

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody got their fill of turkey this past week!

Thank you again to our families that came to our testing site this past weekend. I am very happy to see all the smiling faces back today.

This Friday is our Reindeer Lane Christmas Shopping event. It is a great opportunity for our students to purchase Christmas presents for their family members. This Friday is also our Christian Witness Mass.

We are going to be teaming up with St. Mary’s High School to be part of St. Mary’s Night in the Village. Please see the attached flyer for more information on this two night event.

I know that we have all been through a lot these past few months and everybody could use a rest. Bearing this in mind, I am going to extend our Christmas break by 2 days. Our break will now begin on 12/21 instead of 12/23. Please take this time to recharge before the new year and to remember the real reason for this season. Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. Look at Christmas in a new way this year. This is the year to invite Jesus into your heart. Jesus Is the Reason for the Season! Rejoice!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/3 - St. Mary’s Night in the Village
- 12/4 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am, Reindeer Lane Holiday Shop
- 12/8 - School Mass, Immaculate Conception
- 12/10 - St. Mary’s Night in the Village
- 12/15 - K-8 Report Card Upload
- 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

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

November 17, 2020 to November 23, 2020, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$474.39.

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

	Annual Rebate
November	(3/16/20-3/15/21)
Sales Total	Profit to Date
\$39,295.00	\$7,295.46

For the month of November we have already surpassed our goal by \$9,295!!

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>
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!



Thank you to those families who participated in our Fudge, Jam & Coffee Sale!

Delivery is Thursday December 17th, just in time for holiday gifting!

- Current/Upcoming Fundraisers:
- ◇ Candy Bar Sale featuring Gertrude Hawk Chocolate
 - ◇ Panera Bread Fundraiser: December 17th
 - ◇ Fudge/Jam/Coffee Pick up Dec. 17th



Thank you for your continued support!

Each year we host a gift shop for our students to spread Christmas cheer to their families! We will be hosting a Reindeer Lane Gift Shop on Friday, December 4th following Mass.

Our students will have a chance to come to the shop with their class for gifts ranging in price from \$1-\$5.00.

If you are interested in helping: We are able to bring in a limited number of volunteers to ensure a smooth shopping experience. Please contact Jen Carroll at jcarr2300@gmail.com for more information.

Please have your children come ready to shop with their list/envelope and payment. We are also encouraging students to bring a reusable bag in to carry their gifts home.



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2021 CALENDAR CLUB FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who took part in our first Calendar Club Fundraiser! We are very close to selling out! Orders coming in are being processed first come first serve. In the event of a sell out, payments will be returned.

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

There is **no need** to return the bottom remittance portion of the calendar.



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

NEW!! 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.

There is only **1** more order date before Christmas: **December 7th** – so get your Christmas shopping done the easy way!

What does that mean exactly? That means that any order received on/before 12/7 by our Scrip Office will be submitted to corporate for a guaranteed delivery before Christmas.

Can I still order Scrip after that date? YES! Our Scrip office will remain open while the rectory is open leading up to Christmas (and after of course!). Although large, your selection will be limited to the inventory we have on hand & in stock.

If you know anyone that loves Pizza Hut, and has one open in their area, we have 7 - \$10 cards in stock that need to go!

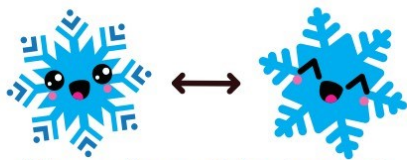
Scrip sales will continue in the Rectory Monday - Friday from 8:00-3:00. Orders can be placed online, dropped off at the Rectory any weekday, or left in the locked box in the vestibule of the church. You will receive a phone call when it is ready, and arrangements can be made for pick-up/delivery.



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*



Please keep 6 feet apart.



**Please wear
a mask.**

**Please wash hands
for 20 seconds.**



Stay Safe. Stay Healthy.

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



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.



Thank you for your support
of our Poinsettia Sale!

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

REINDEER LANE®

GIFT SHOP

Dear Parents,

Here is a wonderful opportunity for your child to experience the joy of giving during the holiday season. **Reindeer Lane Gift Shop®** is the perfect way for your child to select holiday gifts for the entire family! **Reindeer Lane Gift Shop®** will be supervised by parent volunteers who assist your child with making gift selections and managing money. **Reindeer Lane Gift Shop®** makes the holiday buying experience safe, educational, and fun. While children shop for gifts, they will learn to budget money and make purchase decisions. You will see the joy and excitement on the face of your child when you open your gifts!

You can be part of the fun and learning by giving your child ideas on selecting gifts and suggesting ways for your child to earn extra holiday dollars!

Reindeer Lane Gift Shop® has provided a money envelope for safety and convenience. Gift items range from \$0.25 to \$15.00 with the majority of items between \$1.00 and \$4.00.

You may also purchase a gift voucher at Reindeerlane.com for your child to use for purchasing gifts the day they shop!

This holiday season let your child experience the joy of giving!

ATTENTION PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS:

Share the fun and excitement by being a Gift Shop Volunteer. Sign up at your school today!

ESTIMADOS PADRES:

Reindeer Lane Gift Shop® vendra a la escuela de sus niños durante el año escolar con muchos regalos para toda la familia. Esta tienda es unica y esta bajo la supervisión de padres voluntarios. Sera una experiencia inolvidable para el agrado de todos.

Sus niños pueden escoger entre mas de 100 regalos diferentes con precios desde \$0.25 hasta \$15.00. Estos regalos han sido seleccionados con la mejor calidad en mente. Estos regalos son populares y de gran uso. Imaginese la alegria que su hijo/a sentira cuando usted reciba uno de estos regalos. Tanto los padres de familia como los maestros de escuela reconocen que esta es una de las actividades mas divertidas y deseada durante el año escolar.

The "Gift List" es el sobre que contiene el dinero ya sea en efectivo o en cheque y debe de estar completo y ser devuelto a la escuela en la fecha indicada.

Usted también podrá comprar un certificado en reindeerlane.com y su hijo/a podrá usar lo para comprar regalos en la tienda de navidad el día que su clase visite la tienda.

MUCHAS FELICIDADES!

Online Voucher
Parents can pay online. Kids bring in the voucher to buy.

(877)378.0403
www.reindeerlane.com



Child's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____ Rm# _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

My Shopping Budget

I'd like to buy a gift for:		
	Budget	I Spent
Parents		
Grandparents		
Brother / Sister		
Special Friends / Pets		
TOTAL:		

Make check payable to your school.

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Dear Parents & Students:

This budget envelope is designed to help you plan your holiday shopping for the gift shop.

On the front side list the family members and special friends you would like to shop for; then decide what the budget is for each gift. The volunteers will help each child shop within his or her budget. Our gift shop features over 100 quality items, with most gifts under \$5.

Finally, add up the total for all gifts and enclose that amount in cash or a check made out to your school. If your child does not spend the entire amount, the change will be returned to you in this envelope.

Thank you for giving your child the gift of giving.

Gift Shop Envelope

We cordially invite you, friends, and family to:

ST. MARY'S NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE



December 3rd and 10th

5:00-9:00 p.m.

- * Shop Local!*
- * Support our neighbors!*
- * Come see the new & improved Village of Lancaster & West Main Street Project!*

*Starring Santa &
enjoy Christmas carols by members of
Varsity Chorus!*

Featuring:

*Bloomsbury Toy Shoppe • Dark Forest Chocolate • Furry Friends •
Gilded Maple • Josie's on Central • Juls & Jane • Lancaster Broadway Deli
Lancaster Coffee Co. • Lilly Belle Meads • Long Weekend • Purely Pets
The New York Store • Twin Village Music*