

# NEWSNOTE

ISSUE 29 MAY 5, 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Thank you to all our families that supported our STREAM fundraiser. Those funds will go directly into the program. Do not forget that the flower pickup will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>. This Friday is also our Christian Witness Mass. Be sure to tune into the livestream of the mass.

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 megaffle@smeschool.com

Thank you for your support of our biggest fundraiser.

We are still accepting registrations. 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

## STREAM FLOWER SALE

Flower pick-up will take place TOMORROW, May 6th from 2:30 - 6:00 pm.

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



## 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. Although we will be outdoors, we are unable to open it up to the public. We appreciate your understanding.

**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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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: NO SCHOOL - Juneteenth
- 6/21 - 10:45 Early Dismissal
- 6/22 - 1:00 Early Dismissal, Last day of School

## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

April 1 - April 30, 2021

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

<u>April Sales Total</u>	<u>% Monthly Sales Goal</u>
\$19,520.00	65%

<u>April Rebate Profit</u>	<u>% Monthly Profit Goal</u>
\$992.86	66%

<u>Sales Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Rebate Year-to-Date</u>
\$25,345.00	\$1,291.49

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

### CALENDAR CLUB:

April payouts will be mailed this week. 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/qJyoyPaA4uhqpgdba>

### SCHOOLSTORE.COM:

Total Profit to date: \$386.28

## MEGA RAFFLE

There are only 174 tickets remaining for Mega Raffle 2021 as of April 30<sup>th</sup> – get yours before they're gone! There were 826 tickets in the third and final early bird drawing on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and \$100 was won by the purchaser of ticket #816!

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! Please review the letter coming home today with more information. 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, 362 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. We plan to have the pictures of the available items posted by Saturday, May 15th.

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



## 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
- ◇ Popcorn Fundraiser 6/19

We have an exciting opportunity to raise funds for our school! Wal-Mart (Transit & William) is allowing us to set up at their location on Saturday, June 19th from 9am-6pm to sell Carl's Popcorn. We will receive 50% profit from this sale!

We are in need of families to help work the popcorn stand! Setting up from 8:00-9:00, and then the duration of the sale. If you are able to help, please use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CADA923A2FF2-carls>

Questions can be directed to Kristie May (hsa@smeschool.com or 998-6504).

Thank you for your continued support!

## CARL'S POPCORN FUNDRAISER

As seen at Kate's Country Cousins!



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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Whole Foods gift cards, which offer a 3% rebate and Instacart gift cards, which offers 4%!
- \* 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.**

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



The St. Mary's Elementary School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society would like to warmly welcome our newest member, Veronika Sliwinski.

Veronika joined our SME family in December and was welcomed on April 15, 2021 during our NJHS monthly meeting in an informal celebration. Veronika will be given the full honor experience next school year during our annual NJHS induction ceremony.

Welcome Veronika! We are so glad you are here at SME and a member of NJHS! Congratulations on all your hard work and dedication to character, academics, leadership, citizenship, service. We are proud of you and all your achievements.



## 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!

<b>4th &amp; 5th Grade List:</b>	<b>6-8 Grade Book List:</b>
- 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!**



## 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.

The electronic order form has been updated to reflect flavors which have sold out since last week. With every flavor tasting as good as the next, there are still plenty of options for your build your own box!

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.



## 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! Please have your child wear a white shirt under their graduation robe.

## STAY IN THE KNOW



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

**Save the Date:** 5/14 May Crowning

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

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

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