

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody had a Merry Christmas and was able to take some time to relax. This Friday will be our Christian Witness Mass.

The New Year is a time to celebrate past accomplishments and to look forward to future successes. I wish you a year full of blessings, good health and much success. Have a wonderful, and prosperous New Year!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

NURSE NOTES

Thank you to our families that have consented to the random COVID testing at school. Monday was our first round of testing and everything went so well! Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding of this situation. Just as a reminder as we get back into the routine after the Holiday break....if your child is sick with any symptoms please do not send them to school. Your child will need a doctor's note or a negative COVID test result to return to school following their illness.

Also, as we are seeing an increase in positive COVID cases in our area, please be safe and mindful. Please be honest and keep us updated of any close contacts that require quarantine. Remember to wear your masks, social distance, and wash your hands!

Best wishes for a happy and HEALTHY New Year!
Mrs. Parker RN



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/8 - \$1 Dress Down (Bills Attire)
- 1/15 - 10:45 Early Dismissal - No After-school Care Today
- 1/18 - NO SCHOOL MLK Jr. Day
- 1/31-2/6 - Catholic Schools Week
- 2/3 - Progress Report Upload
- 2/5 - Christian Witness & Distinguished Graduate Mass 8:30
- 2/10 - Spring Photo Day: Pre-K3 - Gr. 8 & Pre-K 4 Graduation Photo Day
- 2/11 - 8th Grade Graduation Photo Day
- 2/12 - 1:00 Early Dismissal, Prof. Development Day
- 2/15 - 2/19 - NO SCHOOL, Winter Recess



BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

December 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$4,777.34.

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

December Sales Total	Annual Rebate (3/16/20-3/15/21)
\$86,493.00	Profit to Date \$13,455.96

For the month of December we surpassed our goal by \$56,493.00.

The sales & rebate totals will now be monthly & reported in the first NN of each month.

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/qJyojPaA4uhqpgdba>

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 for participating in our recent fundraiser at Panera!

Our organization brought in... 39 transactions with \$1,394.49 in sales

20% of the sales came back to SME in the amount of \$278.90!



Current/Upcoming Fundraisers:

- ◇ Candy Bar Sale featuring Gertrude Hawk Chocolate
- ◇ Easter Candy Sale beginning soon featuring Niagara Chocolates

Thank you for your continued support!

Fudge/Jam Accounting Report:

Expenses: (\$614.00)
Deposit: \$1036.00
Profit/(Loss): \$422.00

Start the year with a laugh....

Where do you go to do your math homework on New Year's Eve?

Times Square

What was the caterpillar's New Year's resolution?

To turn over a new leaf

What do dogs say on New Year's Eve?

Woof

2021 CALENDAR CLUB FUNDRAISER

Thank you again to those who supported our calendar club fundraiser which sold out!

As a reminder: Winning payouts will be mailed at the end of each month. There is no need to contact us if your numbers win on any given day.



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 after-school/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

Scrip sales will continue in the Rectory Monday - Friday from 8:00-3:00.

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.

Don't forget - SCRIP is there for all your day to day needs not just for gift giving!

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

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 the Bison 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.



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)

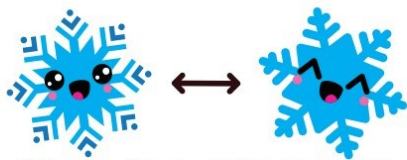


In addition to chairs for events, we are looking for committee members who would be interested in assisting the chairs as they plan. If you would like to join the committee for any of the events listed above, please reach out to our Events Coordinator, Mary Kate DeMarzio at marykate@stmarysonthehill.org 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!



Please keep 6 feet apart.



Please wear a mask.

Please wash hands for 20 seconds.



Stay Safe. Stay Healthy.

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

In support of our Buffalo Bills, we will have a dress down day on Friday, 1/8/21 for \$1.00.

You may wear school appropriate jeans and Buffalo Bills attire or red/white/blue.

Go Bills!!



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...

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