

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday will be a 10:45 dismissal. Our teachers will be having a professional development day. In remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr., there will be no school on Monday, 1/17. Enjoy the long weekend!

I want to thank everyone for their diligence with the COVID protocols. If at any time you are unsure of what to do following a COVID exposure or if your child is experiencing symptoms, please give us a call.

Our AFC East Champion Buffalo Bills have another important game this Saturday. Let's show them our support with dressing in Bills attire on Friday!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/14 - 10:45 Early Dismissal, No Afterschool Care
- 1/14 - Bills Dress Down Day
- 1/14 - Test Kit Distribution 9:30-11:30
- 1/17 - NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day
- 1/30 - Catholic Schools Week Begins
- 2/2 - Progress Report Upload: K-8
- 2/4 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- 2/9 - Spring Photo Day, Pre-K 3-8
- 2/21-2/25 - NO SCHOOL: Mid-Winter Recess



BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 1/4/22 to 1/10/22, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$122.84
Collectively, St. Mary's aims to sell \$30,000 in Scrip each month, with a monthly rebate goal of \$1,500.

January Sales to Date: \$4,540.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date (3/23-1/10/22): \$17,183.18

CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.
Initial Order: \$7200.00
(Deficit)/Profit: (\$3828.00)

Order Anytime:

<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

CALENDAR CLUB:

See page 2 for details

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:

Income: \$39,185.00
Expenses: (\$12,037.45)
Profit: \$27,147.55

FOOTBALL FRENZY:

Income: \$1,220.00
Expenses: (\$554.00)
Printing Cost Donation: \$140.00
Profit: \$806.00

NURSE NOTES

It is important to remind all that SME has to follow the guidelines set by the ECDOH, not the CDC.

If a student tests positive, regardless of vaccination status, a 10-day quarantine is required. Day 0 is the day of the positive test, if asymptomatic. If symptomatic, Day 0 begins the day symptoms started.

The 5-day quarantine that was put in place by NY State, is **only** in effect for essential workers at this time, not students.

We have been notified that DOH is not able to keep up with contact tracing. Please do your best at letting people know if they are considered a close contact.

At this point, per the ECDOH, **negative** at-home test results will not be accepted for early release from quarantine or for diagnostic purposes if a child is exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19.

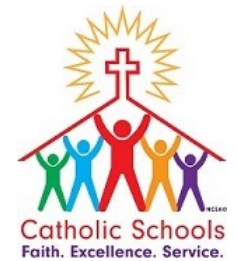
Positive at-home COVID-19 test results are accepted by the ECDOH and should be reported. Please call the COVID-19 Information Line at (716) 858-2929 or use the online reporting form (<https://www3.erie.gov/covid/form/form-to-report-a-positive-covid->).

Acceptable COVID-19 tests to shorten quarantine include rapid NAAT (PCR) or antigen tests conducted and reported by a licensed laboratory.

Please stress with your child(ren) the importance of proper mask wearing & sanitizing. This new variant mimics cold symptoms and as such we must all be vigilant in our safety precautions.

I will do my best to help all of you out, so please call with any questions. I want to continue to thank all of you for your understanding and patience.

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EARLY DISMISSAL TRANSPORTATION

As a reminder there is no early dismissal bus transportation for the following districts:

Akron, Alden & Cheektowaga

Please be sure that someone is here to pick up your child(ren) for our 10:45 early release on Friday, 1/14.

There is NO Afterschool Care available on 10:45 dismissal days as these are our professional development days for our teachers.

SME MEMORIES

Our Spring Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th.

Spring Pictures are optional, and as such, there will be no makeup/alternate day scheduled. Only students ordering a spring picture package will have their photo taken.

Our yearbook online order site is now open:

inter-state.com/order
Code: 63622B

Yearbook cost: \$13.00

Check payment & order forms will be coming out in March.



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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP

All Scrip sales are in the Rectory Monday-Friday from 9:00-3:00.

Orders MUST be in by 10:00 on Monday to be included in the weekly order, or they will be ordered the following week, including online orders.

As stated in the information packet, if you send your order into school with your child, your order will be sent home as soon as it has been filled (some cards may need to be backordered). Feel free to reach out with any questions: scrip@smeschool.com

Gift card updates:

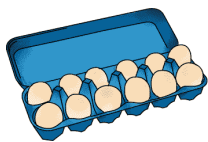
- Dairy Queen, Sunoco and Gift Card Wrapper Gift cards are temporarily unavailable.
- If you purchase Kohl's gift cards online, please be sure to select the option with (SME) after the denomination to get the 5% rebate. Otherwise, the rebate is only 4%.
- If you purchase Tops gift cards online, please be sure to select the **Tops Markets** option, not just Tops, to get the 5.5% rebate. Otherwise, the rebate is only 4%.

If you have any questions, please email us at scrip@smeschool.com. Thank you for your support of the Scrip program!

**Please remember to send in your brown Scrip envelope with your order. If you order online, please send your envelope in for us to return your order to you.*

Thank you!

FROM THE ART ROOM



Collection of Styrofoam egg cartons is year round at SME and we appreciate the donations!

SCHOOLSTORE.COM

We are excited to be restarting our SchoolStore fundraiser at the end of the month.

With this easy program families are able to shop online and we receive a portion of the profit. Gift certificates can also be purchased for the classroom where teachers are able to shop for various additional resources for the students to use.

Information will be coming out at the end of the month with all the details!

FUNDRAISING

In an effort to keep information at the forefront, a quick reprint of the message from Mrs. Kwitowski from November 17th...

Unless a specific cause is listed, such as STREAM fundraiser, all funds raised goes towards keeping down the tuition rate.

15% of all money coming into the school must come from fundraising.

If we do not fundraise enough, we do not have the funds to keep the tuition rate down.

Again, please contribute to the fundraisers that best suit you and your family.

CALENDAR CLUB

Thank you to everyone who purchased a calendar for the 2022 Calendar Club! Prizes will be paid the first week of each month for the previous month (the first round of winners will receive their checks the first week of February for January), and the winning calendar numbers for each month will be posted on the school and parish websites.

If at any time you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact Joe Magiera: calendarclub@smeschool.com.



MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle is our largest fundraiser, and so extremely vital to the financial success of St. Mary's.



Information on how to purchase and sell tickets will be sent out soon, so keep a look-out!

There are many volunteer opportunities available for various amounts of time (including work that can be done from home), and we also have open spots on the planning committee. If you are interested in joining our committee, or helping out with the event in any way, please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at: megaffle@smeschool.com.

Thank you to those that have already reached out to help. We will be in touch soon with more details!

FOOTBALL FRENZY

The winners for 1/2/22 were:

Ticket #27 - \$50, Ticket #38 - \$30, and Ticket #5 - \$20

The winners for 1/9/22 were:

Ticket #76 - \$50, Ticket #61 - \$30, and Ticket #1500 - \$20



Winning ticket numbers are posted weekly online and winners are notified by mail. The results can be checked at www.footballsweeps.com, where you can enter the access code from your ticket.

Thank you again to those that supported this new fundraising endeavor! With your help we were able to raise \$806!

Questions can be directed to Melissa Mitchell at: melissa.mitchell514@gmail.com or (716) 465-9846.

NURSE INFO



Nurse Tara is available Monday - Friday from 9:30am until 1:00pm and can be reached at:

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<https://www2.erie.gov/health/sites/www2.erie.gov.health/files/uploads/pdfs/COVID19TestingResourcesforStudentsinErieCounty.pdf>

STAY IN THE KNOW



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