

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Thursday evening, March 14th will be our 1st Variety Show. SME has so much talent. I am looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful acts that will perform!!

The Golden Rule is the principle of treating others as one would wish to be treated. It is the biblical rule of "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Matt. 7:12). Unfortunately, in recent days, I have been informed that some of our students have forgotten this important "rule". We are a Catholic school and one that focuses on values and the importance of kindness. We should be working at doing God's Will. Parents, please take a moment to speak with your child about the Golden Rule and if they are not being as kind as they could be, now is the season to ask for forgiveness and to look to make changes. If they are on the receiving end of someone who may not be as kind as they could be, please tell them to speak up and let's work to change that situation.

We are fortunate to now have an officer from the Lancaster Police force stopping by every Tuesday as a School Resource Officer. Enjoy the long weekend!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

PICTURE INFO & YEARBOOKS



Oops - I goofed!

There will NOT be spring picture retakes offered at SME.

If you have an issue with your photo you will need to contact Inter-State directly.

Club/Group photos for the yearbook will take place on Monday, April 8th.

Spring sport team photos will be taken at school on Wednesday, April 17th.

There will no longer be individual player photos taken or team photo order forms.

Yearbooks are on sale until Friday, April 5th and are \$12.00. If you need a new order form please contact Amanda Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com).

Lenten offering boxes are due back on April 9th. Thank you to all for supporting Catholic Charities & all that they do around WNY!

Filing your taxes? Is your preparer looking for our Tax Identification Number? Have them indicate 'Religious Exemption' where necessary.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/14 - Variety Show/Dinner (5:30 Dinner & 6:30 Show). \$1 Dress Down - Purple for International Women's Day
- 3/15 - No School
- 3/18 - St. Joseph's Table, 6pm
- 3/18 - \$1 Dress Down - St. Patrick's Day Fun
- 3/22 - Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books, 6-8pm
- 3/22 - MP2 Report Card Upload
- 3/24 - Craft Show & Vendor Fair, 11:00-4:30
- 3/28 - \$1 Dress Down - Sports Attire

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP

From 3/5/19 to 3/11/2019, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$110.06.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
March Profit-to-Date	Year Profit-to-Date
\$247.06	\$8,338.09

Contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com

to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

Candy Bar Sale

No prizes can be awarded until all accounts are closed. Credit card payments can be made in the school office. We still have candy in stock and will be able to distribute while supplies last. Order can be placed with Amanda Kuhn.

Candy Left in stock: 66 Boxes
Profit to collect: \$3318

Contact Rob & Jackie Brodziak at candybarsale@smeschool.com with any questions.

Mega Raffle

Live Drawing: Friday, June 7th
We passed the half-way point!

Tickets Sold: 335

Tickets Remaining: 315

Did you get yours??

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fund raiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, 103 of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!!

SUMMER CAMP

Wondering how to entertain your kids this summer? Let us do it for you!

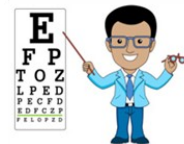
We are happy to be offering Summer Camp for students in Pre-K - Grade 4 once again this year! Today you will find an interest form which is due back by April 1st. Decisions about camp (duration / daily hours) will be made from there and a registration form will follow!

NURSE NOTES

If you received a notification regarding your child's vision exam that was done in the fall-please turn in those completed forms to me as soon as possible. If you need a new form or if you are unsure if your child received one please call me for clarification.

Detecting vision problems at an early age is very important. Vision impairment in children are common and uncorrected problems can lead to developmental problems, behavior problems in the classroom, and can interfere with reading and learning. Vision disorders of childhood may continue and affect adult health and well-being.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you!
Mrs. Parker RN (parkerk@smeschool.com)



ATHLETICS

As basketball season comes to a close we would like to congratulate all St. Mary's Knights teams on an excellent season. Thank you players, parents and coaches for all you do. Go Knights!!

Basketball uniforms are yours to keep for the upcoming seasons. If you are an 8th grader and want to donate your jersey to the school for our "jersey recycling program", please bring it with you to the banquet and hand it in to Dan Johnson, Athletic Director. We will find a player in need of that uniform next season and pass it on. You are more than welcome to keep it as well. You do not have to hand it in.

Please make sure to turn in your banquet form for next Thursday nights Winter Sports Banquet at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Included on the banquet form are the team photo times for next Thursday as well. Those will be taken in the gym. It is imperative that you arrive on time for your scheduled pictures so there is no delay in the event. Pictures WILL NOT be retaken due to late arrivals!

All Spring Sports signup sheets were due in the office today! The athletic fee is in bold print on each sign up form. Thanks everyone.

Dan Johnson, Athletic Director (athletics@smeschool.com)

Our Pre-K friends are in need of new/used bikes & scooters with rubber wheels for their recess time.

If your child has outgrown their bike feel free to drop it off in the school office.

Thank you for your consideration!



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LIVING..."

VIRTUS

St. Mary's will be hosting a Virtus Workshop on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00pm.

This workshop will last approximately 3 hours and is the first step in registering as a Virtus certified volunteer. Only parents/grandparents/guardians who are virtus certified are able to be volunteers/coaches with our classes & students.

To register please visit:

virtus.org and click on "First Time Registration" **OR**
buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children.

Please contact Amanda Kuhn with any questions at secretary@smeschool.com.

A new way to donate!

A wedding registry has been set up on Amazon with items requested for our Mega Raffle basket raffle. Simply pick, click & the donation will ship directly to SME! Find the registry under the name 2019 Mega Raffle. Thank you!

HSA

Bulb & Bag Sale, Wed. 3/13 - Wed. 3/27!

A fundraiser for a greener tomorrow!

Spring bulbs are available through Dutch Mill Bulbs, with online ordering available.

Bulbs for our geographic region will ship after April 15th. They are spring planting, summer blooming bulbs.

This fundraiser yields a 50% profit!

Mixed Bag Designs for all your reusable bag needs and so much more!

With a variety of products from reusable bags to kitchen goods there is something for everyone!

This fundraiser yields up to a 50% profit!

Please make all checks payable to SME-HSA

Craft/Vendor Fair on Sunday, March 24th!

Any/All Independent Consultants or Crafters are welcome.

The cost is \$15 + a basket if you have your own table or \$25 + a basket if you need a table.

Set up begins @ 9am and the doors are open from 11:00 - 4:30

A copy of the flyer & vendor application are attached electronically.

Meat Raffle on Friday, March 29th!

Doors open at 6pm - first spin at 7. \$5 presale - \$7 at the door

Admission includes: beer/wine & pop. Don't forget your own snacks & lots of dollar bills!

Please share the flyer with your friends & family. Everyone loves a Meat Raffle!

A chairperson or team is needed for this event.

Again, all fundraising is optional. Your support is very much appreciated!

Please contact the HSA team at hsa@smeschool.com for more information or with any questions.

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are on a roll! This week we passed the half-way point with 335 tickets being sold! There are 315 tickets remaining – did you get yours?? We have sold out all 3 previous years, so be sure to get your tickets soon! Orders will be filled once per week, so please be patient if you do not see your ticket come home the day that you send your check in.

The next early bird drawing of \$150 is April 1st - don't delay, get your tickets in today!

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! Thank you for all of your continued support of this important fundraiser.

Prize winners will be announced at the live drawing on Friday, June 7th 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!

We are in urgent need of parents to coordinate the basket donations for this year's event.

If you are interested in helping out with that, please reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio.

If you are interested in joining our committee, or helping with the event in any way, please contact us at megaraffle@smeschool.com.

SCRIP

It is amazing to see our families supporting the program, yet we are now falling short of our monthly and yearly goals.

From September through February, we expected to reach \$10,500 in Scrip profit earned, which leaves us more than \$2,161.91 behind at this point.

If each family is able to purchase just \$200 in gift cards per month, the SCRIP program would be a HUGE success!

Don't forget that you can pay for your purchases **ONLINE** as well – if you haven't heard of this option yet, please reach out to me – it is so easy to sign up! Please contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

The SCRIP office will be open

Saturday, April 6th from 9-11:00am.

If at any time you have a question about the SCRIP program please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at scrip@smeschool.com.



CAFETERIA CORNER

New: Lunch box exchange! Are your children's lunch boxes hitting the mid-way break down? Kids change their styles as often as their shoes? Drop off (clean) gently used lunch boxes for our lunchbox exchange! Students will be able to choose as soon as we have a collection to display.

If you are interested in volunteering in the cafeteria please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at lunchmonitor@smeschool.com.

DRESS DOWN FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We ask that a **minimum donation of \$1** in support of Catholic Charities **be sent in on any /every** day that your child wishes to participate in our dress down themes.

March 18th

Forget envy... Green is for St. Patrick's Day!



March 28th

In honor of the opening day of Major League Baseball, students are able to dress in their favorite sports attire. Any sport will do!



April 17th

Best Buds Day! Grab a friend or three and dress alike!



8TH GRADE INFORMATION

The bottle drive supporting our 8th grade class continues throughout the school year. There is a donation bin in the foyer. Donations can also be dropped off at Cash for Cans on William & Aurora. Thank you for your continued support!

UPDATE: The 8th Grade class Chia-vetta's Dinner fundraiser will now be held on Wednesday, April 10th in conjunction with our Art Show/Open House/Book Fair!

thank you!

STAY IN THE KNOW



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Save the Date: Bag & Bulb Sale - on now through 3/27!

Save the Date: Easter Candy Pick up estimated for week of March 25th.

Save the Date: 4/2 - VIRTUS Workshop, SME PC 6pm

Save the Date: Zap-a-Snack Pizza pick up estimated for early April

Save the Date: 4/10 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Fundraiser



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ST MARY'S ELEMENTARY

CRAFT SHOW



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



March 24, 2019

11AM-4:30PM

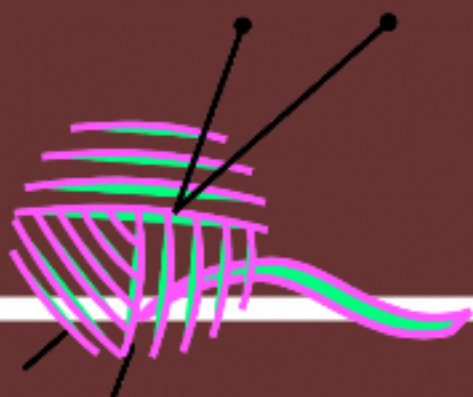


ST MARY'S ELEMENTARY

2 St Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY

ADMISSION \$2.00

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
CONTACT: HSA@SMESCHOOL.COM





Are you an Independent Consultant or Crafter?

We are having a Craft/Vendor Fair on March 24, 2019 and have tables available!

If you are interested and would like additional information, please contact:

Barbara Kalinowski 997-4000

SME Craft Show

March 24, 2019

11:00 am - 4:30 pm

St. Mary's Elementary

1 St Marys Hill

Lancaster, NY 14086

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St Mary's Elementary School Craft Show

Sponsored By: SME HSA

CRAFT SHOW VENDOR APPLICATION

When: March 24, 2019

Where: St. Mary's Elementary School, 2 St Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY

Time: 11:00 am – 4:30 pm

8' Indoor Tables available: \$25.00 plus a basket to raffle

If bringing your own table: \$15.00 plus a basket to raffle

CONTACT INFORMATION: (Please type or print legibly)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone#: (____) _____ Cell # (____) _____

Method of Payment: () Check () Cash () Money Order

Check/MO# _____

Brief Description of Items Being Sold: _____

Number of 8' Table needed @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

No table needed \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to: St. Mary's Elementary

Mail payment along with application to: St. Mary's Elementary, 2 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086

You may begin setting up @ 9:00 am and must be completely set up by 11:00 am. Tear down begins at 4:30 pm. No early tear downs please! There must be someone in your area for the entire duration of the Show. Vendors are responsible for collecting and reporting their own sales tax.

We ask that each vendor provide a basket of their items for the basket raffle that will take place at the show as well. These items will be collected at the beginning of the show.

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY HSA - BULBS & BAG SALE

- Our Dutch Mill Bulbs Fundraiser Start Date is **Wed. 3/13**
- All orders must be submitted by **Wed. 3/27**
- The custom link for **St. Mary's** is
(<https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=stmaryselementary>)
- Please make checks payable to SME-HSA

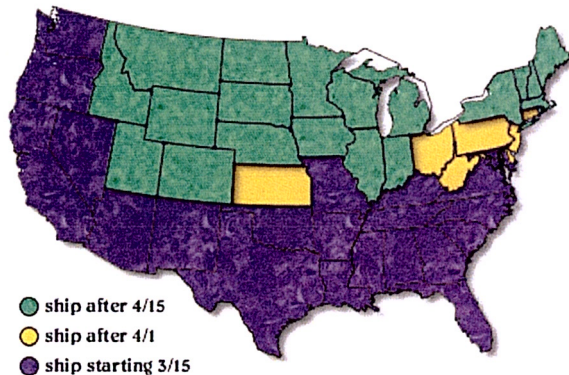
Be sure to contact out-of-town friends and relatives to request their participation in our flower bulb fundraiser. Dutch Mill Bulbs has provided us with a custom group link
(<https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=stmaryselementary>) for placing orders online. The link will prompt them to choose from a variety of popular items (*all guaranteed to grow & bloom!*), provide bill-to and ship-to addresses, and enters the seller's name. *Online orders are shipped directly to the address specified - a shipping fee applied as indicated below.*

Flat Rate Shipping Fee (online orders only)

Package Qty	Ground Shipping
1-4 Packages	\$10.00
5-10 Packages	\$12.00
11-17 Packages	\$14.00
18-24 Packages	\$16.00
25+ Packages	\$Free Ground Shipping

Spring Shipping Info

All orders are shipped based on the map below.



We ship only to the contiguous United States and do not ship to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or foreign countries.

- Our Mixed Bag Fundraiser Start Date is **Wed. 3/13**
- All orders must be submitted by **Wed. 3/27**
- The custom link for **St. Mary's** is
(<http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com/?fundraiserid=38798>)
- Please make checks payable to SME-HSA

Stop into the office to take a look at some of the items available!

MIXED BAG DESIGNS

by
BOON SUPPLY



Meat Raffle

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 ST. MARY'S HILL, LANCASTER, NY



Friday, March 29, 2019

Doors open at 6 pm - First Spin at 7 pm

\$5 presale - \$7 at the door

Admission includes Beer, Wine & Pop

Don't forget your own snacks, Lots of Dollar Bills & a cooler for your winnings!!!!

50/50 Splits & basket raffles

For ticket information, please call (716)683-2112



SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY TABLE

**Monday, March 18, 2019 6pm in the Parish
Center**

**All are welcome.....Parish Members, SME
Families and Friends**

**Those who wish to participate, we ask that you
please bring a MEATLESS dish to share!**

Hope to see you all there!

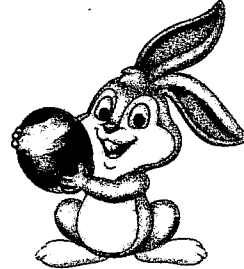
Easter Bunny Brunch !

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086

Saturday, April 20th

Doors Open at 10 am

**Events will run from 10:30am-11:45am
in the St. Mary's Elementary School Gym**



**EASTER EGG HUNT, PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY, CRAFT
STATION, COLORING CONTEST, DANCE PARTY, CHILDREN'S GAMES**

**\$5 per child (accompanying adults free)
Includes: Cereal, Juice, Coffee, Pastries,
Fresh Fruit & Bagels**

Reservations Necessary!!

Please return the form below with payment to the Rectory by April 13th

Family Last name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Email _____
Child #1 _____ Age _____
Child #2 _____ Age _____
Child #3 _____ Age _____
Child #4 _____ Age _____



St. Mary's Elementary School Summer Camp Pre-K – Grade 4



St. Mary's Elementary
2 St. Mary's Hill | Lancaster, NY
716-683-2112



Are you still wondering what to do with your child over the summer? Well, AVOID SUMMER BRAIN DRAIN and register your child for SME's Summer Camp for grades Pre-K - Grade 4. This year, we are hoping to offer a five week summer program; however, in order to do this we need your input!

The goal of our summer camp program is to keep newly acquired skills fresh; preventing that dreaded backwards "summer slide". Children will also enjoy music and movement, crafts, outdoor play and walking field trips. Activities will focus on different themes and will also provide socialization, learning through play, reinforcement of school skills, and fun in the fresh summer air.

Please take a minute and answer the following questions below. Your feedback is important! Thank You!

Please return by Monday, April 1st

Mrs. Kim Kwitowski, Principal

Ms. Kristen Jones, Teacher

Mrs. Farina, Teacher



Please indicate name and grade your child is currently attending

Name _____

Grade _____

How often would you send your child if it was offered Tuesday - Thursday?

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

How much of the summer would your child attend if it was offered from July 9th - August 8th?

Week of July 9th - 11th _____

Week of July 16th - July 18th _____

Week of July 23rd - July 25th _____

Week of July 30th - August 1st _____

Week of August 6th - August 8th _____

I am interested:

Half-Day Camp (8:00 - 11:30) _____

Full Day Camp (8:00 - 2:00) _____

Please return by Monday, April 1st

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