

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

As the weather begins to change and positive COVID cases in the state begin to rise, we want to ensure that our students are prepared with the technology necessary to continue on with their schooling should we be forced to close. Please take a moment to fill out our technology survey.

<https://forms.gle/ukDTXuQSAi5R3oxq8>

### THE CANDY CORN GOSPEL

Orange - Reminds us of all the pumpkins we see this time of year. Every pumpkin we see is filled with gunk that must be cleaned out before it can have a light placed inside it. It is the same way with our hearts. When we ask Jesus to be our Savior, he cleans the gunk we call sin out of our hearts. Romans 3:23

White - Reminds us that Jesus can make our hearts white and clean. White is at the top of the candy corn pointing us to God and reminding us that no matter how many mistakes we have made, if we ask Jesus to be our Savior, he will wash our sins away and give us a new life with him that will never end. Acts 2:21

Yellow - Reminds us of the streets of gold in heaven and the eternal life that God has promised to everyone who believes in Jesus. John 3:16

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



## NURSE NOTES - REPRINT/REMINDER

Please be aware of the new 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.

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

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **10/28-10/30** Red Ribbon Week Continues
- **10/28** - Progress Report Upload, K-8
- **11/4** - NEW: Fall Picture Retake Day
- **11/6** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- **11/10 - 10:45 Dismissal**, Parent/Teacher Conferences **NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE TODAY**
- **11/11 - No School**, Veterans Day
- **11/25-27 - No School**, Thanksgiving Recess
- **11/30 - 1:00 Early Dismissal**, Staff PD
- **12/4** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am

## BY THE NUMBERS

**SCRIP:**

**October 13, 2020 to October 19, 2020**, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$401.08**

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

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Rebate Profit Goal
<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
October Sales Total	Annual Rebate (3/2020 - 2/2021) Profit to Date
<b>\$17,140.00</b>	<b>\$4,409.39</b>

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

**CANDY BAR SALE:**

Online orders are preferred but hard copies of the form are available at any time.

Questions can be sent at any time to [candybarsale@smeschool.com](mailto:candybarsale@smeschool.com).

All flavors are \$1/bar, \$48/box.

Electronic Order form:

<https://forms.gle/eq1au7amGqRBrbLj6>

## P/T CONFERENCES

We will be hosting parent teacher conferences via Zoom this year on 11/10.

Conference times will begin at 11:45 and will run for 10 minutes at a time until 3:45.

Parent/Teacher conferences are not mandatory. This is the perfect opportunity to chat with your child's teacher to establish a path to success if they are having any academic struggles.

Please use the following link to sign up for a time with your child(ren)s teacher:

<https://tsu.me/mzacbd>



## 2021 CALENDAR CLUB FUNDRAISER

Introducing the 2021 Calendar Club sponsored by St. Mary of the Assumption Parish & St. Mary's Elementary School.

An order form is coming home today!

Upon receipt of your \$20.00 donation, your name and number will be registered for all daily drawings for the year 2021. Winning numbers will be determined by the evening three (3) digit lottery number (001-999). In the event that no number is drawn, we will use the previous day's number in reverse. All numbers are played straight as drawn. All winnings will be determined by the amount of money indicated on each day of the calendar. \$50.00 is awarded on the first day of each month, with the exception of New Year's Day, when the prize is \$150.00. Each month has at least two days when the prize is \$50.00 or higher. All calendars not sold and returned by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will become the property of St. Mary's. All winnings are paid at the end of each month.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Jessica Kulpit at [jesskulpit@gmail.com](mailto:jesskulpit@gmail.com).

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## RED RIBBON WEEK: 10/26-10/30

**Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free!**

We encourage all students to participate in our fun dress days as we celebrate Red Ribbon Week.

**\*\* If a student chooses not to participate on any given day they must wear their school uniform.\*\***

 Thursday 10/29: Drugs can't find me, wear camouflage tops!

Friday 10/30: Lets scare off drugs by wearing Halloween tops and unobstructive accessories!

## 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.

Thank you to those that pre-ordered from our New SME Gear Store! Items have arrived & were distributed yesterday!

**Current/Upcoming Fundraisers:**

- ◇ Candy Bar Sale featuring Gertrude Hawk Chocolate
- ◇ Panera Bread Fundraiser: December 17th

**Little Caesars Delivery: TODAY!!**

Wednesday, 10/28

Orders will be ready for pick up in the Pavilion (near the church) at dismissal or until 6:00pm.



## ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Lancaster, NY 14086

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UPON THIS HILL,  
WE DO GOD'S WILL



## CANDY BAR SALE

Orders can be placed at any time via the google form:

<https://forms.gle/eq1au7amGqRBrlJ6>

Please email [candybarsale@smeschool.com](mailto:candybarsale@smeschool.com) if you need the link emailed to you.

A hard copy of the order form is available on the NewsNote tab of the school website or you can email: [candybarsale@smeschool.com](mailto:candybarsale@smeschool.com).

This has historically been HSA's largest fundraiser for the school and the duration of the sale will depend on the demand.

\* With the recent change to the fundraising participation responsibility we are asking each family to sell (2) boxes of chocolate.\* If you have tried Gertrude Hawk you know that they sell themselves! If you have not, what are you waiting for?! You won't regret it!

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. Thank you for your anticipated support of this delicious fundraiser!

Your candy bar team, Cheryl Barber & Amanda Kuhn

## SCRIP CORNER

When we work together on the \$1,500.00 monthly goal, it is less than a \$200 purchase in gift cards per family, per month, through the Scrip program. Scrip cards can be purchased for Tops Gasoline, Tops groceries, Amazon, Tim Hortons, paying your Kohl's bill, etc. I am sure we can all find easy ways to help with this goal. There is a locked box outside the school office, as well as in the back of the church, so that you can drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you!

Bonus Fest ends this Saturday!

See the flyer from 9/30 for all the details!

All Scrip sales are in the Rectory on Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays from 8:00-3:00. As stated in the information packet, if you send your order into school with your child, your order will be sent home as soon as it has been filled. Feel free to reach out with any questions: [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com)

We thank you for your support in making the Scrip program a success for our school, our Parish and for our children! Please contact the Scrip office at [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com) to find out how you can support this fundamental program.

*If you have any questions, please email [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com)*

*Your Scrip Team: MaryKate DeMarzio & Jessica Kulpit*

## ESCHOOL PORTAL ACCOUNTS

Parent Portal accounts were set up in our E-school Data program for all new families in our K-8 program during the month of September.

A system generated notification was sent to all families upon setup detailing your username and default password. If you did not receive this notification in your inbox, please check your spam folder. It's very possible you will find the notification there.

All students in grades 6-8 have student portal access. New students in grades 7 & 8 including all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students received a folder showing their usernames and default passwords in addition to information to assist them maneuver through the portal.

If you have questions or are having issues, please E-mail Nancy Jezuit at [jezuitn@smeschool.com](mailto:jezuitn@smeschool.com) for assistance. Thank you.

## HELP WANTED

As you know, our success depends on you!

Active involvement of all of 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)



We are currently in need of families to help chair the Golf Tournament and Fall Fest. The previous chairs are on hand to work with you, as well as the Events Committee—we love the team approach!

For more information on what these events entail, 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!**

## FAIL PICTURE - RETAKES

Any student that did not have their photo taken here in September must have their photo taken on 11/4. These photos will be used in our yearbook as well as in our eSchool database.

Visit [inter-state.com/orders](http://inter-state.com/orders) using the order code: 51826CB to order your picture package before 11/4.



## 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 are back on with our separate fundraisers. Since 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).**



Did you score a Buffalo Sabres 50th Anniversary Yearbook before school shut down in March? It is not too late!

There are a limited amount still available in the school office.

The cost is just \$10.00/book.

Please submit your payment in an envelope  
Attn: Sabres Yearbook  
and your copy will be sent home the same day!



## 8TH GRADE INFO

If your child is planning on attending a Catholic High School, please don't forget to submit the signed record release form as indicated in your application confirmation email.

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam will be held on 11/21. Your child should take the exam at their first choice HS.



If your child is planning to shadow at any of the local catholic high schools please be sure to notify the school office & middle school teachers. Shadow days should be planned around any tests/quizzes that may be assigned by the middle school team.

The 8th grade is sponsoring a Poinsettia & Wreath sale through November 9th. An order form is attached electronically this week if you are interested in supporting this sale. Thank you in advance.



## STAY IN THE KNOW



**Save the Date:** 10/28 Progress Report Upload

**Save the Date:** 11/4 NEW Fall Picture Re-Take Day

**Save the Date:** 11/10 10:45 Early Dismissal, **NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE TODAY**

**Save the Date:** 11/11 No School, Veterans Day

**Save the Date:**





# St. Mary's 8th Grade Christmas Wreath & Poinsettia Plant Sale Fundraiser

Bring a little warmth into your home this Christmas season. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be selling fresh cut wreaths and locally grown poinsettias from Alden, NY. This fundraiser will go primarily for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. Any excess funds will be used toward graduation costs. Thank you for your support!

22" Wreath (Undecorated with a red velvet bow) \$22.00  
 22" Wreath (Decorated with pinecones, berries & a bow) \$25.00  
 Poinsettia Plants  
 4 ½" Pot \$5.00  
 6 ½" Pot \$7.25  
 10" Pot \$15.00  
 Plants come in RED, WHITE & PINK



**\*\*All ORDERS must be turned in no later than Monday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! \*\***

Poinsettia orders **MUST** be picked up on **Tuesday, December 1st between 12:30-4:00** in the parish center.

Wreath orders will be given a **voucher** and may pick up at:

**Kate's Country Cousins (6148 Broadway, Lancaster) after December 1st.**

**Payment is due at time of order. Please send in CASH or ONE Check for all orders.**

***(if you are making out one check please make payable to St. Mary's Elementary)***

## Poinsettia Fundraiser Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

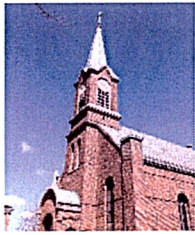
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

4 ½" Poinsettia			6 ½" Poinsettia			10" Poinsettia			Undecorated Wreath	Decorated Wreath	Total Paid
\$5.00			\$7.25			\$15.00			\$22.00	\$25.00	
R	W	P	R	W	P	R	W	P	Includes: Red Velvet Bow	Includes: Pinecones, Berries & Red Velvet Bow	
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Please return **no later** than **Monday, November 9th. \*\*Return to the School Office\*\***

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Introducing the  
***2021 Calendar Club***



Sponsored by

***St. Mary of the Assumption Parish &  
St. Mary's Elementary School***  
***1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086***

*Bigger Prizes for Major and Minor Holidays and the  
First of Every Month All Year Long*

Numbers will be determined by the evening three (3) Lottery digit number (001-999).

1. Upon receipt of your \$20.00 donation, your name and number will be registered for all daily drawings for the year 2021. Winning numbers will be determined by the evening three (3) digit number.
2. In the event that no number is drawn, we will use the previous day's number in reverse.
3. All numbers are played straight as drawn.
4. All winnings will be determined by the amount of money indicated on each day of the calendar.
  - a. \$50.00 is awarded on the first day of each month, with the exception of New Year's Day, when the prize is \$150.00.
  - b. Each month has at least two days when the prize is \$50.00 or higher.
5. All calendars not sold and returned by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will become the property of St. Mary's.
6. All winnings are paid at the end of each month.

***Please return the completed stub below with your donation of \$20.00 per calendar.***

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C/S/Z:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return this stub with check payable to  
St. Mary's to:

St. Mary's Elementary School  
Attn: Calendar Club  
2 St. Mary's Hill  
Lancaster, NY 14086

If you would like to request a specific three (3) digit  
number, please list your choices here. Requests  
are filled on a first come, first served basis and run  
from **001-999**.

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| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |



# FALL PICTURE DAY IS COMING

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

Pictures will be taken at:

St Mary's Elementary School Retakes

**ORDER ONLINE\***  
**INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER**

**USE ORDER CODE:**

**51826CB**

\*Pay online with an electronic check, debit card, credit card or PayPal.



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# NOVEMBER 2020

Child lunches are \$3.00. Adult lunches are \$4.25. Fresh fruit & vegetables are offered daily, when available. If you have any questions, please call the Kitchen Manager at 683-2112 x119. Thank you for your participation. We love our customers!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2</b> French Toast Stix Sausage Links Hash Brown Fruit & Milk	<b>3</b> Sloppy Joes Oven Fries Veggies, Fruit & Milk	<b>4</b> Mac-n-Cheese Tomato Soup Veggie, Fruit & Milk	<b>5</b> Chicken Incredi-Bowl Mashed Potatoes Corn, Fruit & Milk	<b>6</b> Mozzarella Stix Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
<b>9</b> Bflo Chicken Sandwich Oven Fries Veggies, Fruit & Milk	<b>10</b> 10:45 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences	<b>11</b> Veterans Day No School	<b>12</b> Chicken Stir Fry Asian Veggies Rice, Fruit & Milk	<b>13</b> Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
<b>16</b> Pancakes & Sausage Tater Tots Juice, Fruit & Milk	<b>17</b> Chili Con Carne Corn Muffin Corn, Fruit & Milk	<b>18</b> Chicken Dinner Mashed Potatoes Veggies, Fruit & Milk	<b>19</b> Chicken Souvlaki Pita Bread Veggies, Fruit & Milk	<b>20</b> Baked Penne With Meatballs Romaine Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk
<b>23</b> Cheeseburgers Oven Fries Veggies, Fruit & Milk	<b>24</b> Popcorn Chicken Tater Tots Veggie, Fruit & Milk	<b>25</b> No School Thanksgiving Recess	<b>26</b> No School Happy Thanksgiving	<b>27</b> No School Thanksgiving Recess
<b>30</b> 1 PM Dismissal Breakfast Pizza Hash Browns Juice, Fruit & Milk	<b>Daily Alternate Lunch Options:</b> Each alternate includes veggies, fruit & milk. <b>B</b> – Julienne Salad with WG Muffin <b>C</b> – Yogurt Parfait with Berries, Granola & WG Muffin <b>D</b> – Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich on WG Bread with a Cheese Stick <b>E</b> – Deli Turkey Sandwich on WG Bread with Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese; Mayo & Mustard Avail. <b>F</b> – Deli Ham Sandwich on WG Bread with Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese; Mayo & Mustard Avail.			Prepayments Accepted Daily, Appreciated Always! Check to SME or Cash! <b>Menu Subject to Change</b>

**Our Mission** All dishes are made fresh daily with only the best produce, quality proteins and low fat dairy. We limit processed foods and pre-packaged entrees. Many, if not most, menu items have minimal ingredients and are prepared from scratch. Students and Staff can choose from a variety of Daily Alternate Choices, as well as the Main Entrée. We hope your child finds many favorites, and looks forward to the lunch we serve. As always, we appreciate your support, welcome your input and look forward to seeing you in the Lunch Line! Tracy Hadsall & Jenny Fulciniti

<b>French Toast Sticks</b>	Whole Grain French Toast Sticks baked and served with Warm Syrup, Sausage Links and Hash Brown Patty
<b>Sloppy Joes</b>	Lean Ground Beef, Tangy Tomato Sauce served on a Whole Grain Bun. Like Manwich, but better!
<b>Mac-n-Cheese</b>	Whole Grain Pasta with Homemade, Low Fat Cheddar and American Cheese Sauce, baked to Perfection
<b>Chicken Incredi-Bowl</b>	Chunks of Breaded Chicken and Corn on top of Mashed Potatoes, with Chicken Gravy and melted Cheddar Cheese
<b>Mozzarella Sticks</b>	Whole Grain Breading over Mozzarella Cheese, baked and served with Marinara Sauce
<b>Bflo Chicken Sandwich</b>	Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Patty, Melted Provolone with a Side of Frank's Sauce and Blue Cheese Dressing
<b>Chicken Stir Fry</b>	Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breast marinated in a Teriyaki Sauce, sautéed with Fresh/Frozen Asian Vegetables, served with Brown Rice
<b>Cheese Pizza</b>	Whole Grain Pizza Crust with Tomato Sauce and Low Fat Mozzarella
<b>Pancakes</b>	Whole Grain Pancakes served with Warm Syrup, Sausage Links and Hash Brown Patty
<b>Chili Con Carne</b>	Lean Ground Beef, Navy & Northern Beans, Celery, and Onions in a Zesty Tomato Sauce! A warm Corn Muffin, too!
<b>Chicken Dinner</b>	Chicken pieces lightly battered and baked to a Tasty Crunch served with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies and Fruit
<b>Chicken Souvlaki</b>	Boneless, Skinless, marinated Chicken Breast grilled and served with fresh Vegetables (sweet peppers, onions, romaine), Feta Cheese and Greek Dressing; served as either an open salad, or stuffed into a Whole Grain Pita Pocket
<b>Baked Penne &amp; Meatballs</b>	Whole Grain Pasta Baked with Marinara Sauce, Mozzarella Cheese and Mini Meatballs
<b>Breakfast Pizza</b>	Whole Grain Pizza Crust topped with Eggs, Cheddar & Mozzarella Cheeses and Real Bacon Crumbles
<b>Cheeseburger</b>	Hamburger Patty on Whole Grain Bun with Cheese, Condiments on Side
<b>Popcorn Chicken</b>	Whole Grain Breaded Popcorn Chicken Bites baked to a tasty Crunch! Served with Optional BBQ Sauce
<b>Breakfast Pizza</b>	Whole Grain Pizza Crust topped with Eggs, Cheddar & Mozzarella Cheeses and Real Bacon Crumbles




# Halloween should be spooky, not scary!

**Governor Cuomo asks for your help  
to make sure everyone has a healthy and safe Halloween.**

Halloween celebrations and activities, including trick-or-treating, can be filled with fun, but must be done in a safe way to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The best way to celebrate Halloween this year is to have fun with the people who live in your household. Decorating your house or apartment, decorating and carving pumpkins, playing Halloween-themed games, watching spooky movies, and trick-or-treating through your house or in a backyard scavenger hunt are all fun and healthy ways to celebrate during this time.

## Creative ways to celebrate more safely:

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- Organize a virtual Halloween costume party with costumes and games.
  - Have a neighborhood car parade or vehicle caravan where families show off their costumes while staying socially distanced and remaining in their cars.
  - In cities or apartment buildings, communities can come together to trick-or-treat around the block or other outdoor spaces so kids and families aren't tempted to trick-or-treat inside – building residents & businesses can contribute treats that are individually wrapped and placed on a table(s) outside of the front door of the building, or in the other outdoor space for grab and go trick-or-treating.
  - Make this year even more special and consider non-candy Halloween treats that your trick-or-treaters will love, such as spooky or glittery stickers, magnets, temporary tattoos, pencils/erasers, bookmarks, glow sticks, or mini notepads.
  - Create a home or neighborhood scavenger hunt where parents or guardians give their kids candy when they find each “clue.”
  - Go all out to decorate your house this year – have a neighborhood contest for the best decorated house.
  - Carve and decorate pumpkins at home – try some new creative ideas and have a family contest.
  - Play Halloween-themed games with members of your household.
  - Watch spooky movies.
  - Trick-or-treat room to room in your home.



**Department  
of Health**



**If you feel your family can't wait until next year for the more traditional Halloween activities, and you are planning to celebrate outside your home this year, make sure you follow these simple Do's and Don'ts to help keep your family and your community safe and healthy.**

### **Do:**

- Enjoy virtual celebrations or socially distanced activities that are outdoors as much as possible.
  - If there are a high number of cases in your area, it is important to skip any in-person celebrations or activities altogether.
  - You can check the number of cases in your area on the **New York State Department of Health COVID-19 Tracker**.
- Trick-or-treat only with your household family group. Consider a family costume theme!
- Always stay socially distanced from those who are not living in your household. (You don't want to get too close to a witch, a ghost, or especially a virus!)
- For those choosing to give out treats, avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give treats outdoors. Set up a station with individually bagged or packaged treats for kids to take. Participate in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard).
  - It is best to take candy only if it is individually wrapped in a sealed wrapper or baggy, and is available to grab and go placed separately from other candies, so kids can easily pick up their treats without touching candy another child will take (e.g., no bowls).
  - If setting a grab and go station, set it six feet from your front door, which will allow trick or treaters to feel comfortable to approach, knowing they will not be in close contact with anyone at the location.
- All individuals over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering must wear face coverings or cloth masks. Most Halloween masks won't be sufficient to meet Department of Health guidance, so ensure you wear a face covering that provides adequate protection.
  - See if you can incorporate your face covering into a costume, but remember, a face covering must always be made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before, during and after any Halloween activities.
  - Consider carrying Halloween-themed or decorated hand sanitizer or leaving some out for your treat-or-treaters to use.
- Only give out, or pick up, commercially wrapped treats that are sealed.

### **Don't:**

- Trick-or-treat or leave out candy if you are sick, live with someone who is sick, have been exposed to someone known to have COVID-19 in the last 14 days, are under isolation or quarantine, or have traveled internationally or to a state affected by the **NYS Travel Advisory** in the last 14 days.
- Participate in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed out at the door and where you cannot stay socially distanced.
- Pick out candy from a bowl or receive candy directly from someone's hands.
  - If there is crowding in front of a home, or if treats are directly taken from a bowl or directly handed out from someone's hands, skip that house and find a safer option.
- Trick-or-treat in crowded streets or neighborhoods where social distance cannot be maintained.
- Trick-or-treat indoors, unless you are at your own house with family members.
  - You should especially avoid any crowding in elevators, hallways or stairwells.
- Trick-or-treat in large groups.
- Take candy from someone else's candy bag.
- Host or attend a party or any type of gathering or event, whether it is indoors or outdoors over the mass gathering limits set for your area.
  - Events lasting several hours or that have people who have traveled from other areas where transmission is higher put your family most at risk of COVID-19 transmission.
  - If you do go to an event and see a large crowd, or if there are others there who are not wearing face coverings or staying socially distanced, you should leave and find another way to celebrate Halloween.
- Wear a Halloween mask instead of a face covering, unless the Halloween mask meets the face covering guidance.
- Wear a Halloween costume mask **OVER** a cloth face mask; it can make it difficult to breathe.
  - Instead, skip the costume mask this year and choose a cloth face mask that compliments your costume or is Halloween-themed.





# St. Mary's High School



St. Mary's is thrilled to welcome our prospective students and families onto campus safely for in-person tours and meet and greets with administration, faculty, staff, and current students.

There are several ways to experience life at St. Mary's in the Fall!

## **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

### **Entrance Exam (HSPT) Review Course – for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students**

Make sure you're ready to take the High School Entrance Exam! Our review course goes over each part of the exam, as students rotate between Math and English reviews and includes test-taking tips and strategies to gain that competitive edge!

Our review course will be held in our socially distant classrooms and is led by St. Mary's faculty.

The cost for the review course is \$100, and you can sign up here: <https://smhlancers.org/register-for-hspt/>

## **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m.**

### **High School Entrance Exam (HSPT) – for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students**

All students looking to become a Lancer and member of the Class of 2025 must register to take the High School Entrance Exam with us. Students' exam scores also help us determine how to allocate scholarships. You can register for just the exam or the exam and review course here: <https://smhlancers.org/register-for-hspt/>

## **Various Dates in October – December**

### **Lancer For a Day Program – for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students**

Spend a school day with us! Sit in on classes, walk the halls – become a Lancer! Spots are limited and precautions will be taken in order to ensure the safety of our students and guests. Head here for more info: <https://smhlancers.org/shadow-days/>

## **Various Dates October – December**

### **Private Tours**

Schedule a tour of our campus with our Dean of Student Life & Admissions – Mrs. Drabik! She will be thrilled to show you around and answer questions. She can be reached at <mailto:adrabik@smhlancers.org>.

We have taken and will continue to take the proper precautions and measures to ensure the safety of all of our guests, students, and staff at this time. However, we understand that some prospective families might be uncomfortable with in-person visits. Contact Andrea Drabik, Dean of Student Life & Admissions so that we can work together to create a plan that works best for you!