

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

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!

If you have not purchased your Mega Raffle ticket yet or would just like another shot at \$30,000, please mail your check (\$100/ticket made out to St. Mary's) to 1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086 and your tickets will be sent home with your child, or mailed to you if you prefer. Payment is also accepted via Venmo or Paypal - contact Mary Kate or Steve DeMarzio by calling (716) 253-7880 or emailing mega-affle@smeschool.com

Thank you for your support of our biggest fundraiser.

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

SPRING BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Book Fair ends Sunday, 5/2! Grab a book or three & let your child(ren) to get lost in a book when summer comes! Items ship directly to you proceeds will build our classroom & school libraries!

www.scholastic.com/bf/spring21



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 & June), 8:30
- 6/11 - 10:45 Early Dismissal
- 6/18 - **NEW: NO SCHOOL - Juneteenth**
- 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.

March Sales Total	% Monthly Sales Goal
\$22,790.00	76%

March Rebate Profit	% Monthly Profit Goal
\$1,343.49	90%

Sales Year-to-Date	Rebate Year-to-Date
\$302,76.00	\$16,413.21

Contact the Scrip office at scrip@smeschool.com to find out how you can support this fundamental program!

CALENDAR CLUB:

March payouts were mailed the week of April 5th. We continue to use <https://www.lotteryusa.com/new-york/numbers/> to verify the monthly winners.

CANDY BAR SALE:

Expenses: (\$7766.79)
Deposits: \$11042.00
Profit/(Loss): \$3266.24

candybarsale@smeschool.com.
All flavors are \$1/bar, \$48/box.

Electronic Order form:

<https://forms.gle/qJyojPaA4uhqpgdba>

SCHOOLSTORE.COM:

Total Profit to date: \$386.28

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are holding steady with 783 tickets sold as of April 23rd.

There are just 217 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.

Due to the current COVID-19 mandates, and uncertainty of when restrictions will be lifted, this year's drawing will again be virtual – with some exciting additions! More information on the virtual raffle will be coming home soon, and we hope to be back in full swing with our in-person event in 2022!

Since we cannot hold the live event, additional revenue from the evening will be lost, and so it is paramount that we sell all 1,000 tickets. We need the help of our school families and we appreciate everyone's efforts, especially during these trying times. 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 encouraging 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.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the families that have donated for the basket raffles for this year's event. If you are interested in making a donation, information was in the News Notes on March 3rd as well as the **custom gift list on Amazon.com**. Search for **DeMarzio**, then **Mega Raffle 2021**. All items purchased will be shipped directly to the school. All donations must be sent in by May 3rd.

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



STREAM FLOWER SALE

Our STREAM flower fundraiser ends **Friday!**
We cannot add to the order once the sale ends.

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/tUfK4HUJbriHKuPbA>

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 ends Sunday 5/2
- ◇ Popcorn Fundraiser 6/19, more details to come

Thank you for your continued support!

MAY CROWNING 5/14

Our new bishop, Bishop Michael Fisher, is coming to pray with us!

This Mass, led by our 3rd graders, will take place outdoors.

Please have your child bring a blanket/towel to sit on. Additionally, please have your child bring in flowers to place in vases at our Mary Shrine.

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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.

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 available again for a limited time!
- * 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%.

ThankScriping Day is coming April 29 – 30. It's a great opportunity to raise more money on your purchases and provide more support for our organization. Mark your calendar and get ready to shop 100+ brands offering bonuses.



Get the details:

<https://www.facebook.com/ShopWithScrip/>

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.

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 will not be ordering any more chocolate bars for this year's sale. We do have every flavor except for: Peanut Butter & Pretzel. We will continue to fill orders until we are sold out! If you have any questions regarding available flavors, please reach out.

Thank you for your continued support of our sale!

Your candy bar team,
Cheryl Barber & Amanda Kuhn

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!*

SCRIP (year round) - Coordinator position

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!



"TEEN VACCINE" CLINICS

The EC DOH has recently announced that they will host 3 Teen Vaccine clinics on Saturday, May 1st.

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be available for teens ages 16 and 17; Moderna COVID-19 doses will be available for anyone age 18 and older. Sites will be SUNY ECC North in Williamsville, SUNY ECC South in Orchard Park, and McKinley High School in Buffalo.

Please use the following link for more information:

<https://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=press/three-%E2%80%99teen-vaccine%E2%80%9D-clinics-planned-may-1>



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

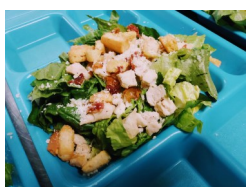
We have had to adjust our fundraising plans with the current COVID restrictions and so we were unable to hold our Fall Fest this year. To offset the difference, we are asking each family to sell 1 additional Mega Raffle ticket (total of 3) and 1 additional box of chocolate (total of 2).

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.

CAFETERIA



There are just 32 more lunch days of the school year!

There'll be some tried & true favorites as well as new options as we close out the school year!



Please use this as a guide as you submit your prepayment for your child(ren)'s lunches.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

8TH GRADE

We are looking at the calendar and will notify you asap with the date of the 8th grade field trip/fun day.

The middle school exam schedule has been shared with all students.

Cap & Gown pictures will be on Thursday, May 6th!

STAY IN THE KNOW



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

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Save the Date: 5/19 Progress Re-
port upload (Gr. K-8)

Save the Date: 5/28 & 5/31 No
School

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

May, 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
3 Chicken Parm Side of Pasta w/Sauce Veggies, Fruit & Milk	4 Loaded Baked Potato Broccoli Veggie, Fruit & Milk	5 Buffalo Chicken Salad Breadstick Tomato Soup, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Lunch Today	6 Popcorn Chicken Tater Tots Veggie, Fruit & Milk	7 Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
10 French Toast Sticks Sausage, Potatoes Veggie Juice, Fruit & Milk	11 Nachos Grande Bean Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk	12 Cobb Salad Breadstick Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	13 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk	14 Baked Pasta w/Meatballs Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
17 Breakfast Pizza Tater Tots Veggie Juice, Fruit & Milk	18 Meatball Sub Sandwich Mixed Vegetables Fruit & Milk	19 Chicken Souvlaki Salad Whole Grain Pita Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	20 Mexi Incredi-Bowl Black Beans Veggie, Fruit & Milk	21 Mozzarella Sticks Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
24 Mac-n-Cheese Peas, Carrots Fruit & Milk	25 Taco-in-a-Bag Baked Beans Veggie, Fruit & Milk	26 Chicken Caesar Salad Breadstick Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	27 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggie, Fruit & Milk	29 No School! Have a Safe Holiday Weekend!
31 Memorial Day No School	<i>Celebrating your child's summer birthday with their classmates is a wonderful way to end the school year. Send in your order today!</i>	We appreciate our customers! Thank you for your support!	<i>Did you know.... Only 32 days remain with full lunch service. Consider this when prepaying for lunches.</i>	<i>Alt B – Julienne Salad Alt C – Yogurt Parfait Alt D – Sunbutter & Jelly Alt E – Turkey/Cheese Alt F – Ham/Cheese</i>

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 3 rd and 4 th 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
Baked Pasta & Meatballs	Whole Grain Pasta Baked with Marinara Sauce, Mozzarella Cheese and Mini Meatballs
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 Incredi-Bowl	Chunks of Breaded Chicken and Corn on top of Mashed Potatoes, with Chicken Gravy and melted Cheddar Cheese
Chicken Parm	Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Patty, baked with Low Fat Mozzarella Cheese and Marinara Sauce and a side of Whole Grain Pasta
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
Cobb Salad	Romaine Lettuce, Crumbled Bacon, Chicken Breast, Tomatoes, Hard-Boiled Egg Wedges and, if not too pricey, Avocado! Vinaigrette Dressing to top it off.
French Toast Sticks	Whole Grain French Toast Sticks baked and served with Warm Syrup, Sausage Links and Hash Brown Patty
Grilled Cheese	Whole Grain Bread and American Cheese grilled to a golden crisp, served with Tomato Soup
Loaded Baked Potato	Fresh, delivered weekly, Russet Potatoes, baked and topped with Steamed Broccoli, melted Cheese and Real Bacon Crumbles
Mac-n-Cheese	An SME Classic! Elbow Macaroni covered with Homemade Cheese Sauce, Baked to Perfection, Served with a Smile!
Meatball Submarine Sandwich	Meatballs in Marinara Sauce on a Whole Grain Roll with Mozzarella Cheese sprinkled on top
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
Sweet & Sour Chicken	Popcorn Chicken tossed in Sweet & Sour Sauce, served over Brown Rice with Diced Scallions....a Fortune Cookie, too!
Mozzarella Sticks	Whole Grain Breading over Mozzarella Cheese, baked and served with Marinara Sauce
Mexi Incredi-Bowl	Brown Rice served in a Bowl covered with Taco Meat, Corn, Black Beans, Shredded Cheddar Cheese & Taco Sauce
Nachos Grande	Lean Ground Beef spiced with Taco Seasonings, served hot over Whole Grain Tortilla Chips, topped with melted Mild Cheddar Cheese Sauce, with Optional Salsa, Sour Cream and or Hot Sauce
Popcorn Chicken	Whole Grain Breaded Popcorn Chicken Bites baked to a tasty Crunch! Served with Optional BBQ Sauce
Taco-in-a-Bag	Taco Meat scooped into a Bag of Whole Grain Tortilla Chips with Shredded Cheddar Cheese & Salsa