious medical conditions. I would like to share a little bit of information about these conditions to help increase awareness.

Epilepsy (seizure disorder) is a common neurological condition that affects people of all ages. Epilepsy is characterized by unpredictable seizures. It is a spectrum disorder with a wide range of seizure types and control varying from person-to-person. 1 out of 100 people in the US have epilepsy. Risk factors which may make epilepsy and seizures more likely to occur could include other medical conditions, age, gender and race. There are treatment options available to stop or control seizures but there is no cure. <https://epilepsywny.org/>

Diabetes: There are 3 types of Diabetes- Type 1, Type 2, and Gestational. In Type 1 Diabetes, the body does not produce insulin which is a hormone that the body needs to get glucose from the bloodstream into the cells of the body. Type 2 Diabetes is the most common type of Diabetes. In Type 2 Diabetes your body does not use insulin properly and blood glucose levels rise higher than normal. Gestational diabetes occurs usually during the 24th week of pregnancy, when blood sugar levels are higher than normal, your body is not able to make and use all the insulin necessary for pregnancy. Diabetes is not a curable disease but it is treatable. More than 29 million people have Diabetes in the United States. [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

Although these are serious and lifelong diagnosis' people can usually live a normal lifestyle with only mild restrictions. Please say an extra prayer for those affected by these medical conditions this month. ~Mrs. Parker RN

### ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the members of the SME Cross-Country team who finished their season on Monday, October 22 at the Diocesan Cross-Country Championship.



Team members include 8th graders Miranda L., Tyler L., Kaylyn O., Luke W., 7th graders Anna B., David D., 6th graders Liam D., Madison K., Mia O., Evan S., and 5th grader Allie V.

Congratulations to Evan S who was named to the All-Catholic First Team by placing in the top 5 out of 75 runners in the boys' 1.5 mile race. He had a personal best time of 9 minutes 44 sec-



### 8TH GRADE INFORMATION

Parents wishing to have their child shadow at high school must coordinate that with the high school directly.

Please submit a copy of your Catholic High School application confirmation email to the school office once you have received it so that your child(s) transcript can be forwarded to the appropriate school(s).

<http://catholichighschoolswny.com/>



### STAY IN THE KNOW



**Save the Date:** Friday, 11/2 1:00 Dismissal, Meat Raffle 6:00

**Save the Date:** Parent/Teacher Conferences, 11/9 3:30-6:30 & 11/13 11:30-2:30

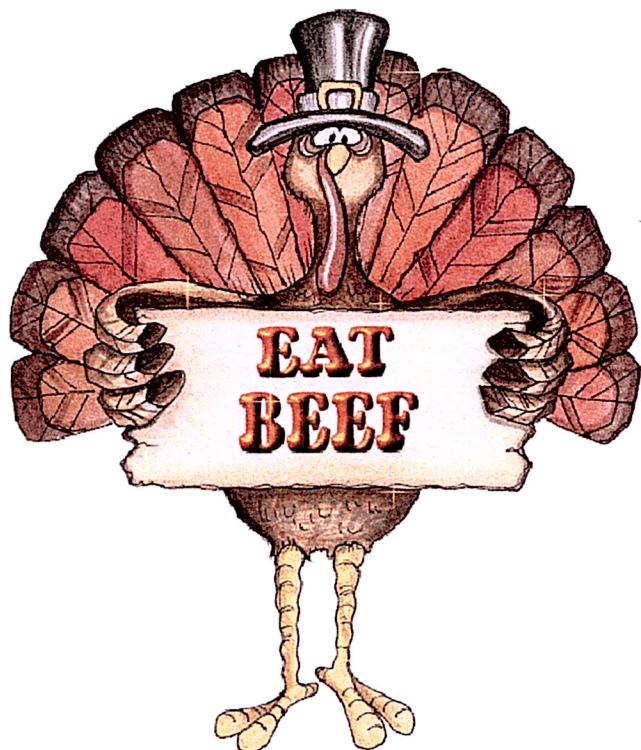
**Save the Date:** 11/14 - Grandparents Mass (5th Grade)

**Save the Date:** 11/16 - NJHS Induction Mass

**Save the Date:** Monday, 11/19 2-6:00, Coffee / Pie Pick Up



# **St. Mary's Elementary School Meat Raffle**



Sponsored by:  
St. Mary's HSA

**Friday, November 2, 2018**  
**St. Mary's Elementary School**  
**2 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster**  
**14086**

**Doors open at 6pm**  
**First Spin at 7pm**

\$5 Presale, \$7 at the Door

Admission includes Beer, Wine & Pop  
Don't forget: your own snacks, LOTS of Dollar Bills &  
a cooler of course for your winnings!!!

50/50 Splits & Basket Raffle

Door Prize: Freezer Full of Meat

For ticket info contact:

[hsa@smeschool.com](mailto:hsa@smeschool.com)

***NO OUTSIDE LIQUOR ALLOWED!***

*And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

*Mt. 25:40*



### **SME Comfort Tree**

We are looking for your help to bring comfort to people in need. Our donations for adults & children will be delivered to *the Lancaster Youth Bureau* and will serve the needs of families in our community.

Help us to decorate our comfort tree with the following items:

**Warm Hats**

**Gloves/Mittens**

**Scarves**

*Additionally* - We are collecting new toys to be delivered to Children's Hospital via *Peyton's Toy Drive*. These toys will bring love, comfort and cheer to children who are in the ICU at the hospital. (<http://peytonstoydrive.weebly.com>)

Thank you for your generosity!

**The collection period will run from  
November 1 - November 30th**

**Thank you for participating in the works of mercy and  
for being Christ to others. God Bless you!**





# St. Mary's 8th Grade Christmas Wreath & Poinsettia Plant Sale Fundraiser

Bring a little warmth into your home this Christmas season. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be selling fresh cut wreaths and locally grown poinsettias from Alden, NY. This fundraiser will go primarily for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. Any excess funds will be used toward graduation costs. Thank you for your support!

22" Wreath (Undecorated with a red velvet bow) \$23.25  
 22" Wreath (Decorated with pine cones, berries & a bow) \$25.25

Poinsettia Plants

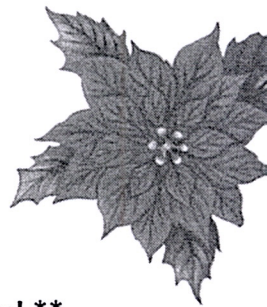
4 1/2" Pot \$5.55

6 1/2" Pot \$7.05

10" Pot \$14.75

Plants come in RED, WHITE & PINK

**\*\*ALL ORDERS must be turned in no later than Friday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! \*\***



Orders **MUST** be picked up on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> between 2:30-6:00 in the school gym  
**Payment is due at time of order. Please send in CASH or ONE Check for all orders.**

*(if you are making out one check please make payable to St. Mary's Elementary)*

## Poinsettia Fundraiser Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

4 1/2" Poinsettia			6 1/2" Poinsettia			10" Poinsettia			Undecorated Wreath	Decorated Wreath	Total Paid
\$5.55			\$7.05			\$14.75			\$23.25	\$25.25	
RED	WHITE	PINK	RED	WHITE	PINK	RED	WHITE	PINK	Includes: Red Velvet Bow	Includes: Pinecones, Berries & Red Velvet Bow	

Please return **no later** than **Friday, November 9th**

**\*\*Return to the School Office\*\***



## ST. MARY'S HOLIDAY GIFT CARD SALES

**Where:** IN THE ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCRIP OFFICE  
**When:** SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>  
AFTER ALL MASSES (8:00AM - 2:00PM)

*The Scrip office will ALSO be open on the following Saturdays  
from 9:00am-11:00am:  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>*

Beat the rush - give SCRIP: the gift that fits all sizes!  
*Place large orders for your business or office.*

Use SCRIP for all your gifts and regular shopping, including  
Tops gas and groceries, prescriptions, coffee breaks and much more!  
(Barnes & Noble, Dick's Sporting Goods, Wal-Mart, Applebee's, Tim Horton's ...  
the list goes on!)

**\*\*BONUS - St. Mary's receives a profit on each card!\*\***

**BUY FROM OUR AVAILABLE INVENTORY OR PLACE AN ORDER**

Cash or check accepted. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's Elementary."

\*Gift cards ordered 11/4 will be available for pickup in the school office Fri. 11/9 after 10:00 am\*

\*Gift cards ordered 12/2 will be available for pickup in the school office Fri. 12/7 after 10:00 am\*

**Call St. Mary's Elementary at 683-2112, ext. 312 with any questions.**

***Thank you for supporting St. Mary's through our SCRIP program!***

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