

NEWSNOTE

ISSUE 25 MARCH 31, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

For the safety of our students and faculty, I need to ask our families that drop off their children in the morning, to please not move the barricade that is next to the church blocking the road to go down the hill. We need to limit the amount of traffic as many are now trying to use our road as a cut through with the temporary closing of Aurora. Just recently, a few cars were almost side swiped by a driver that was speeding through here. I do not even want to think about what could have happened if a child had been crossing the street at that time. I have also been asked to not have people cut through the roads in the cemetery. For everybody's safety, please take the extra couple of minutes and go around and use the main roads.

I want to wish everybody a Joyous Easter filled with love and peace. Please be safe and continue to employ the safety protocols that have been put forth. I saw a quote from a Dr. Gibbons the other day regarding this and I wanted to share. "If you're in the middle of the ocean, and you have a life jacket on, and you're not drowning, it's not time to toss away the life jacket..."

I look forward to seeing everybody back on April 12th!!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

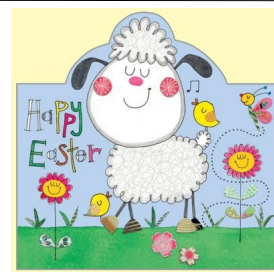
Holy Thursday - April 1: Community Morning Prayer - 9 a.m.*
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 p.m.*
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 to 11 p.m.

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:

- 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 Resumes
- 4/14 - **STREAM** Flower Sale Begins
- 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, 8:30
- 5/28 - **NO SCHOOL**
- 5/31 - **NO SCHOOL**

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.

<u>Feb. Sales Total</u>	<u>% Monthly Sales Goal</u>
\$16,555.00	55%

<u>Feb. Rebate Profit</u>	<u>% Monthly Profit Goal</u>
\$1,014.16	68%

<u>Sales Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Rebate Year-to-Date</u>
\$286,132.00	\$15,409.72

Contact the Scrip office at 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.
All flavors are \$1/bar, \$48/box.

Electronic Order form:

<https://forms.gle/qJyoyPaA4uhqpgdba>

SCHOOLSTORE.COM:

Month to date Profit: \$344.18

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are going great with 729 tickets sold as of March 19th. There are just 271 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.



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, 315 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.



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.

NJHS: GIVING BACK

Thank you to those that donated items for the care packages that will be made & donated to the maintenance staff of St. Joe's Hospital.

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
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 Scrip office in the Rectory will remain open during the break, but there will not be another order placed until Monday, April 12, 2021.
Happy Easter!



The Scrip team is looking for volunteers to run the program next year.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Scrip team at 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 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 \$344.18 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

This Easter Season we ask again;
Will you spend *five minutes with the Word*?
Today each family is receiving a small booklet to do just that.

During the Easter Vigil we will be welcoming Victoria in grade 6 into the Faith with her Baptism. All are welcome to join us as she begins her journey in Faith.

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 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
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.

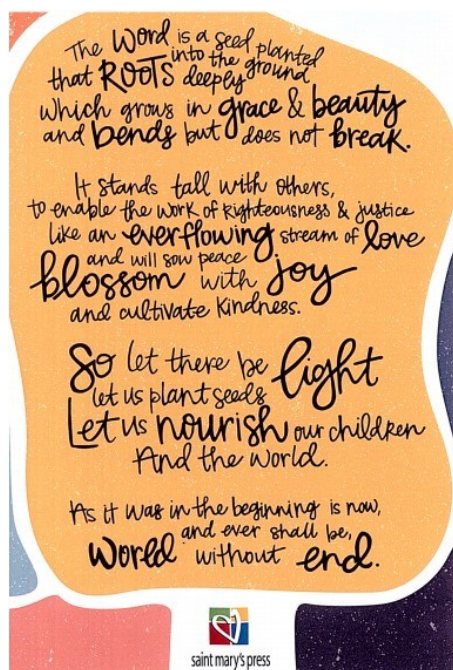
Family Service Hour & Fundraising Participation Responsibility is expected of each family. Responsibilities include 20 Service Hours per family and purchase and/or sell 3 Fall Fest tickets @ \$50 ea, 2 Mega Raffle tickets @ \$100 ea, 10 Golf Super Raffle tickets @ \$5 ea, and 1 box of chocolate @ \$48

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.



8TH GRADE INFO



Thank you to the 8th graders on a beautiful depiction of the Stations of the Cross.

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: 4/1-4/9 Easter Recess

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

Save the Date: 4/16 - Christian Witness Mass

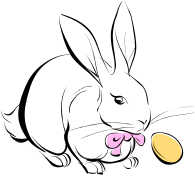

Save the Date: 4/23 - 1:00 Early Dismissal, Staff PD

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

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LANCASTER, NY- "...visible examples of Gospel living."

April, 2021

Student lunches are \$3, and adult lunches are \$4.25. During this time, we ask that all lunches be prepaid with either cash or check made out to SME, in the exact amount. Any overage will be kept on account. All lunches are comprised of five components; protein, whole grain, vegetables, fruit & milk. In addition to the main entrée, there are five alternate choices offered daily; Julienne Salad, Yogurt Parfait, Sunbutter & Jelly, Turkey/Cheese and Ham/Cheese Sandwiches. All orders are taken during Homeroom. We appreciate your support and look forward to serving your child/children a freshly prepared lunch each day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at kitchenmanager@smeschool.com.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Alt B – Julienne Salad Alt C – Yogurt Parfait Alt D – Sunbutter & Jelly Alt E – Turkey/Cheese Alt F – Ham/Cheese			1 Easter Break	2 Easter Break
5 Easter Break Happy Dyngus Day!	6 Easter Break	7 Easter Break	8 Easter Break	9 Easter Break
12 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli, Fruit & Milk	13 Shepherd's Pie Mashed Potatoes Green Beans, Fruit & Milk	14 Bflo Chicken Wing Salad Carrots & Celery Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	15 Loaded Cheesy Potato & Chicken Casserole Veggie, Fruit & Milk	16 Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
19 Breakfast Pizza Tater Tots Veggie Juice, Fruit & Milk	20 Mac-n-Cheese Mixed Vegetables Fruit & Milk	21 Chicken Souvlaki Whole Grain Pita Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	22 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Veggie, Fruit & Milk	23 1 pm Dismissal Mozzarella Sticks Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
26 Cheeseburger Oven Fries Veggie, Fruit & Milk	27 Taco Pizza Baked Beans Veggie, Fruit & Milk	28 Chicken Caesar Salad Breadstick Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	29 Italiano Incredi-Bowl Northern Beans Veggie, Fruit & Milk	30 Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk

Menu subject to change.

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. Please note, when a Signature Salad is the Main Entrée, we will not serve Julienne Salad, B Option, that day. 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 Room! Tracy Hadsall & Jenny Fulciniti

Snacks Snacks are sold daily during the 3rd and 4th lunch periods, and all cost \$0.50. Due to time limitations, we only serve snack to grades 4 through 8.

Milk Milk is sold a la carte for \$0.50. You may prepay for your child/children's daily milk purchase.

Bflo Chicken WingSalad Whole Grain Breaded Popcorn Chicken tossed in Hot Sauce on a bed of Romaine Lettuce, Served with Blue Cheese Dressing, Carrots & Celery

Breakfast Pizza Whole Grain Pizza Crust with Scrambled Eggs, Cheese and Bacon

Cheeseburger Whole Grain Bun with a Lean Ground Beef Patty, covered in melted American Cheese; toppings on the side

Cheese Pizza Whole Grain Pizza Crust with Tomato Sauce and Low Fat Mozzarella

Chicken Caesar Salad Romaine Lettuce topped with lightly seasoned Grilled Chicken Breast, Real Crumbled Bacon, Whole Grain Croutons, Grated Parmesan Cheese and Caesar Dressing

Chicken Souvlaki 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

Hot Turkey Sandwich Mr Hunter's Favorite! Slices of Turkey Breast sandwiched between two Slices of WG Bread, topped with Turkey Gravy! Mashed Potatoes on the side!

Italiano Incredi-Bowl Risotto with Meatballs, Northern Beans, Greens & a touch of Marinara Sauce, dusted with Grated Parmesan Cheese!

Loaded Cheesy Potato Casserole Hash Brown Potatoes and Chunk White Chicken in a Cheesy, Creamy Sauce Baked until Crunchy and Yummy!

Mac-n-Cheese An SME Classic! Elbow Macaroni covered with Homemade Cheese Sauce, Baked to Perfection, Served with a Smile!

Mexi Incredi-Bowl Turkey Taco Meat, Corn, Black Beans and Cheese served in a Bowl over Brown Rice

Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara Whole Grain Breaded Mozzarella Sticks, baked and served with Marinara Sauce

Shepherd's Pie Ground Beef in a Tomato Sauce baked over layers of Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans!

Sweet & Sour Chicken Popcorn Chicken tossed in Sweet & Sour Sauce, served over Brown Rice with Diced Scallions....a Fortune Cookie, too!

Taco Pizza Whole Grain Pizza Crust with Taco Meat, Taco Sauce, a Blend of Cheeses, Diced Tomatoes, Lettuce and little Sour Cream!