

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

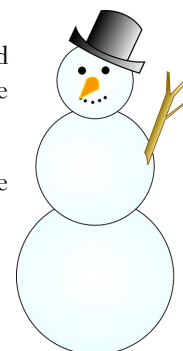
Congratulations to our newest NJHS inductees!

Our Catholic Schools Week Committee has been hard at work putting together some fun events and themes for the week. I hope that all of our students will decide to take part in the daily themes.

We have some new personnel announcements to make. Mrs. Neel is working with Ms. Bartkowiak in the Prek3 room and Mrs. Gonser is working with Mrs. Gill in the Prek4 year old room. Mr. Schneider will be helping out in the gym. Welcome aboard! We are happy to have you joining us.

We will be hosting a virtual open house on February 8th. It is mainly geared towards our new families, but all are welcome to attend.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/30 - Catholic Schools Week Begins
- 1/31 - CSW Western Day
- 2/1 - CSW Beach Day
- 2/2 - CSW: Class Colors. Progress Report Upload: K-8
- 2/3 - CSW Dress Like Teacher & Formal Day
- 2/4 - CSW Sports / 'Soup' er Bowl. Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- 2/9 - Spring Photo Day, Pre-K 3-8
- 2/21-2/25 - NO SCHOOL: Mid-Winter Recess

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 1/31 - 2/4/22

Please refer to the blue Catholic Schools Week Letter coming home today with all the details for our fun themed days next week!

Monday: Western Day

Tuesday: Beach Day

Wednesday: Class Color Day

Thursday: Pk - 1 Dress Like a Teacher Day & Gr 2-8 Formal Attire Day

Friday: Sports Day

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 1/11 - 1/14/22 the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$579.07.

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: \$15,695.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date
(3/23-1/24/22): \$17,762.25

CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.

Initial Order: \$7200.00
(Deficit)/Profit: (\$3828.00)

Order Anytime:

<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

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.

NURSE NOTES

The Covid guidelines appear to be changing weekly and we are doing our best to keep up with them! 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 5 day quarantine is required. Day 0 is the day of the positive test, if asymptomatic. If symptomatic, Day 0 begins the day symptoms started.

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.

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.

Nurse Tara Salge
nurse@smeschool.com
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We are hosting a virtual open house for prospective new families on Tuesday 2/8. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our school (Pre-K or K - 8) please have them register and join us!

<https://forms.gle/cWqUVvhQBrXUtY6Q8>



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2022-2023 REGISTRATION

SME families can expect re-registration packets next week.

We are hosting a virtual open house for prospective new families on Tuesday 2/8. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our school (Pre-K or K - 8) please have them register and join us for the open house! The link can be found on our Facebook page and school website.

Registration packets will be made available to the general public following that open house. Don't lose your spot, be sure to re-register right away!

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. Order forms are coming home today.

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

Let's talk about the RaiseRight App...

Available in the App Store & Google Play. You can also have the link to download texted right to you from this webpage:

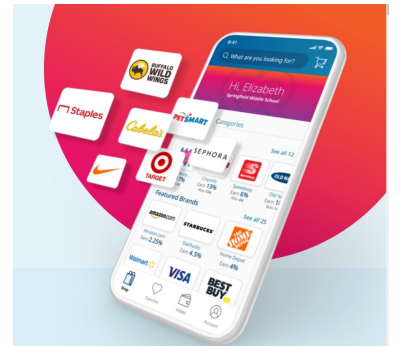
<https://www.raiseright.com/>

Have a ShopWithScrip account?

Pick up right where you left off! Use the same sign-in information. Your *payment* cards and payment information automatically transfer to the app!

What are the benefits:

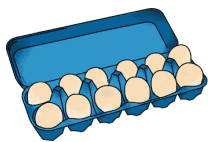
- Discover new earning opportunities every day! The app offers daily bonuses, seasonal offers & giveaways!
- The ability to narrow your search with categories that fit your everyday shopping needs!
- Easily browse lists of brands offering bonus earnings!
- Add brands you love to your Favorites for faster shopping!
- Manage your *payment* cards in one place: your Wallet



For a complete list of participating retailers visit the shop with scrip website: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/Browse>

If you have any questions, please email us at scrip@smeschool.com. We are here for 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!

KITCHEN NEWS

Due to the increase in cost of goods the following price adjustments will go into effect February 1st:

Rice Krispy Treats - \$0.75
Ice Cream Treats - \$0.75
Potato Chips, Doritos, Sun Chips, Popcorn - \$0.50.

The February lunch menu will be distributed ASAP as well as posted on our website & eSchool.

Thank you for your continued support of the St Mary's Elementary School Lunch Program.

If you have questions at any time, please feel free to contact our kitchen team at: kitchenmanager@smeschool.com

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.

We are excited to announce that the new chair for this fundraiser is Joe Magiera! If you have any questions about this fundraiser, you can reach him at : calendarclub@smeschool.com or (716) 253-7880.



MEGA RAFFLE

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



As stated in the registration packet, fundraising participation is expected of each family, including the responsibility to sell or purchase two Mega Raffle tickets.

Information on how to purchase and sell tickets will be coming home next weeks, so keep a look-out!

If you are interested in joining our committee, or helping out with the drawing in any way, please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at: megaraffle@smeschool.com Thank you to those that have already reached out to help!

NURSE INFO

 Nurse Tara is available Monday - Friday from 9:30am until 1:00pm and can be reached at:
nurse@smeschool.com
683-2112 x128

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

BISON FUND

Committed to its mission of making quality education accessible to all, the Bison Fund average scholarship award will be between \$1,500 and a maximum award of \$2,500 for the 2022-2023 school year.



As we welcome 2022, Bison Fund is currently accepting K-8 pre-applications for funding for the 2022-2023 school year. New families must complete a pre-application form electronically (online) on the Bison Fund website at bisonfund.com. **The new family deadline is February 28, 2022.** Preference is NOT given to early applications, however applicants must apply by February 28th to be considered for the lottery. New families applying after the February 28, 2022 deadline will be placed on a waitlist.

All applicants will be notified of lottery results by email on March 1, 2022. If you're not chosen in the lottery, you can always reapply for the next school year.

Current families do not need to fill out a pre-application and will be emailed a link to complete the requalification process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy McDonald, program director at 716-854-0869 ext. 1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 1/31 Catholic Schools Week

Save the Date: 2/2 K-8 Progress Report Upload

Save the Date: 2/4 Christian Witness Mass

Save the Date:

Save the Date:

NJHS

Congratulations to the newest inductees into the *National Junior Honor Society.*

We are so proud of you!





Catholic Schools Week 2022

The theme this year is: Faith. Excellence. Service.

Please find a schedule of the fun & themed dress up days. Students are permitted to wear jeans which follow our dress code (violators will be invited to shop our uniform exchange).

Be creative & have fun!

If a student chooses not to participate on any given day, they are to arrive in their school uniform.

Monday, January 31st

Western Day!

We'll have a hootin', hollerin' good time today dressed in cowboy & girl attire and/or plaid!

We're hosting a baby shower for the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center. Items requested are baby wipes & diapers. Items can be brought in throughout the week.

Tuesday, February 1st

Beach Day!

Living the chill life (no swimsuits) today!

Wednesday, February 2nd

Class Color Day

Show your SME Spirit and dress head to toe in your class color!

We will be taking a school wide photo today!

Pre-K: Pk T-Shirts

K: Red

1st: Orange

2nd: Yellow

3rd: Green

4th: Blue

5th: Purple

6th: Black

7th: White

8th: 8th Gr. T-Shirt

Thursday, February 3rd

Pk - Gr 1: Dress Like a Teacher Day

Gr 2 - 8: Formal Attire Day

We are so fancy at SME! Dress your best! Please be mindful of shoes, heels should not be greater than 1".

Friday, February 4th

Sports Day / 'Soup'er Bowl

Wear your favorite sports apparel! Any team, any sport.

We are collecting cans of soup for our 'Soup'er Bowl Theme today. Soup will be donated to local food pantries.



Catholic Schools Week 2022
January 30–February 5

#CSW22
www.NCEA.org/csw

PICTURE DAY IS:

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Pictures will be taken at:
St. Mary's Elementary School

PACKAGE 1:	1-8x10, 2-5x7, 2-3x5, 9-Wallets	MOST POPULAR	\$33.00
PACKAGE 2:	2-8x10, 4-5x7, 2-3x5, 18-Wallets, 1-Digital Image, 4-2x3 Magnets	BEST VALUE	\$43.00
PACKAGE 3:	1-5x7, 2-3x5, 9-Wallets		\$25.00
PACKAGE 4:	2-8x10, 2-5x7, 2-3x5, 9-Wallets, 18-1x2 Exchange		\$40.00
PACKAGE 5:	1-8x10, 2-5x7, 4-3x5, 18-Wallets		\$36.00
PACKAGE 6:	1-8x10, 2-5x7, 9-Wallets		\$31.00
PACKAGE 7:	2-5x7, 2-3x5, 10-Wallets		\$28.00
PACKAGE 8:	1-Digital Image		\$24.00
PACKAGE 9:	2-3x5, 4-Wallets		\$20.00
PACKAGE 10:	1-3x5, 2-Wallets		\$16.00
ADD-ON 11:	1-8x10		\$9.00
ADD-ON 12:	2-5x7		\$9.00
ADD-ON 13:	4-2x3 Magnets		\$12.00
ADD-ON 14:	1-My Digital Portrait CD		\$25.00
ADD-ON 15:	9-Wallets		\$9.00
ADD-ON 16:	4-3x5		\$9.00
ADD-ON 17:	18-1x2 Exchange		\$9.00
ADD-ON 18:	4-2x3 Clings		\$8.00

Add-on items are only available with the purchase of a package.

ORDER ONLINE
INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER
Online preordering closes at 11:59 p.m. CST the night before Picture Day.

Select your Style:



ADDITIONAL STYLES Available Online!

Enhance Your Portraits:



DON'T MISS OUT!
Only students who order before
Picture Day will be Photographed.

QUESTIONS? VISIT INTER-STATE.COM/SUPPORT

Use Order Code:
67110CA



SCAN HERE FOR EASY ORDERING!

Place your order:

FIRST NAME: _____
 LAST NAME: _____
 TEACHER: _____
 GRADE: _____

	ORDER ONE	ORDER TWO
PACKAGE(S)	# _____	# _____
QUANTITY	_____	_____
PRICE	\$ _____	\$ _____
ADD-ON(S)	# _____	# _____
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SELECT ONE STYLE PER ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> S01 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S02 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S03 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S04 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S05 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S06 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S07 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S08 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S09 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S10 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S11 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S12 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S13 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S14 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S15 - FREE	<input type="checkbox"/> S01 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S02 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S03 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S04 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S05 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S06 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S07 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S08 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S09 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S10 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S11 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S12 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S13 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S14 - FREE <input type="checkbox"/> S15 - FREE
PRICE	\$ _____	\$ _____
SOFT-TOUCH	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00	\$ _____
RE-TOUCH	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00	\$ _____
ADD NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00	\$ _____
TOTAL PAYMENT	\$ _____	

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