

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

According to the CDC, "Holiday celebrations will likely need to be different this year to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Avoid activities that are higher risk for spread. Consider fun alternatives that pose lower risk of spreading COVID-19." "The Winter Holidays are a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. Travel increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you must travel, be informed of the risks involved and follow NYS travel rules".

Best wishes for a blessed and joyous holiday season!! See you on January 4, 2021.

Merry Christmas!

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/17 - HSA Fudge/Jam/Coffee Sale Pick Up 2:30-6:00
- 12/17 - Panera Fund-raiser
- 12/21/20 - 1/1/21 - Christmas Recess
- 1/4 - Back to School
- 1/15 - 10:45 Early Dismissal
- 1/18 - NO SCHOOL MLK Jr. Day



## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

December 1, 2020 to December 7, 2020, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$3,088.36.

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) Profit to Date
\$56,053.00	\$11,766.98

For the month of December we have already surpassed our goal by \$26,053.00!

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

### CANDY BAR SALE:

Expenses: (\$6614.79)  
Deposits: \$8350.00  
Profit/(Loss): \$1735.21

candybarsale@smeschool.com.

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

Electronic Order form:

<https://forms.gle/qJyojPaA4uhqpgdba>

Orders can be placed & will be filled while we are distance learning!

## 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.

A restock order of candy bars has been placed and all flavors are once again available!



Pick up of the Jam/Fudge/Coffee Sale is tomorrow from **2:30-6:00pm** at the PC entrance.

Grab your goodies then head to Panera for Dinner!

### Current/Upcoming Fundraisers:

- ◇ Candy Bar Sale featuring Gertrude Hawk Chocolate
- ◇ Panera Bread Fundraiser: December 17th (Transit Road, Cheektowaga Location)
- ◇ Fudge/Jam/Coffee Pick up Dec. 17th

Thank you for your continued support!

### Reindeer Lane Accounting Report:

Expenses: (\$2761.70)  
Deposit: \$3193.00  
Profit/(Loss): \$431.30



Be a fundraising **HERO!**

Have you downloaded the RaiseRight App through the Scrip Program? If you haven't yet - now is the time!

Once you do, grab your self a Panera eCard and show your phone at the register on 12/17, no need to pull out your wallet!

First show the Panera Fundraising Flyer (attached electronically today), then your electronic gift card and voila! A double dose of support!

Make life even easier and snap a screenshot of the flyer today to have at your fingertips on Thursday, December 17th from 4:00-8:00pm!



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## 2021 CALENDAR CLUB FUNDRAISER

Our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Calendar Club has sold out!

**SOLD OUT!**

Thank you to everyone who supported this new fundraiser and good luck to you all on winning throughout 2021!

If you did not receive your calendar yet, you will by the end of the week (or a refund if we sold out before your order was received).

If you have any questions, please email the chair, Jessica Kulpit at jesskulpit@gmail.com

## 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

Don't forget that your gift cards can now be delivered to your door! No more planning for the order schedule, or worrying about picking them up. You now have the option to get gift cards from hundreds of top-selling brands sent right to you with the new ship to home feature – available only in the mobile app, RaiseRight. Shipping fees apply and you must pay with a bank account or credit card. The 11/10 NewsNote has all the details!

There will not be another order placed until Monday, January 4th.  
You are still welcome to stop by the rectory between 8:00-3:00  
Monday - Friday (excluding the holidays) to shop from our inventory.

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.

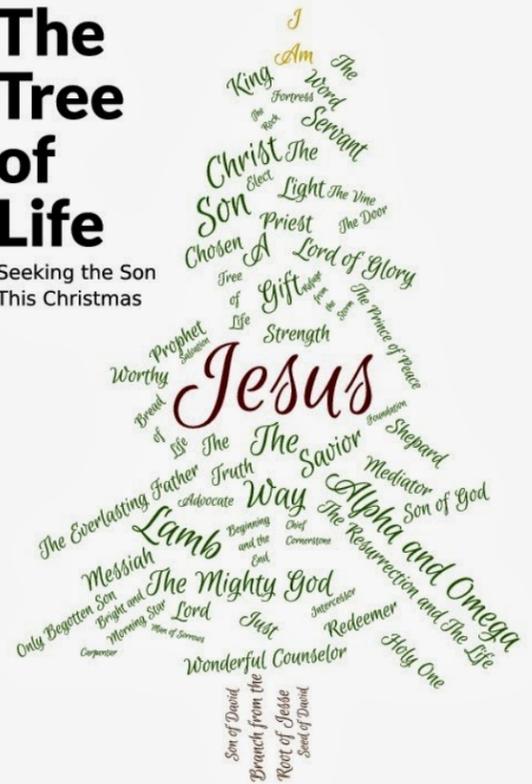
We thank you for your support in making the Scrip program a success for our school, our Parish and for our children!

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!

*If you have any questions, please email scrip@smeschool.com.  
Your Scrip Team: MaryKate DeMarzio & Jessica Kulpit*

## The Tree of Life

Seeking the Son  
This Christmas



Nathan & Anna Rugg

## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

Thank you to those that supported our Christmas Giving Project! We will be building our mini food pantries and delivering them this week.



Our week of  
Christmas Festiveness continues!

Refer to the flyer sent last week for all the details but here is a snapshot of the fun:

**Thursday 12/17** - Silent Night, wear your favorite Christmas PJ's

**Friday 12/18** - Wear your Christmas sweaters or t-shirt, or even a flannel!



## 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 kierejewskis@smeschool.com. Planning for Mega Raffle will soon be underway!

**Your involvement is vital to the success of these events!**

## 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).

## PARISH PASSAGE

Due to COVID gathering restrictions, all Christmas Masses at St. Mary's will be limited seating. If you are interested in attending *any* of the Christmas Masses you **must** call the rectory @ 683-6445 to request a ticket.

Your survey response was **NOT** a guaranteed ticket to mass.  
You **must** call to request a ticket still.



## 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.

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...

*Thank you for your support!*

## CANDY BAR SALE

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

<https://forms.gle/qJyoyPa4uhqpgdbA>

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

## 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.

## STAY IN THE KNOW



**Save the Date:** 12/17 Fudge/Jam/Coffee Pick up day

**Save the Date:** 12/17 Panera Fund-raiser Day

**Save the Date:** 12/21 Christmas Break Begins

**Save the Date:** 1/4 School Resumes

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

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

PRAYER FOR

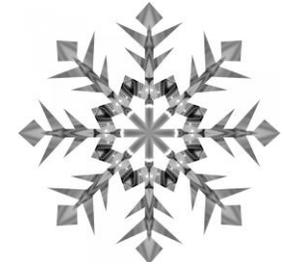
# Families

Loving God,  
During this holy season of Christmas,  
we ask for your blessing on all families.  
Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be  
an inspiration to place all trust in you.  
Let Joseph's courage provide hope during  
times of anxiety and uncertainty.  
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit  
flight and love.  
May the grace that encircled the Holy Family  
widen to embrace all families.  
For this we pray.  
Amen.



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# JANUARY, 2021



Student lunches are \$3, and adult lunches are \$4.25. During this time, we ask that all lunches be prepaid with either cash or check made out to SME in the exact amount. Any overage will be kept on account. All lunches are comprised of five components; protein, whole grain, vegetables, fruit & milk. In addition to the main entrée, there are five alternate choices offered daily; Julienne Salad, Yogurt Parfait, Sunbutter & Jelly, Turkey/Cheese and Ham/Cheese Sandwiches. All orders are taken during Homeroom. We appreciate your support and look forward to serving your child/children a freshly prepared lunch each day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [kitchenmanager@smeschool.com](mailto:kitchenmanager@smeschool.com).

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 Cheeseburger Oven Fries Veggies, Fruit & Milk	5 Chicken Fajitas Brown Rice, Corn Fruit & Milk	6 Chicken Caesar Breadstick Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	7 Nachos Grande Bean Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk	8 Cheese Pizza Salad, Broccoli Fruit & Milk
11 Popcorn Chicken Tater Tots Veggie, Fruit & Milk	12 Chili Con Carne Corn Fruit & Milk	13 Chicken Souvlaki Pita Bread Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	14 Loaded Baked Potato Broccoli Fruit & Milk	15 10:45 Dismissal Staff Development
18 No School Martin Luther King, Jr.	19 Chicken Incredi-Bowl Mashed Potatoes Corn, Fruit & Milk	20 Taco Salad Texas Caviar Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	21 Sloppy Joes Oven Fries Veggie, Fruit & Milk	22 Cheese Pizza Carrots w/Ranch Veggie, Fruit & Milk
25 Chicken Parm on Bun Spaghetti on the Side Veggies, Fruit & Milk	26 Bflo Chicken Pizza Carrot & Celery Stix Veggie, Fruit & Milk	27 Mac-n-Cheese Peas Veggie, Fruit & Milk	28 Chicken Quesadillas Bean Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk	29 Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Veggies, Fruit & Milk

Menu subject to change.

**Our Mission** All dishes are made fresh daily with only the best produce, quality proteins and low fat dairy. We limit processed foods and pre-packaged entrees. Many, if not most, menu items have minimal ingredients and are prepared from scratch. Students and Staff can choose from a variety of Daily Alternate Choices, as well as the Main Entrée. Please note, when a Signature Salad is the Main Entrée, we will not serve Julienne Salad, B Option, that day. We hope your child finds many favorites, and looks forward to the lunch we serve. As always, we appreciate your support, welcome your input and look forward to seeing you in the Lunch Room! Tracy Hadsall & Jenny Fulciniti

**Snacks** Snacks are sold daily during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> lunch periods, and all cost \$0.50. Due to time limitations, we only serve snack to grades 4 through 8.

**Milk** Milk is sold a la carte for \$0.50. You may prepay for your child/children's daily milk purchase.

<b>Bflo Chicken Pizza</b>	Whole Grain Pizza Crust with Blue Cheese, Chicken and Mild Chicken Wing Sauce
<b>Cheeseburger</b>	Whole Grain Bun with a Lean Ground Beef Patty, covered in melted American Cheese; toppings on the side
<b>Cheese Pizza</b>	Whole Grain Pizza Crust with Tomato Sauce and Low Fat Mozzarella
<b>Chicken Incredi-Bowl</b>	Chunks of Breaded Chicken and Corn on top of Mashed Potatoes, with Chicken Gravy and melted Cheddar Cheese
<b>Chicken Fajitas</b>	Marinated Chicken Breasts sliced and grilled with Sweet Peppers and Onions. Served on a Whole Grain Tortilla with toppings and Brown Rice
<b>Chicken Caesar Salad</b>	Romaine Lettuce topped with lightly seasoned Grilled Chicken Breast, Real Crumbled Bacon, Whole Grain Croutons, Grated Parmesan Cheese and Caesar Dressing
<b>Chicken Souvlaki</b>	Boneless, Skinless, marinated Chicken Breast grilled and served with fresh Vegetables (sweet peppers, onions, romaine), Feta Cheese and Greek Dressing; served as either an open salad, or stuffed into a Whole Grain Pita Pocket
<b>Chicken Parm on Bun</b>	Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Patty on Bun, baked with Low Fat Mozzarella Cheese and Marinara Sauce
<b>Chili Con Carne</b>	Lean Ground Beef, Navy & Northern Beans, Celery, and Onions in a Zesty Tomato Sauce! A warm Corn Muffin, too!
<b>Chicken Quesadillas</b>	Grilled Chicken and Shredded Cheddar Cheese atop of a WG Tortilla, served with a side of Salsa and Sour Cream
<b>Loaded Baked Potato</b>	Fresh, delivered weekly, Russet Potatoes, baked and topped with Steamed Broccoli, melted Cheese and Real Bacon Crumbles
<b>Mac-n-Cheese</b>	Whole Grain Elbow Pasta with Homemade Cheese Sauce, Baked and Served with a Cup of Tomato Soup...Perfect Comfort Food!
<b>Mozzarella Sticks</b>	Whole Grain Breading over Mozzarella Cheese, baked and served with Marinara Sauce for Dipping
<b>Nachos Grande</b>	Lean Ground Beef spiced with Taco Seasonings, served hot over Whole Grain Tortilla Chips, topped with melted Mild Cheddar Cheese Sauce, with Optional Salsa, Sour Cream & Hot Sauce
<b>Popcorn Chicken</b>	Whole Grain Breaded Popcorn Chicken Bites baked to a tasty Crunch! Served with Optional BBQ Sauce
<b>Sloppy Joe's</b>	Lean Ground Beef simmered in a Seasoned Tomato Sauce, served on a Whole Grain Hamburger Bun
<b>Taco Salad</b>	Turkey Taco Meat, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream and Tortilla Chips served on a bed of Romaine Lettuce

# St. Mary's Elementary Gear Order Form

updated 10/2/20

Name of Item	Item #	Size				Price	Quantity	Total Owed	
		S	M	L	XL				
	1/4 Zip Sweatshirt - Adult	ST 357	12	11	12	13	\$30.00		
	1/4 Zip Sweatshirt - Youth	YST 357	3	2	∅	∅	\$28.00		
	Hoodie Sweatshirt - Adult	PC 78 H	∅	∅	1	1	\$25.00		
	Hoodie Sweatshirt - Youth	PC 90 YH	12	6	∅	∅	\$22.00		
	Long Sleeve T-shirt - Adult	PC 54 LS	8	10	9	9	\$15.00		
	Long Sleeve T-shirt - Youth	PC 54 YLS	8	7	10	5	\$14.00		
	Baseball Cap	CP 80	Adult				\$17.00	18	
	Baseball Cap	CP 80 Y	Youth				\$15.00	20	
	Navy Knit Beanie/ Winter Hat	STC 20	One Size Fits All				\$15.00	22	
	Navy Face Mask	PAMASK 05	One Size Fits All				\$10.00	16	
							<b>Total items</b>		<b>Total cost</b>

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

Family Name: Inventory List

Oldest Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: 12-15-20