

NEWSNOTE

ISSUE 15 JANUARY 13, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday will be a 10:45 dismissal. Our teachers will be having a professional development day.

In remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr., there will be no school on Monday, 1/18. Enjoy the long weekend!

Thank you to any family who thinks they have been exposed or have been experiencing COVID symptoms for reaching out and informing us. I truly appreciate your diligence in letting us know and keeping your child home to avoid any further spread or exposure. It is through this diligence that we will help to control the spread.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



Postponed:

- Cap & Gown photos (PK & Gr 8)
- Distinguished Graduate Mass

NURSE NOTES

Thank you to our families that have consented to the random COVID testing at school. Monday was our second round of testing and everything went so well! Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding of this situation.

Just as a reminder as we get back into the routine after the Holiday break.....if your child is sick with any symptoms please do not send them to school. Your child will need a doctor's note or a negative COVID test result to return to school following their illness. Please remember to either call in your child to our absence line (683-2112, option 1) or emailing Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com).

Also, as we are seeing an increase in positive COVID cases in our area, please be safe and mindful. Please be honest and keep us updated of any close contacts that require quarantine.

Remember to wear your masks, social distance, and wash your hands!

Best wishes for a happy and HEALTHY New Year!
Mrs. Parker RN



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **1/15 - 10:45 Early Dismissal** - Bills Dress Down Day, No Afterschool Care Today
- **1/18 - NO SCHOOL** MLK Jr. Day
- **1/19** - Pre-K & Kindergarten Virtual Open House, 6:00
- **1/28** - Spring Candy Sale Orders Due
- **1/29** - Spring Candy Sale Payments Due
- **1/31-2/6** - Catholic Schools Week
- **2/3** - Progress Report Upload
- **2/5** - Christian Witness
- **2/10** - Spring Photo Day: Pre-K3 - Gr. 8
- **2/12 - 1:00 Early Dismissal**, Prof. Development Day
- **2/15 - 2/19 - NO SCHOOL**, Winter Recess

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

December 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$4,777.34.

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

December Sales Total	Annual Rebate (3/16/20-3/15/21)
\$86,493.00	\$13,455.96

For the month of December we surpassed our goal by \$56,493.00.

The sales & rebate totals will now be monthly & reported in the first NN of each month.

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

CANDY BAR SALE:

Expenses: (\$5577.99)
Deposits: \$6329.00
Profit/(Loss): \$751.01

candybarsale@smeschool.com.
All flavors are \$1/bar, \$48/box.

Electronic Order form:

<https://forms.gle/qJyoyPaA4uhqpgdba>

MEGA RAFFLE

The Mega Raffle order forms were mailed out last Friday, and you should receive them any day. You are welcome to reserve your favorite number at any time – just send an email to us with your requested number.



****New this year****

There is a QR code on the flyer to place your order online. Feel free to share it with family and friends who may like to get in on the raffle as well.

With so many businesses struggling this year, will are asking that our families donate what they can for the basket raffle for this year's event. A flyer will be coming home soon with suggestions for each grade level, and we thank you in advance for contributing what you can!

If you are interested in helping out with assembling the baskets, please reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio at the email below.

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

Looking for something fun to do on Monday?

KIDS DAY! - Kids 12 & Under get in FREE!

Monday, January 18

10am-4pm



Visit the Botanical Gardens while the kids are off from school! Visit with some reptiles from Repco Wildlife Encounters, talk with our educators about some cool botanical specimens, go on a fun scavenger hunt inside the Botanical Gardens, talk with our pollinator protector friends and pick up some local honey from Hahn's Honey Bees and more!

Visit: <https://www.buffalogardens.com/products/kids-day> to reserve your tickets today!

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The HSA team will host a variety of fundraisers throughout the school year. Each fundraiser benefits the school and students directly.

Current/Upcoming Fundraisers:

- ◇ Candy Bar Sale featuring Gertrude Hawk Chocolate
- ◇ Spring Sale begins today featuring Niagara Chocolates. Sale ends January 28th. All orders **must** be placed online. Hard copies of the catalog are available upon request.

Thank you for your continued support!

WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS

Should a closing occur due to the weather it will be announced on all local tv news stations.

We are a part of the Lancaster Central School District. As such, when they close for the day, we close. HOWEVER should Lancaster decide to cancel afterschool/evening activities this does not automatically include our school.

Please keep watch for an update from us. We will always submit our closing/cancelling independently. Please make sure you are paying attention to the high school vs. elementary school in that scroll/list. Safety of our students, and families, is always at the forefront of our decision making. When bad weather hits, our eyes stay on the forecast and we make a plan. Our goal is to notify you as soon as we are able to with any changes or concerns.

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP CORNER

Scrip sales will continue in the Rectory Monday - Friday from 8:00-3:00.

Orders can be sent to school, placed online, dropped off at the Rectory any weekday, or left in the locked box in the vestibule of the church.



Don't forget - SCRIP is there for all your day to day needs not just for gift giving!



Feel free to reach out with any questions: scrip@smeschool.com

We thank you for your continued support in making the Scrip program a success for our school, our Parish and for our children!

**Please remember to send in your brown Scrip envelope with your order. If you order online, please send your envelope in for us to return your order to you. Thank you!*

BISON FUND



Committed to our mission of making quality education accessible to all, the Bison Fund is pleased to announce that the BISON Fund Board of Directors voted to increase the K-8 maximum award from \$2,100 to \$2,500 beginning in the 2021-22 school year.

As we welcome 2021, Bison Fund is currently accepting K-8 pre-applications for funding for the 2021-22 school year. Families should apply online through our website at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The pre-application is only for **new** families who are not currently receiving Bison Fund scholarship awards. The pre-application deadline is February 28th. Bison Fund will hold a lottery drawing to award the scholarships on March 1st. Lottery winners will receive an email directing them to complete a full application to receive a scholarship. Waitlisted families will also be notified by email.

Current families do not need to fill out a pre-application, they will be emailed a link to complete the requalification process on February 22nd.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy McDonald at 716-854-0869 ext. 1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.

HELP WANTED

Thank you to the families that have reached out to volunteer for upcoming events! As you know, our success depends on you!

Active involvement of all our families is necessary to keep school expenses to a minimum, encourage community involvement, and assure continued success of our school.

We hope to promote the true spirit of participation and volunteerism by inviting you to get involved in one or more of our 3 main fundraisers:

- Mega Raffle (June 2021)
- Golf Tournament (July 2021)
- Fall Fest (Autumn 2021)



In addition to chairs for events, we are looking for committee members who would be interested in assisting the chairs as they plan. If you would like to join the committee for any of the events listed above, please reach out to our Events Coordinator, Mary Kate DeMarzio at marykate@stmarysonthehill.org or (716) 683-6445, ext. 12.

Do you have a knack for advertising? Then we need you!

If you have any background or interest in helping in marketing/advertising our major events, please email kieriejewskis@smeschool.com. Planning for Mega Raffle will soon be underway!

Your involvement is vital to the success of these events!

CANDY BAR SALE

Orders can be placed at any time via the google form:

<https://forms.gle/qJyoyPaA4uhqpgdbA>

Please feel free to contact the candy bar team at:

candybarsale@smeschool.com

if you...

- Have any questions
- Need the order link emailed
- Would like a hard copy

* We are asking each family to sell (2) boxes of chocolate.*

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.

Your candy bar team,
Cheryl Barber & Amanda Kuhn

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 so we were unable to hold our Fall Fest this year. To offset the difference, we are asking each family to sell 1 additional Mega Raffle ticket (total of 3) and 1 additional box of chocolate (total of 2).

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.

PARISH PASSAGE

We will have another Buffalo Bills dress down day this Friday, 1/15. We need to keep supporting our hometown team in their bid for the Superbowl!

There will not be a charge for this dress down day.

Go Bills!!



8TH GRADE INFO

Did you know??

Our 8th graders collect cans & bottles at the following Cash for Cans locations:

480 Aurora Street

2500 George Urban Blvd

There is no need to wait while they count, simply label your bag with 'St. Mary's Elementary School', drop it off and they'll count and add the cans to our account.

Funds collected are used to cover costs incurred with graduation etc...

* Grade 8 Cap & Gown photos have been postponed until May *

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 1/15 10:45 Early Dismissal

Save the Date: 1/18 No School - MLK Jr. Day

Save the Date: 1/28 Spring Candy Sale Orders Due

Save the Date: 2/3 - Progress Report Upload

Save the Date: 2/10 - Spring Photo Day (all students)



Place catalog orders at catalog.ncfr.me

All orders will be entered online at the completion of your sale. When you are finished selling, please use your computer, tablet or smartphone to enter orders at: catalog.ncfr.me

You will need to register with your organization code. Enter your order summary as prompted.

Our School/Organizational ID is: STMAR7S

Steps for a Successful Sale:

1. Please share your brochure and order form with your family, friends, and co-workers. There is an electronic copy available at catalog.ncfr.me. We do not encourage door-to-door selling by minors.
2. Use the order sheet to fill in your customers' orders, thank them and let them know when you will be collecting money and when to expect their orders.
3. Our organization is tax-exempt. Please be sure to let your customers know the correct total of their order.
4. Checks should be made payable to: **St. Mary's Elementary – HSA**
5. Once you are done selling, go to catalog.ncfr.me. Register using your Organization Code and enter your order summary. Order entry may only be placed one time.
6. Money for your orders is due: **Friday, January 29th**
7. Keep your catalog and order form for your records once the chocolate arrives!

Orders are due online by: Thursday, January 28th

Our Delivery will be: TBD – please keep your eye on the NewsNote

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Walczak (chairperson) at cherylwalczak@gmail.com.

Thank you for your participation. The success of our fundraiser depends on you!

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St. Mary of the Assumption Parish & St. Mary's Elementary School

Present the 6th Annual

MEGA RAFFLE

\$30,000 Grand Prize

LIVE DRAWING ON FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021

Doors open at 6:00PM – Grand Prize drawing at 10:00PM

Ticket includes admission for 2 adults (aged 21+), pizza, alcohol, and pop.

No carry-in liquor allowed

ONLY 1,000 TICKETS SOLD 500 MUST BE SOLD BEFORE 5/31/21 OR REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED

21 Total Prizes Awarded

THREE EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS

\$250 ON 3/1/21, \$150 ON 4/1/21 & \$100 ON 5/1/21

Event Drawings

1 - \$5,000 prize / 1 - \$1,000 prize / 1 - \$500 prize / 2 - \$250 prizes / 2 - \$150 prizes / 10 - \$100 prizes

\$30,000 Grand Prize

CALL (716) 253-7880 or EMAIL megaraffle@smeschool.com FOR MORE INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Seller Name _____

Mail to: St. Mary of the Assumption
Attn: Mega Raffle
1 St. Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086

To order your ticket(s) online, go to:
www.stmarysonthehill.org or scan the QR code.



Enclosed is my payment for _____ tickets
(Payment due at time of ticket order)

Number attending live drawing _____

Ticket number preference is first come, first served. We cannot guarantee selection.

Ticket numbers available are 1 – 1,000.

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

No number preference _____

Registration for the 2021 Lancaster-Depew Baseball season is going on now!

Register Online @ www.lancaster-depewbaseball.com

Or at The Westwood Pavilion (behind the Concession Stand) at Westwood Park

Walk-in Registration Dates

Saturday, January 23rd 12-4:00 pm , Saturday, January 30th 12-4:00 pm

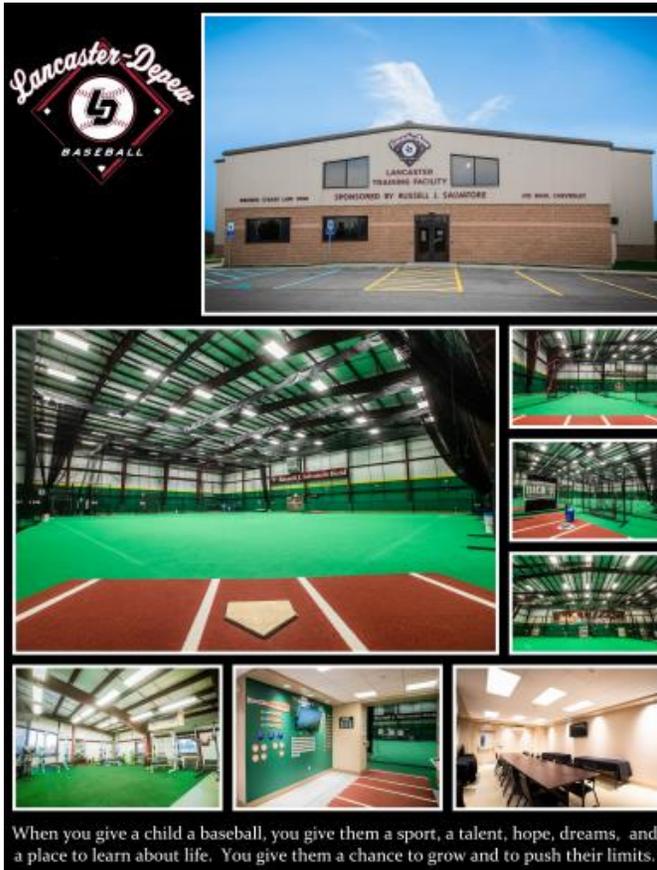
Lancaster Depew Baseball Offers....

- ⚾ A 12-game regular season for all age groups with playoffs start at Pitching Machine (7 yrs.) division. All T-ball and IPM (4-6 age group) receive a trophy in lieu of playoffs.
- ⚾ All athletes receive a MLB jersey, CAP and Indoor/Outdoor team practices.
- ⚾ Access to our Indoor Facility (12,00 Square feet, Turf Field, Batting Cages, Indoor Field and more).
- ⚾ Holiday Clinics and Camps, Performance Training, Instructional Sessions and More!

Please visit www.lancaster-depewbaseball.com for information on pricing and fundraising opportunities.

A Few Announcements:

- ⚾ When it comes to special requests to play with a sibling, friend or a specific coach, LDB will do their best to accommodate. Requests must be included in the comments section on your registration.
- ⚾ Lancaster-Depew Baseball will be offering a variety of activities and events all year. Please check the League's website periodically for other baseball programs, events and activities being offered @ www.lancaster-depewbaseball.com.



Bringing America's Pastime to the Community for 63 Years!

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