

NEWSNOTE

ISSUE 24 MARCH 24, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Just a reminder: our 8th graders will lead us on a prayerful meditation through the Stations of the Cross in commemoration of Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday. The Living Stations will be presented on Friday, March 26th. You can watch the livestream of the presentation at 1:00.

Second trimester report cards are being uploaded to the parent portal on March 24th.

We had another successful Chiavetta's Chicken fundraiser. Thank you SME families and friends for your support.

Thank you again to all those who have returned their registration packets for the 21/22 school year. I am glad that you have decided to continue your child's educational journey at SME! If you are still planning on registering, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

Holy Week & Easter at St. Mary's

Confessions: Saturday, March 27 - 3 to 4 p.m. - Monday, March 29 - 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Palm Sunday Masses
Saturday, March 27 - 4:30* and 7 p.m. - Sunday, March 28 - 8 & 10 a.m.* and 12 noon

Tenebrae Service: Tuesday, March 30 - 7:45 p.m.

Holy Thursday - April 1: Community Morning Prayer - 9 a.m.*
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 p.m.*
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Good Friday - Passion of the Lord - April 2: Community Morning Prayer - 9 a.m.*
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 3 p.m.*
Stations of the Cross - 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday - April 3: Community Morning Prayer - 9 a.m.*
Blessing of Easter Baskets - 12 noon
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter - 8 p.m.*

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - April 4
Masses - 8 a & 10 a.m.* and 12 noon

* Available via live stream at stmarysonthehill.com All services will be in Church.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/24 - Report Card Upload
- 3/25 - Little Caesars Pick up Day
- 3/26 - Living Stations of the Cross 1:00 via live stream
- 3/31 - \$1 Baseball Opening Day Dress Down
- 3/31 - Lenten offering box due
- 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 Re-sumes
- 4/23 - 1:00 Early Dismissal, Staff PD

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:

Presale Tickets Sold: 426
Dinners sold the day of: 252

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/qJyoyPaA4uhqpqgdbA>

SCHOOLSTORE.COM:

Month to date Profit: \$320.53

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 **Thurs. 3/25**. Product arrival is scheduled for the morning and items will be available for distribution at dismissal.

Thank you for your continued support!

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are going great with **707** tickets sold as of March 19th. There are just **293** tickets remaining. Don't delay, get your ticket today!

The Second Early Bird drawing will be April 1st with a prize of \$150!

Orders will be accepted through 12:00pm that day.

NEW! 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, **302** 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.



READY SET READ & BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Ready, SET, Read (grades Prek-3) and Battle of the Books (grades 4-8) events this year will take place during the school day on June 11th. The reading list for Battle of the Books is attached. More details to come!

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. The order form link (online orders) will be shared after Easter Break.

CHIAVETTAS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Chiavetta's drive-thru this past Saturday. Please read the NewsNote for future events, as we rely on volunteers to help these events run efficiently. It is so rewarding to get involved, help the school & parish all while making new friends!



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:	
PRINCIPAL'S DESK	1
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	1
BY THE NUMBERS	1
MEGA RAFFLE	1
HSA	1
R-SET-R/BATTLE	1
STREAM	1
SCRIP	2
SCHOOLSTORE.COM	2
HELP WANTED	2
SME SUCCESS	2
PARISH PASSAGE	2
GOLF	2
8TH GRADE INFO	2
STAY IN THE KNOW	2



ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 St. Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086

Phone: 716-683-2112
Fax: 716-683-2134
www.smeschool.com



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.

SCHOOLSTORE.COM FUNDRAISER

Thank you to those that have helped to spread the word of our newest fundraiser! We have already earned \$320.53 in profit for SME.

Prizes earned by students will be sent here for distribution in approximately 4 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.

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@stmmarysonthehill.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.

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 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) at any time if you need a hard copy.

NJHS: GIVING BACK

NJHS wants to give back to the cleaners at Saint Joe's Hospital who don't get enough recognition for all that they do, and we need your help!

Many people don't realize how much these people do to keep a safe environment for patients in the hospital, especially during the pandemic. We are collecting certain items for small gift bags to give to these workers to simply put a smile on their faces from **March 22nd** through **March 31st**. Students who participate will be thanked with a small treat, compliments of NJHS.

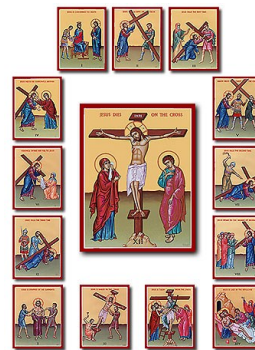
Please see the flyer attached electronically again today for more information.

NJHS thanks you for your gratitude towards these hard-working people!

8TH GRADE INFO

The 8th Grade Presentation of the Stations of The Cross will take place on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm (via live-stream).

We invite you to watch along with us as a school community.



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: 3/24 - K-8 Report Card Upload

Save the Date: 3/31 - Lenten Offering boxes due

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

Save the Date: 4/16 - Christian Witness Mass

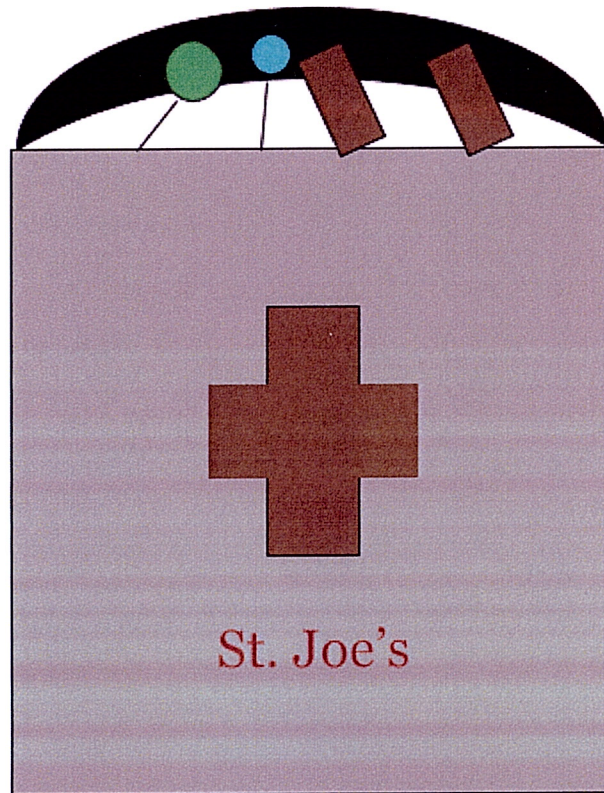
Save the Date: 4/23 - 1:00 Early Dismissal, Staff PD

a dozen reasons

to choose Catholic Schools



NJHS St. Joe's Service Project



**We're making thank you bags for the cleaning staff at St. Joe's.
Help us thank them for their hard work during the pandemic!**

Collection Dates:
3/22/21-3/31/21

Grades	Pk-2: Personal Care	3-5: Treats	6-8: Stress Relief
Examples	Hand Sanitizer, lotion	Snack food, candy	Stress balls, fidget toys, notepads, pens
	Anyone- Thank you cards, small gift cards, monetary donations		

Students who participate will receive a thank you treat from NJHS!