

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Just a reminder, this week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. This year our theme is Catholic Schools Light the Way! This means that SME participates in helping our students to become good citizens, love God, spread the Gospel and be citizens of the world to come. Our school is a community of faith. As we celebrate this week, I encourage everybody to reflect on the benefits of a Catholic education and all that it will provide you throughout your lives. Thank you, parents, guardians, and all family members. You play a vital role in Catholic Education.

Open House will be held virtually on Thursday, February 4th from 6-7:00. Although this is primarily for new families to learn more about our school, all our current families are welcome to attend!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

Starting your taxes? We are unable to give out our Tax Id Number. Have your preparer indicate 'Religious Exemption' in its place.

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE,
LET YOURSELVES BE TAKEN
OVER BY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST,
AND SPREAD THAT LIGHT
WHEREVER YOU ARE.

ST. JOHN PAUL II



OPEN HOUSE

We are hosting a Virtual Open House
TOMORROW, February 4th @ 6:00pm!

Share the following link to the Zoom Open House with all of your family and friends:

[https://zoom.us/j/92218047284?](https://zoom.us/j/92218047284?pwd=Z0ZEMktrdEQ5ZWVwZndhYS8rZmtaZz09)
pwd=Z0ZEMktrdEQ5ZWVwZndhYS8rZmtaZz09

Meeting ID: 922 1804 7284

Shout it loud & proud... SME is *the* place to be!

Core Catholic Values - Uncompromised Education



The first month of our Calendar Club has come to an end and checks will be mailed to the winners this week. We are using the following site to check the evening winning numbers: <https://www.lotteryusa.com/new-york/numbers/>

Thank you to everyone who supported this new fundraiser and good luck to you all on winning throughout the rest of 2021! If you have any questions, please email the chair, Jessica Kulpit at jesskulpit@gmail.com.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/3 - Progress Report Upload
- 2/4 - Virtual Open House, 6:00pm, CSW: Dress like a saint
- 2/5: CSW: Dress like a teacher
- 2/10 - Spring Photo Day: Pre-K3 - Gr. 8
- 2/12 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30, **1:00 Early Dismissal**, Staff PD Day
- 2/15 - 2/19 - **NO SCHOOL**, Winter Recess
- 3/5 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 3/12 - **No School**, Staff PD Day
- 3/24 - Report Card Upload
- 4/1 - Transportation Forms Due to Home District Offices
- 4/1 - **No School** - Holy Thursday
- 4/2 - **No School** - Good Friday
- 4/4 - Easter Sunday

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

January 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$898.60.

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

January Sales Total	Annual Rebate (3/16/20 - 3/15/21) Profit to Date
\$18,980.00	\$14,370.65

Year to Date Total Sales: \$269,247.00

The January profit fell short of our monthly goal by \$601.40.

Our Year to Date Profit is short of our annual goal by \$3,629.35. We have until 3/15 to reach it!

Contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com to find out how you can support this 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

Mega Raffle ticket sales are off to a great start with 367 tickets sold to date. We have sold out all 5 previous years, so be sure to get your tickets before it's too late!

The first early bird drawing is Monday, March 1st.

Be sure to get your orders in for a chance to win \$250!!



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 business 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 from 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. We have also set up a **custom gift list** on Amazon.com. Search for DeMarzio and you will see a list named 'Mega Raffle 2021'. All items purchased will be shipped directly to the school. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fund raiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, 124 of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!! 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 again for all of your continued support on this important fundraiser.

The prize winners will be announced at the live drawing on Friday, June 11th in the Parish Center. Flyers are available upon request and on the school website if you would like to bring them to your place of business to sell - people love a raffle!

We need volunteers to work the night of the event, as well as set up the evening before.

If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio at me garaffle@smeschool.com.



NURSE NOTES

To help with the planning of any Valentine's Day celebrations in school I would like to remind you of the procedures that need to be put in place due to ongoing health concerns and decreasing the spread of germs. We understand the importance of celebrating birthdays and holidays in school and we would like to do it as safely as possible and need your cooperation and understanding to keep the students and staff safe.

~All food must be peanut and tree nut free

~No unwrapped bulk, unlabeled or home baked items will be allowed

~Touching of other classmates food will not be allowed. Teachers will clean the outside of the box and then distribute the snacks to their students while wearing gloves. **Please bring in snacks/treats that are individually wrapped from a factory sealed box.** For example: fruit snacks in boxes, bags of chips inside a bag/box, or packaged crackers inside a box. All snacks/treats will be checked prior to them being passed out in the classroom. **Any snacks/treats that do not follow the above protocol will be sent home.**

As always, please call with any questions or concerns. Thank you and we look forward to celebrating with your child in school! ~ Mrs. Parker RN, BSN

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 pick up date is TBD by Niagara Chocolates. We will update you as soon as we receive it.
- ◇ Little Caesars sale will start next week!

Thank you for your continued support!

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP CORNER

Scrip sales will continue in the Rectory
Monday - Friday from 9:00-3:00.



Through December 14, 2020, a total of \$7,538.67 was applied directly to the tuition accounts of families utilizing the program. **There are thousands of dollars in tuition credit available to you!**

** Amazon \$10 physical gift cards are currently not available. **

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.

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.

TRAVEL ADVISORY

COVID-19 Travel Advisory:

As many of you are seeking warmer weather and new scenery over our upcoming school breaks please be aware of the NYS travel advisory related to the ongoing COVID pandemic.

As these policies change often please refer to the following website for the most up to date travel information.

When your child returns, please provide all the proper documentation on their first day back to school.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this please reach out and we can assist you. Safety of our school community is always a priority.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

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!

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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Monday, July 26th

Where: Lancaster Country Club – NEW VENUE!

Information will be coming home soon re: the pre-tournament raffle tickets and signing up for the tournament.

Keep an eye on the NewsNotes for more information.

SPRING PHOTOS

Inter-State Studios will be taking spring photos of **only** those students who are purchasing a picture package on 2/10.

Order forms are coming home today.

Packages can also be purchased online by visiting:

inter-state.com/order Using the Order Code: 56901BA
And must be placed by Midnight on 2/9. Only those students being photographed should come to school picture perfect!

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: 1/31-2/6 - Catholic Schools Week

Save the Date: 2/3 - Progress Report Upload

Save the Date: 2/4 - Virtual Open House

Save the Date: 2/10 - Spring Photo Day

Save the Date: 2/12 - 1:00 Early Dismissal

Pictures will be taken at: St Mary's Elementary School

Select your Style:



ADDITIONAL STYLES Available Online!

Enhance your Portraits:

SOFT-TOUCH: \$3.00 RE-TOUCH: \$5.00 ADD NAME: \$3.00



Order Online

FOR ADDITIONAL STYLES & UNIQUE PHOTO GIFTS!
INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER

QUESTIONS? VISIT INTER-STATE.COM/SUPPORT

Online Orders must be placed by Midnight CST prior to Picture Day.

Use Order Code:

56901BA

Place your Order:

FIRSTNAME:

LAST NAME:

TEACHER:

GRADE:

ORDER ONE

ORDER TWO

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PRICE

SOFT-TOUCH

 \$3.00

RE-TOUCH

 \$5.00

ADD NAME

 \$3.00

TOTAL PAYMENT

PHOTOGRAPHER USE ONLY

FRAME: _____



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To order online use the Order Code shown on this flyer.
Please make checks payable to:
Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co.
Total your order and enclose the exact amount in the envelope. Change cannot be made by the school or photographer. Detach, seal, and return this envelope to the school on or before Picture Day.

Package(s) and Add-on(s)

Select your style(s)

Enhancement(s)

Prices shown on this flyer include both product price and applicable sales tax as shown: \$3.00=\$2.76 + \$0.24, \$5.00=\$4.60 + \$0.40, \$8.00=\$7.36 + \$0.64, \$9.00=\$8.28 + \$0.72, \$12.00=\$11.03 + \$0.97, \$16.00=\$14.71 + \$1.29, \$20.00=\$18.39 + \$1.61, \$24.00=\$22.07 + \$1.93, \$25.00=\$22.99 + \$2.01, \$28.00=\$25.75 + \$2.25, \$31.00=\$28.51 + \$2.49, \$33.00=\$30.34 + \$2.66, \$36.00=\$33.10 + \$2.90, \$40.00=\$36.78 + \$3.22, \$43.00=\$39.54 + \$3.46

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PICTURE
Day is: 8/10

Picture dates are subject to change.
Please visit inter-state.com/order to view your school's most up-to-date Picture Day information.

PACKAGE 1:	1-8x10, 2-5x7, 2-3x5, 9-Wallets	MOST POPULAR	\$33.00
PACKAGE 2:	2-8x10, 4-5x7, 2-3x5, 18-Wallets, 1-Digital Image, 4-2x3 Magnets	BEST VALUE	\$43.00
PACKAGE 3:	1-5x7, 2-3x5, 9-Wallets		\$25.00
PACKAGE 4:	2-8x10, 2-5x7, 2-3x5, 9-Wallets, 18-1x2 Exchange		\$40.00
PACKAGE 5:	1-8x10, 2-5x7, 4-3x5, 18-Wallets		\$36.00
PACKAGE 6:	1-8x10, 2-5x7, 9-Wallets		\$31.00
PACKAGE 7:	2-5x7, 2-3x5, 10-Wallets		\$28.00
PACKAGE 8:	1-Digital Image		\$24.00
PACKAGE 9:	2-3x5, 4-Wallets		\$20.00
PACKAGE 10:	1-3x5, 2-Wallets		\$16.00
ADD-ON 11:	1-8x10		\$9.00
ADD-ON 12:	2-5x7		\$9.00
ADD-ON 13:	4-2x3 Magnets		\$12.00
ADD-ON 14:	1-My Digital Portrait CD		\$25.00
ADD-ON 15:	9-Wallets		\$9.00
ADD-ON 16:	4-3x5		\$9.00
ADD-ON 17:	18-1x2 Exchange		\$9.00
ADD-ON 18:	4-2x3 Clings		\$8.00

Add-on items are only available with the purchase of a package.

ORDER Online
INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER



SOUTHLINE LITTLE LEAGUE

2021 BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Open to boys & girls ages 3-15

Register online today at

southlinesports.com

Registration fee is dependent upon the program in which you register for

T-ball/Coach Pitch (\$45)

Baseball (\$75)

Softball (\$65)

There is a \$50 Snack Stand fee (one per family) refundable when you work a 2-hour snackstand shift during the season.

In addition, there is a \$40 fundraising fee per player (family max of \$120) due when registering for our Lottery Calendar Fundraiser

For information and/or questions, contact:

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