

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody had a relaxing long weekend and took time to remember the brave men and women who gave their lives to protect us from danger and harm. Pray that we never forget the freedoms that we hold dear thanks to them and their sacrifice.

We are down to 50 tickets remaining for the Mega Raffle! Thank you to everybody who has purchased tickets. If you have not purchased your Mega Raffle ticket yet or would just like another opportunity to win \$30,000 while helping SME, please mail your check (\$100/ticket made out to St. Mary's) to 1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086, and your tickets will be sent home with your child or mailed to you if you prefer. Payment is also accepted via Venmo or Paypal - contact Mary Kate or Steve DeMarzio by calling (716) 253-7880 or emailing megaraffle@smeschool.com.

This Friday will be our Christian Witness Mass. We will be celebrating our May and June's recipients.

Don't forget that next Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, will be a 10:45 dismissal. It is also the night of our Mega Raffle.

There are some openings for the 21/22 school year. If you have not turned in your registration packet, please fill out the information and return the packet as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding registration, do not hesitate to call our office.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **6/4** - Christian Witness Mass (May & June), 8:30
- **6/7** - Virtual Art Show
- **6/10** - School Mass, 8:30
- **6/11 - 10:45 Early Dismissal**, Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books
- **6/11** - Mega Raffle
- **6/18: NO SCHOOL** - Juneteenth
- **6/21 - 10:45 Early Dismissal**,
- **6/22 - 1:00 Early Dismissal**, *Last day of School*
- **6/23** - Graduation Ceremonies: Pre-K (9, 10 & 11 am), Kinder (12 & 1pm), 8th Gr. (4pm)



## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

*April 1 - April 30, 2021*

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

<u>April Sales Total</u>	<u>% Monthly Sales Goal</u>
\$19,520.00	65%

<u>April Rebate Profit</u>	<u>% Monthly Profit Goal</u>
\$992.86	66%

<u>Sales Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Rebate Year-to-Date</u>
\$25,345.00	\$1,291.49

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

### CANDY BAR SALE:

Expenses: (\$7766.79)  
Deposits: \$11042.00  
Profit/(Loss): \$3266.24

candybarsale@smeschool.com.  
We are SOLD OUT!

### SCHOOLSTORE.COM:

Total Profit to date: \$386.28

This is an ongoing fundraiser, every purchase through the site earns us money!

## MEGA RAFFLE

There are only **50** tickets remaining for Mega Raffle 2021 as of May 27<sup>th</sup> – get yours before they're gone!

A letter with information about the Virtual Raffle options came home with the NewsNotes on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and a copy was attached to the electronic version on May 12<sup>th</sup> as well. We hope to be back in full swing with our in-person event in 2022!

Without the live event, additional revenue from the evening will be lost, and so it is paramount that we sell all 1,000 tickets. We need the help of our school families and we appreciate everyone's efforts, especially during these trying times. So far, **415** 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 encouraging 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.

*There was a 4-way tie for the sales contest, with each family selling 10 tickets! Congratulations to: Ava & Grayson B., Nicholas N., Vivienne S., and Madison S. They have all been contacted and notified of their prize.*

*The classroom with the highest number of tickets sold was 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, with a grand total of 61 tickets sold! Congratulations and enjoy your ice cream party!!*

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio at megaraffle@smeschool.com.



## 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:

◇ Popcorn Fundraiser 6/19

We have an exciting opportunity to raise funds for our school! Wal-Mart (Transit & William) is allowing us to set up at their location on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-6pm to sell Carl's Popcorn. We will receive 50% profit from this sale!

There is still plenty of opportunity to help work the popcorn stand!  
If you are able to help, please use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CADA923A2FF2-carls>

Questions can be directed to Kristie May (hsa@smeschool.com or 998-6504).

*Thank you for your continued support!*

## CDC MASK GUIDELINES

In an announcement by Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, the state will adopt the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's eased mask-wearing guidance for fully vaccinated people, which allows them to stop wearing masks outdoors in crowds and in most indoor settings.

However, according to the announcement, **masks will continue to be required in** public transportation, nursing homes, prisons, **schools** and health care facilities.

**All SME employees, students, and visitors will continue to be required to wear masks** in accordance with the NYS requirements and the district's health and safety plan. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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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 Whole Foods gift cards, which offer a 3% rebate and Instacart gift cards, which offers 4%!
- \* 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.***

## 4TH & 5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

The 4th and 5th graders took a field trip to Hull House last week. They got to see first hand how people in colonial times lived and worked. It was great for them to connect to what they've been learning in social studies!



## READY SET READ

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

**Our RSR reading challenge starts on Monday 5/17 for students in grades Pre-K - Gr. 3!**

For every 20 minutes read: cut out, sign & send in one ticket (coming home today). Additional ticket sheets are available anytime from your teacher! 1 ticket = 1 bead for your classroom bucket. The heaviest classroom bucket wins a prize! The challenge ends Wednesday June 9th!

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

The events will take place during the school day on June 11th.

### 4th & 5th Grade List:

- The Indian in the Cupboard
- The Year of the Dog
- Crenshaw

### 6-8 Grade Book List:

- Nuts to You
- Restart
- Okay for Now

## 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) - *Volunteers are no longer needed for this event*

**Golf Tournament** (July 26, 2021)

**Fall Fest** (Autumn 2021) - *This event is 'under construction'! Keep your eye on the NewsNotes for more information which will be coming out soon!*

**SCRIP** (year round) - Coordinator position

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.

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



## CANDY BAR SALE



We are **SOLD OUT!**

Thank you to the families who participated and continued to make this sale a success!

Emails went out to any family with an outstanding balance. Please submit your payment ASAP.

If you are unsure of your balance, please feel free to contact us at [candybarsale@smeschool.com](mailto:candybarsale@smeschool.com).

We appreciate your participation and support of our sale & school!

Your candy bar team,  
Cheryl Barber & Amanda Kuhn

**SOLD OUT!**

## 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).

## WARM WEATHER

In light of the warmer temperatures on the students will be allowed to wear their PE uniform shirt in lieu of polo tops with uniform bottoms.

All tops, regardless of style, must be tucked in for all students K-8.

## SUMMER MATH CAMP

Keep your child's math skills sharp this summer in a creative environment that they will enjoy! The Diocesan Catholic Schools department is offering two week-long interactive Summer Math Camps hosted at 4 locations. Students will experience math in new ways that are engaging and fun, as they understand how the brain learns mathematics. This creative and relaxed environment will help them develop mathematical thinking and reasoning skills that will last a lifetime.

Activities will be based on the Mathematical Mindset series and the youcubed program from Stanford University. ([www.youcubed.org](http://www.youcubed.org))

The attached flyer offers a video about the program; as well as a quick and easy link to register and be sure to save your spot for this program!

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Monday, July 26th

Where: Lancaster Country Club – NEW VENUE!

Tournament information & raffle tickets went out 3/10. The flyer is also available on the NewsNote tab of our website.

## 8TH GRADE

Our 8th Grade fun day is Friday, June 4th!

Graduation is set for Wednesday, June 23rd @ 4:00.



## STAY IN THE KNOW



**Save the Date:** 6/11 10:45 Early Dismissal

**Save the Date:** 6/18 No School

**Save the Date:** 6/21 10:45 Early Dismissal

**Save the Date:** 6/22 1:00 Early Dismissal

**Save the Date:** 6/23 Pre-K, K & 8th Grade Graduations

# FREE LACROSSE CLINICS FOR BOY'S AND GIRL'S K-8TH GRADE

**WHERE?** MAPLE EAST ELEMENTARY

**WHEN?** SUNDAYS FROM 9-10AM

**WHO?** ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

**COST?** FREE IN MAY, THEN \$10 PER CLINIC

**REGISTER?** [WWW.BISONLACROSSE.ORG](http://WWW.BISONLACROSSE.ORG)



# BISON LACROSSE



# DO YOU KNOW THAT EVERYONE CAN BE A MATH VIP? COME TO SUMMER MATH CAMP TO VISUALIZE, INVESTIGATE AND PLAY WITH MATH

- EXPERIENCE MATH IN A NEW WAY THAT IS ENGAGING AND FUN!
- LEARN HOW THE BRAIN LEARNS MATHEMATICS.
- FOCUS ON REALLY UNDERSTANDING NOT JUST MEMORIZING.
- DEVELOP MATHEMATICAL THINKING AND REASONING SKILLS SO MATH MAKES SENSE.
- LOTS OF HANDS ON ACTIVITIES AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

Activities will be based on Mathematical Mindset series and youcubed program from Stanford University [www.youcubed.org](http://www.youcubed.org)



Scan code for  
video

Who: EVERYONE in Grades K-6

Class size will be limited to 12 students, Cost: \$200 for the 8 sessions

All students are expected to attend both weeks

Where: St. Christopher, Tonawanda

When: July 6-9 and July 12-15

9.00am-12.00pm:

Where: St. Aloysius, Springville

When: July 12-15 and July 19-22

9.00am-12.00pm:

Where: St. John the Baptist, Alden

When: July 19-22 and July 26-29

9.00am-12.00pm:

Where: SS Peter and Paul, Williamsville

When: August 2-5 and August 9-12

9.00am-12.00pm:

Registration:  
<http://bit.ly/mathreg2021>



Scan here for  
registration