

NEWSNOTE

ISSUE 27 APRIL 21, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Just a reminder, this Friday we will have a 1:00 dismissal as our teachers will be engaged in professional development.

The STREAM plant fundraiser is taking place. All proceeds from the sale will go towards enhancing our STREAM program. All orders and money are due by April 30th. Thank you for helping to support our STREAM program. Also, going on right now is our virtual book fair. Please go on and check it out!

We are still accepting registrations. Many of our classes are filling up. If you have not turned in your registration packet, I encourage you to 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

BISON FUND

Deadlines & Reminders:

Just a reminder that the deadline for families to renew their scholarships is April 15th.

The deadline for new families to complete the full application is April 30th.

Families can still submit a pre-application on our website and be placed on our waiting list.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy McDonald directly at 716-854-0869 ext. 1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.



BISON
CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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 (Apr.), 8:30
- **5/13** - Ascension Thursday Mass, 8:30
- **5/14** - May Crowning Mass, 8:30
- **5/19** - Progress Report Upload
- **5/28** - NO SCHOOL
- **5/31** - NO SCHOOL
- **6/4** - Christian Witness Mass (May), 8:30
- **6/11 - 10:45 Early Dismissal**
- **6/18** - Christian Witness Mass (June), 8:30
- **6/21 - 10:45 Early Dismissal**
- **6/22 - 1:00 Early Dismissal, Last day of School**

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

March 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

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

<u>March Sales Total</u>	<u>% Monthly Sales Goal</u>
\$22,790.00	76%

<u>March Rebate Profit</u>	<u>% Monthly Profit Goal</u>
\$1,343.49	90%

<u>Sales Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Rebate Year-to-Date</u>
\$302,76.00	\$16,413.21

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:

Total Profit to date: \$373.55

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are holding steady with **778** tickets sold as of April 19th. There are just **222** tickets remaining, the third & final early bird drawing is Saturday, May 1st. Be sure to get your orders in for a chance to win \$100!
Orders will be accepted through 4:00pm on Friday April 30th.

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.

We are asking that our families donate what they can for the basket raffle for this year's event. Information was in the NewsNote on 3/3 with donation suggestions for each grade level. We have also set up a **custom gift list** on Amazon.com. Search for **DeMarzio**, then '**Mega Raffle 2021**'. All items purchased will be shipped directly to the school. We thank those that have already purchased & sent in items!

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, **331** 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. 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!

Please watch the NewsNote for updates on the live drawing.
We have had to make some adjustments due to current COVID-19 regulations.

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



STREAM FLOWER SALE

Our STREAM flower fundraiser has sprung and will run until **April 30th!**

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.

Please use & share the following link to order flowers:
<https://forms.gle/tUfK4HUIJbriHKuPbA>

We thank you in advance for your support of our STREAM initiative here at SME!



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
- ◇ Spring Book Fair: www.scholastic.com/bf/spring21

Thank you for your continued support!

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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.

The total family tuition credit earned in the 4th 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 Instacart gift cards. Get your groceries delivered and earn 4%!
- * 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.

SPRING BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Book Fair is now LIVE & ONLINE only.
The fair will remain open until Sunday, May 2nd.

To see how a **virtual** fair works, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4u8e9BRm6Bw>

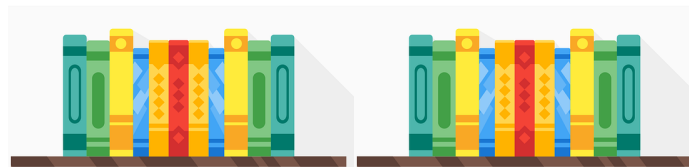
To see how **Scholastic's E-Wallet** works, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSSY64tTMXg>

Visit our **Book Fair homepage** & click "Shop Now" to get started: www.scholastic.com/bf/spring21

A copy of the book fair flyer is attached electronically this week for your reference.

Thank you for your support & Happy Reading!



READY SET READ

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

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

This year we are excited to have the event take place during the school day on June 11th. More details to come!

4th & 5th Grade List:	6-8 Grade Book List:
- The Indian in the Cupboard	- Nuts to You
- The Year of the Dog	- Restart
- Crenshaw	- 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!*



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.

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/qJyojPaA4uhqpgdbA>

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.

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).

EARTH DAY

EARTH DAY is April 22nd!

In the Art Room we always Reduce, Reuse and of course Recycle!

In the spirit of EARTH DAY... the Art Room is looking for clean **styrofoam and cardboard egg cartons**, **CD/DVD's** (these are the old promotional ones from software installs or blank CD's/DVD's you no longer need.), clean **plastic containers with lids** (pre-sliced deli meat-type only), **Yarn and ribbon remnants** and **cardboard cones**. *(These items must be from a smoke-free home)*

So when you are doing your spring cleaning... please consider sending in the above mentioned items for the SME Art room! The SME Artists and I thank you in advance! Email any questions to Mrs. Pesany-Au at pesanyau@smeschool.com.

8TH GRADE

We will celebrate our Hope Ribbon Mass on Friday, May 21st.
Please keep your eye out for more details!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Monday, July 26th
Where: Lancaster Country Club – NEW VENUE!
Tournament information & raffle tickets went out 3/10.

STAY IN THE KNOW



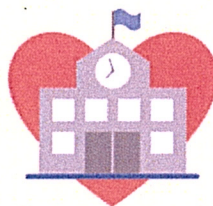
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STREAM Flower Sale

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SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIRS®

Dear SME families,

You're invited to shop our Scholastic Book Fair online from **April 19 through May 2**. All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more.

You'll love the NEW option to shop for **Book Fair exclusives** directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
- All orders ship **direct to home**
- **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25*
- All purchases **support our school** and earn 25% in rewards
- To see how a **virtual** fair works, go to:
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- To see how **Scholastic's E-Wallet** program works, visit:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSSY64tTMXg>
- To view the **Scholastic Digital Flyer**, click here:
<https://bookfairsfiles.scholastic.com/flippingbooks/S21-Virtual-Booklist/S21-Virtual-Booklist.html#p=1>

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started:

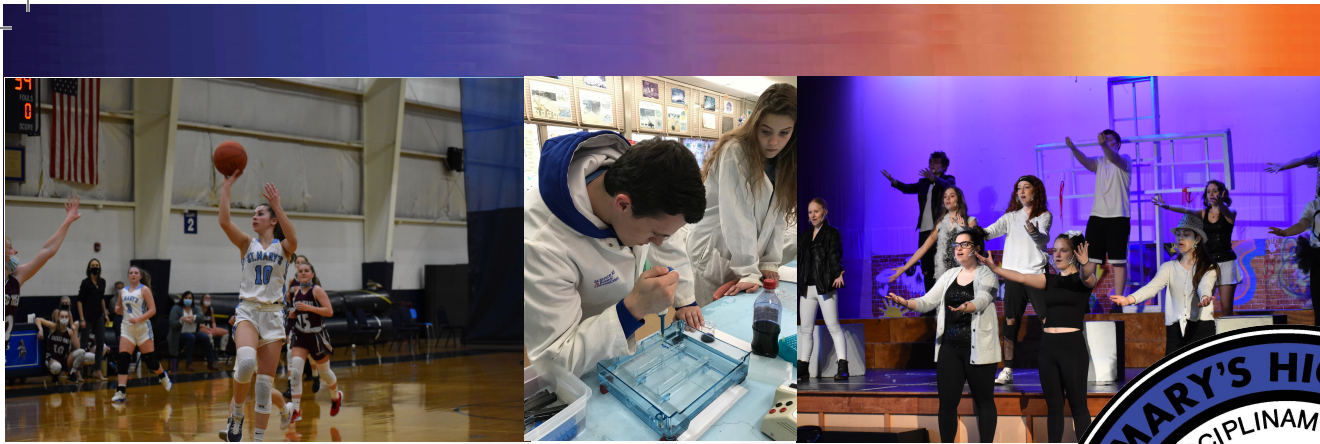
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/spring21>

Happy reading!!

Bernie Bookmiller
Bookfair Chairperson

*Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied. Free standard shipping (books) must be selected during checkout. Orders containing products other than books are not eligible for this shipping promotion.

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Our Time is Now!

Spring Open House

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Two times to register:

5 pm or 6pm

Pre-register today at smhlancers.org

*Please note all social distancing guidelines will be followed
and masks will be required while on campus.*

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“My twin daughters are freshmen this year at St. Mary’s, and they seem to meet new friends every day and say how everyone is so welcoming! Honestly, they grin ear-to-ear when they talk about school. The transition to high school has been uplifting for our whole household!” - CARMEN M., CLASS OF 2024 PARENT



The average St. Mary's student athlete GPA is 95.07!

At St. Mary's High School, students can do it all! They thrive in the classroom, on the stage, on the field and court, in the community, and around the world!

Throughout their time at St. Mary's, students are ready to take on life after college thanks to our Lancer Life Curriculum, with classes that teach real world skills like public speaking, leadership, and personal finance.

Join us for our **Open House** in person on **May 11th**

Pre-registration is required at smhlancers.org.



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