

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Since there are no longer capacity restrictions in place for churches and the positivity rate has decreased, we are going to start having more of our classes up in church for mass on Fridays beginning 3/19/21. We will just begin with an additional 2-3 classes in church. All of the students will be socially distanced in the church and will be wearing their masks. The mass will still be livestreamed into our classes for those not in the church.

This Friday there will not be any school. Our teachers will be participating in a professional development day.

Thank you to all those who have returned their registration packets for the 21/22 school year. Our registration is going very well this year and the classrooms are quickly filling up. If you are still planning on registering, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



READ ACROSS AMERICA



We would like to thank everyone for your support in donating books and socks during Read Across America week.

Because of your generosity, we are pleased to be able to split our donations between the Trinity Pantry & Gerard Place.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/12 - No School, Staff PD Day
- 3/14 - Daylight Savings: Spring Forward!
- 3/17 - Luck 'o the Irish - Dress in Green!
- 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
- 4/5 - 4/9 - NO SCHOOL, Easter Recess
- 4/12 - School Resumes

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021

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

Feb. Sales Total	% Monthly Sales Goal
\$16,555.00	55%

Feb. Rebate Profit	% Monthly Profit Goal
\$1,014.16	68%

Sales Year-to-Date	Rebate Year-to-Date
\$286,132.00	\$15,409.72

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

Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ:

Tickets Sold: 113
Tickets Available: 587

Calendar Club:

Congratulations to our February Winners!

Checks were mailed last week.
Winning numbers are obtained from:
www.lotteryusa.com/new-york/numbers/
Any questions: jesskulpit@gmail.com

CANDY BAR SALE:

Expenses: (\$7190.79) Deposits: \$9145.00
Profit/(Loss): \$1945.24

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

Electronic Order form:

<https://forms.gle/qJyoyPaA4uhqpgdba>

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are going great with 673 tickets sold as of March 5th.

The Second Early Bird drawing will be April 1st with a prize of \$150!
Orders will be accepted through 12:00pm that day.



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 letter with suggested donations per grade was sent home on 3/3. From those donations we will create baskets sponsored by each grade. 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 those that have already purchased items!

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fund raiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, 285 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 megaraffle@smeschool.com.



SCHOOLSTORE.COM FUNDRAISER

Thank you to those that have helped to spread the word of our newest fundraiser! We have already earned \$197.76 in profit for SME.

Prizes earned by students will be sent here for distribution in 4-6 weeks. Students can earn points throughout the year long fundraiser.

SchoolStore.com is an online shopping mall where over 400 nationally-known online merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like Kohls.com, Walmart.com, DisneyStore.com, and Best Buy participate. SchoolStore is a great way to support your school when you shop at your favorite online merchants. There are also magazine subscriptions available.

We understand that not every fundraiser is for everyone, but with nothing extra to buy, just doing your personal shopping through this site, helping SME couldn't be easier! The deadline to help is March 2022! Students can earn prizes just for spreading the news of our sale via emails to family & friends.

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
- ◇ Little Caesars Delivery is the week of 3/22. Exact date TBD.

Thank you for your continued support!

No MATTER
how long the
winter,
SPRING
is sure
to FOLLOW.

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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.

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.

The total family tuition credit earned through December 14, 2020 was \$7,538.67, and these funds were applied directly to the tuition accounts of families utilizing the program. The next quarterly tuition credit report will be run on March 15, 2021. There are thousands of dollars in tuition credit available to you!

Gift card updates:

- Tops has increased the rebate percentage to 5.5%! If you're not a Tops grocery shopper, you can also purchase gas with the gift cards.
- Amazon \$10 physical gift cards are currently not available.
- If you purchase Kohl's gift cards online, be sure to select the option with (SME) after the denomination to get the 5% rebate. Otherwise, the rebate is only 4%.

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

Please return your Scrip envelope for reuse & online ordering.

NURSE NOTES

It is a NYS mandate for students that are new to the school and in grades K, 1, 3, 5, and 7 to have an updated Health Appraisal form/Physical form on file in the health office.

After your child's yearly physical your doctor will have the form completed for you. If you have not turned in this form for this current school year please do so as soon as possible!



This form can be sent in to school with your child, faxed (683-2134), or e-mailed (parkerk@smeschool.com). Thank you for your cooperation!

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Mrs. Parker RN

PARISH PASSAGE

As a reminder, the Lenten Donation boxes are due back on 3/31. All donations are for Catholic Charities.

SME YEARBOOK

Yearbook order forms were sent home 3/3 and can be ordered until April 15th. If you are in need of another copy, please contact Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com).

The cost per yearbook is \$12.00

Please make your checks payable to:
Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co.



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 26, 2021)
- Fall Fest (Autumn 2021)

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.

We are fully stocked once again with all candy bar flavors! Thank you for your patience & support of our sale!

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!

Pre-tournament raffle tickets and tournament information are coming home today!

CHIAVETTA'S CHICKEN DINNER

Day: Saturday, March 20th
Time: 12:00-4:00pm, or until we sell out
Cost: \$10 presale/\$12 the day of
Ensure a dinner by pre-ordering today!

To order & pay with Venmo/PayPal please call 253-7880 or email Mary Kate DeMarzio at marykate@stmarysonthehill.org

We are all set with volunteers for this event.
Please watch the NewsNote for future needs!

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 *



Starting your taxes?

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

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 3/12 - No School

Save the Date: 3/20 - Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Sale

Save the Date: 3/24 - K-8 Report Card Upload

Save the Date: 4/1-4/9 Easter Recess

Save the Date: 4/16 - Christian Witness Mass

Save the Date: 4/23 - 1:00 Early Dismissal, Staff PD

FREE WEBINAR

PARENTS: If you have questions about your special needs students' education and services, this webinar is for you.

**What Now? Families of Special Needs Students
have their Pandemic Questions Answered.**

**Thursday, March 11, 2021
3:30 PM**

Use this link to register for the webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FfUBNTKsQ4Cwg209tGrcmA

After registering, you will receive an email
confirmation containing information to join the webinar.

Our panel of professionals and parents will address questions from families of special needs students on how they are managing during the pandemic.

What is working? What is not working? Where can I find answers?

The parents and professionals will identify challenges and help form solutions.

Send us your questions and concerns now or in the chat section during the webinar.

Opportunities Collaborative is a non-profit organization dedicated to assuring that high quality services are provided to students with a wide range of learning needs. We are hosting a webinar to share questions, concerns, and ideas from families of special needs children on services and education during the pandemic. Our goal is to identify what challenges families are facing and provide suggestions and solutions.



**Opportunities
Collaborative**

For Special Needs Students, Inc.

oppcollab@gmail.com

With support from:





Back again this year!

All Day - **FIVE**
Days A Week

St. Mary's Elementary School

Summer Care

Cost **\$40.00** Per Day/Per Student – Excludes any Field Trips

Pre-K through 8th Grade

Available 7:00am until 6:00pm **FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING**



Parents, take the worry away from trying to figure out where or who will be watching your child(ren) during the summer months... SME's Summer Care program is back:

June 28th – August 27th, 2021

Registration Forms

Attached

Field Trips

Dependent on COVID protocols

- **ART**
- **SCIENCE**
- **TECHNOLOGY**
- **CREATIVE MOVEMENT**
- **FINE MOTOR SKILLS**
- **GROUP TIME**
- **CENTER FREE PLAY**
- **OUTDOOR PLAY TIME**

Summer Care will include a light breakfast & 2 snacks (one in the morning and one in the afternoon)!

PLEASE RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

Payment Contract

Registration form and \$50 per family non-refundable registration payment are due by Friday, April 30, 2021. This will secure your spot for Summer Care.

Summer Care runs Monday – Friday, starting Monday, June 28 – Friday, August 27, 2021

Please fill out the calendars provided for June, July and August with the days and times that you will be sending your child(ren). Payment of \$40/day per child is expected the Wednesday prior to the week that you will be sending your child(ren) to Summer Care. Invoices will be sent out the week prior. The completed calendars are due by Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

If you need to cancel a day, 2 weeks' notice must be given in order to receive a refund for that day. Each child will be allowed ONE excused sick day wherein a refund will be given for that day.

FIELD TRIPS – The children will have the opportunity to participate in several different field trips. Prior to each field trip, a permission slip including any required fees will come home. If you wish for your child(ren) to participate in that field trip you will then return the permission slip and fee.

Included in Summer Care cost: a light breakfast and snacks will be provided. *You MUST send in a lunch for your child and drinks each day they are here.*

Registering Siblings? A 10% discount is added when registering two or more children.

Informed Consent and Acknowledgement

I hereby give my approval for my child's participation in any and all activities prepared by St. Mary's Elementary School during Summer Care. In exchange for the acceptance of said child's candidacy by St. Mary's Elementary School. I assume all risk and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities, and release, absolve and hold harmless St. Mary's Elementary School and all its respective officers, agents, and representatives from any and all liability for injuries to said child arising out of traveling to, participating in summer care sessions.

In case of injury to said child(ren), I hereby waive all claims against St. Mary's Elementary School. There is a risk of being injured that is inherent in all activities.

Medical Release and Authorization

As Parent and/or Guardian of the named child(ren), I hereby authorize the diagnosis and treatment by a qualified and licensed medical professional, of the minor child, in the event of a medical emergency, which in the opinion of the attending medical professional, requires immediate attention to prevent further endangerment of the minor's life, physical impairment, or other undue pain, suffering or discomfort, if delayed.

Permission is hereby granted to the attending physician to proceed with any medical or minor surgical treatment, x-ray examination and immunizations for the named child(ren). In the event of an emergency arising out of serious illness, the need for major surgery, or significant accidental injury, I understand that every attempt will be made by the attending physician to contact me in the most expeditious way possible. This authorization is granted only after a reasonable effort has been made to reach me.

Permission is also granted to St. Mary's Elementary School to provide the needed emergency treatment prior to the child's admission to the medical facility.

Release authorized on the dates and/or duration of the registered season.

This release is authorized and executed of my own free will, with the sole purpose of authorizing medical treatment under emergency circumstances, for the protection of life and limb of the named minor child, in my absence.

(Signed & Returned with registration form)

St. Mary's Summer Care Registration Form

2 St. Mary's Hill – Lancaster www.smeschool.com 716-683-2112



Child's First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Grade
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Street Address

City

Zip

Parent/Guardian Name

Home Number

Cell Number

Parents Email

Please list any allergies, chronic illness, or medical conditions per child:

Does your child have a prescribed inhaler? If yes, please explain any instructions.

Name - Instructions

Name – Instructions

Emergency Contact Information

Name (please print)

Relationship

Phone Number

Alt. Phone Number

\$40 per day/Flexible Schedule
Summer Care Hours 7:00am – 6:00pm



\$50.00 per family non-refundable REGISTRATION FEE due with registration paperwork. *Make check payable to St. Mary's Elementary*

Paid by check #

Date:

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Confirmation/Agreement


BY ACKNOWLEDGING AND SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PUT FORTH BY ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THEIR SUMMER CARE PROGRAM.

Parent /Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

2021 JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 	28	29	30			

2021 JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Printable Calendar From Wishshi.com

2021 AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 X	31 X				

Family Summer Care Calendar Form

Please mark the days/times that you will be attending Summer Care. Please return the completed calendars for Summer Care by **Tuesday, June 1, 2021.**

Family Last Name

Child's First Name

Child's First Name

Child's First Name

Child's First Name

Summer Care begins
Monday, June 28, 2021
and runs through
Friday, August 27, 2021

Monday – Friday
7:00am – 6:00pm

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Saturday, March 20th

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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- March 11th at 6:00-8:00PM
- Call to book a virtual open house

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