

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody had a relaxing break. It is hard to believe that we are entering the last couple of months of this school year. It has been a challenging year, to say the least, but I am very proud of all our efforts and those of the students and parents in helping to make it all work out. Through hard work, we were able to continue 5 days a week in person and to provide our students with the education that they deserve!

Please remember to tune into our Livestream mass on Friday morning at 8:30. This week will be our Christian Witness Mass. Next week Friday we will have a 1:00 dismissal for some teacher professional development.

We are still accepting registrations. If you have not turned in your registration packet, please do. I want to see all our families back for the 21/22 school year!! If you have any questions regarding registration, do not hesitate to call our office.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski

## BISON FUND

### Deadlines & Reminders:

Just a reminder that the deadline for families to renew their scholarships is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline for new families to complete the full application is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Families can still submit a pre-application on our website and be placed on our waiting list.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy McDonald directly at 716-854-0869 ext. 1 or [cmcdonald@bisonfund.com](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.com).



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4/14 - STREAM Flower Sale Begins
- 4/15 - Yearbook Orders Due
- 4/23 - 1:00 Early Dismissal, Staff PD
- 4/30 - STREAM Flower Sale Ends
- 5/6 - STREAM Flower Sale Pick Up Day
- 5/7 - Christian Witness Mass (Apr.), 8:30
- 5/13 - Ascension Thursday Mass, 8:30
- 5/19 - Progress Report Upload
- 5/28 - NO SCHOOL
- 5/31 - NO SCHOOL
- 6/4 - Christian Witness Mass (May), 8:30
- 6/11 - 10:45 Early Dismissal
- 6/18 - Christian Witness Mass (June), 8:30

## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

March 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

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

<u>March Sales Total</u>	<u>% Monthly Sales Goal</u>
\$22,790.00	76%

<u>March Rebate Profit</u>	<u>% Monthly Profit Goal</u>
\$1,343.49	90%

<u>Sales Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Rebate Year-to-Date</u>
\$302,76.00	\$16,413.21

Contact the Scrip office at [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com) to find out how you can support this fundamental program!

### CANDY BAR SALE:

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

[candybarsale@smeschool.com](mailto:candybarsale@smeschool.com).  
All flavors are \$1/bar, \$48/box.

Electronic Order form:

<https://forms.gle/qJyoyPaA4uhqpgdba>

### SCHOOLSTORE.COM:

Total Profit to date: \$373.55

## MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are going extremely well with 766 tickets sold as of April 9th.

There are just 234 tickets remaining. Don't delay, get your ticket today!

The winner of our second Early Bird Drawing was ticket #311 with a prize of \$150.

Our last Early Bird drawing will be May 1st with a prize of \$100!

*Orders will be accepted through 4:00pm on Friday April 30th.*

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.

We are asking that our families donate what they can for the basket raffle for this year's event. Information was in the NewsNote on 3/3 with donation suggestions for each grade level. We have also set up a **custom gift list** on Amazon.com. Search for **DeMarzio**, then **'Mega Raffle 2021'**. All items purchased will be shipped directly to the school. We thank those that have already purchased & sent in items!

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, 326 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](mailto:me garaffle@smeschool.com).



## STREAM FLOWER SALE - SAVE THE DATE

We will be holding our annual STREAM flower fundraiser  
**April 14 - April 30, 2021.**

Plants and flowers will be delivered in time for Mother's Day!  
Flower pick-up will take place on Thursday, May 6th from 2:30 - 6:00 pm.



Please use & share the following link to order flowers:  
<https://forms.gle/tUfK4HUIJbriHKuPbA>

We thank you in advance for your support of our STREAM initiative here at SME!

## SME YEARBOOK

Yearbook orders are due tomorrow!

Orders can be placed online [www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook) using the code 57729Y or sent into the main office.

If you are in need of a paper order form, please email Mrs. Kuhn.

## 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

*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 Mon. - Fri. 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](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com).

The total family tuition credit earned in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (December 15, 2020 – March 22, 2021) was \$2,202.49, 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 June 15, 2021. *There are thousands of dollars in tuition credit available to you!*

### Gift card updates:

- \* NEW BRAND ALERT! Scrip now has Instacart gift cards. Get your groceries delivered and earn 4%!
- \* 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.*

## READY SET READ - BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Ready, SET, Read event is for students in grades Pre-K through Grade 3 and includes books, games & activities!

The Battle of the Books is a team competition for grades 4-8 and is a trivia based event based on the books on our book list.

This year we are excited to have the event take place during the school day on June 11th. More details to come!

### 4th & 5th Grade Book List:

The Indian in the Cupboard  
The Year of the Dog  
Crenshaw

### 6-8 Grade Book List:

Nuts to You  
Restart  
Okay for Now



## SPRING BOOK FAIR

We will be hosting our Spring Book Fair  
ONLINE only from  
Monday 4/19 until Sunday May 2nd.

Visit our Book Fair homepage & click  
"Shop Now" to get started:

[www.scholastic.com/bf/spring21](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/spring21)

See the flyer coming home today with all the details!



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kieriejewskis@smeschool.com).

**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](mailto: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.

Thank you for your continued 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](mailto:secretary@smeschool.com)) at any time if you need a hard copy.

## EARTH DAY

EARTH DAY is April 22nd!

In the Art Room we always Reduce, Reuse and of course Recycle!

In the spirit of EARTH DAY... the Art Room is looking for clean **styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons, CD/DVD's** (these are the old promotional ones from software installs or blank CD's/DVD's you no longer need.), clean **plastic containers with lids** (pre-sliced deli meat-type only), **Yarn and ribbon remnants** and **cardboard cones.** (These items must be from a smoke-free home)

So when you are doing your spring cleaning... please consider sending in the above mentioned items for the SME Art room! The SME Artists and I thank you in advance! Email any questions to Mrs. Pesany-Au at [pesanyau@smeschool.com](mailto:pesanyau@smeschool.com).

## 8TH GRADE

We will celebrate our Hope Ribbon Mass on Friday, May 21st.  
Please keep your eye out for more details!



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Monday, July 26th  
Where: Lancaster Country Club – NEW VENUE!  
Tournament information & raffle tickets went out 3/10.

## STAY IN THE KNOW



**Save the Date:** 4/14-4/30  
STREAM Flower Sale

**Save the Date:** 4/16 - Christian  
Witness Mass

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

**Save the Date:** 5/6 STREAM  
Flower Sale Pick Up day



**SCHOLASTIC**  
BOOK FAIRS®

Dear SME families,

You're invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair online from **April 19 through May 2**. All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more.

You'll love the **NEW** option to shop for **Book Fair exclusives** directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
- All orders ship **direct to home**
- **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25\*
- All purchases **support our school** and earn 25% in rewards
  
- To see how a **virtual** fair works, go to:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4u8e9BRm6Bw>
- To see how **Scholastic's E-Wallet** program works, visit:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSSY64tTMXg>
- To view the **Scholastic Digital Flyer**, click here:  
<https://bookfairsfiles.scholastic.com/flippingbooks/S21-Virtual-Booklist/S21-Virtual-Booklist.html#p=1>

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started:

**<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/spring21>**

Happy reading!!

Bernie Bookmiller  
*Bookfair Chairperson*

\*Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied. Free standard shipping (books) must be selected during checkout. Orders containing products other than books are not eligible for this shipping promotion.

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**You're invited!**

**Want to try Girl Scouts?  
Sign up for an upcoming event!**

## **Make New Friends**

**A Kindergarten Readiness Series by Girl Scouts**

**Five upcoming sessions in April and May**

This 4-part virtual series offered in Spring 2021 for Pre-K girls provides opportunities to strengthen four competencies as they enter kindergarten: **Language and Literacy**, **Communication, Math, Science, and Motor Development**, and **Social and Emotional Learning**. Visit [gswny.org](https://gswny.org) to learn more about this program!



Register: [bit.ly/gswnyspringkseries](https://bit.ly/gswnyspringkseries)



## **UNICORNS, RAINBOWS, AND BALLOONS!**

**April 8, 15, 22, and 29 OR  
May 13, 20, and 27**

Join us into a world of all things **unicorns**, **rainbows**, and **balloons** where your girl can pull all her own unicorn stuffed animals, pajamas, accessories, and clothes to show-and-tell while we learn some magical history, science, play games, and get creative!

Register: [bit.ly/gswnyspringunicorns](https://bit.ly/gswnyspringunicorns)

## **spring into wellness**

**April 16, 23, and 30 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Each week will feature a fun wellness activity and movie! Bring your favorite blanket, snack, and stuffed animal to the call as we learn all about wellness for our whole body.

Register: [bit.ly/springintowellness21](https://bit.ly/springintowellness21)



## **PAJAMA PARTY**

**Friday, April 23 OR Friday, May 14**

Join us for a virtual pajama party! Invite a friend, and make new ones, with Girl Scouts—it's all FREE! Girls are invited to wear their pajamas and GSWNY staff will host games and more!

Register for April: [bit.ly/gswnypjparty4-23](https://bit.ly/gswnypjparty4-23)

Register for May: [bit.ly/gswnypjparty5-14](https://bit.ly/gswnypjparty5-14)

## **Butterflies, Bees & Trees**



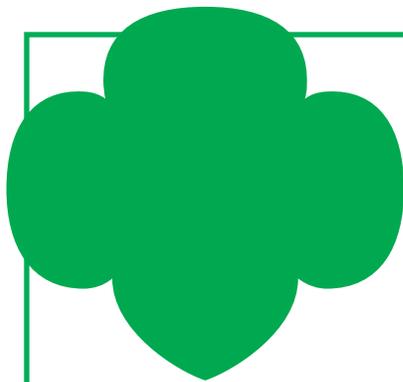
**May 1, 15, and 22 | 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Follow the life of real caterpillars and watch as they turn into butterflies, and learn about all things trees and bees. Open for girls in pre-k to 8th grade. You also have the option to [purchase a Butterfly Kit](#) if you want to follow along.

Register: [bit.ly/gswnybutterfliesmay](https://bit.ly/gswnybutterfliesmay)



Learn more about these free sign-up events and additional opportunities at [bit.ly/gswnysignupevents](https://bit.ly/gswnysignupevents)



# Love the outdoors? Check out these camp events!

## 2021 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION SESSIONS

### Weekly times available through May

Learn more about Camp Piperwood opportunities and other GSWNY camp facilities. We will provide a camp activity for the girls to do while we answer any questions from the adults on how to pre-register for camp.

Register: [bit.ly/gscampinfo-march](https://bit.ly/gscampinfo-march)

## VIRTUAL CAMPFIRE

Thursday, April 15 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Get a taste of the camp experience from the comfort of your home through Zoom! We have an upcoming virtual campfire. You can attend free! Join us for songs, prizes, storytelling, camp Q&A, and more!

Register: [bit.ly/gswnycampfire4-15](https://bit.ly/gswnycampfire4-15)

## TASTE OF CAMP

### Upcoming Dates at Camp Locations

At the in-person events, prizes will be given away in random drawings at the events for girl participants across our WNY council! There will be camp swag, gift baskets, gift cards, and more!

**April 17:** Camp Piperwood

**April 24:** Camp Timbercrest

**May 1:** Camp Seven Hills

Register: [bit.ly/gswnytasteofcamp21](https://bit.ly/gswnytasteofcamp21)

## spring into Camp

May 14, 21, and 28\* | 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Camp is an important part of the Girl Scout tradition, and our three sessions are designed to go through fun that girls experience! The third session is a virtual campout.

\*May 28 is the Virtual Campout and the program is 6 to 8 p.m.

Register: [bit.ly/springintocamp21](https://bit.ly/springintocamp21)



## Get connected to a Girl Scout virtual or in-person troop!

Girl Scouts isn't cancelled and we have ways to get involved that meet your schedule! Whether you meet with a troop virtually, in-person, or join as an independent Girl Scout, experience the fun and benefits of Girl Scouting today! **Questions? Call 1-888-837-6410 or email [join.us@gswny.org](mailto:join.us@gswny.org).**



Find out more about all of these programs! Scan this code with a mobile device camera or visit [bit.ly/gswnysignupevents](https://bit.ly/gswnysignupevents)

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