

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody enjoyed the long weekend.

Thank you for all the orders in support of the Little Caesar’s fundraiser. Please remember that you do not have to participate in all the fundraisers. We just ask that you partake in the ones that work for your family as your support of the fundraisers is vital to our school.

I came across this “advice” that I would like to share. It is called “Advice from a Pumpkin”

Be well rounded
Get plenty of sunshine
Give thanks for life’s bounty
Have a thick skin
Keep growing
Be outstanding in your field
Think Big!

-Ilan Shamir

God’s Peace and Love,

Mrs. Kwitowski



GREAT START TO ART

New students are familiarizing themselves with the Art room routines and expectations.

Most students painted on the first day of Art class after reading the book "The Dot". Students were encouraged to "Make a Mark and See where it takes them" just like the child in the book who discovers her own artistic talent.

Students have been prepared for Art making. Thank you for sending in an Old T-shirt/Art smock for your child (prek-5th grade) to wear in Art class. Art smocks are optional (but highly encouraged) for middle schoolers. Smocks can be stored in MS lockers and worn as needed. All Middle school students will be receiving a school issued Sketchbook for homework and in-class assignments very soon.

NEW this year: Square 1 Art

All students (PreK through grade 8) have been busy completing their one-of-a-kind artwork to be used with the Square 1 Art program. Square 1 Art is a fundraiser, founded by a Teacher, where families can order their child's artwork reproduced on useful and personalized keepsakes. St. Mary's Elementary School has partnered with Square 1 Art so every student feels like an accomplished artist while raising funds for the School Art program. More information on this program will be coming home soon.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **10/20** - Picture Re-Take Day
- **10/27** - Progress Report Upload: K-8
- **11/5** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- **11/11 - NO SCHOOL:** Veterans Day
- **11/12 - 10:45 Early Dismissal:** P/T Conferences
- **11/24-26 - No School:** Thanksgiving Recess
- **11/29** - 1:00 Early Dismissal: Staff PD
- **12/3** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- **12/8** - Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:30
- **12/15** - Report Card Upload, Gr K-8
- **12/17** - Living Nativity, 9:00am in the Church

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 10/5/21 to 10/12/21, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$417.11.**

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

October	Annual Rebate Profit to Date
<u>Sales to Date:</u>	<u>(3/23-10/4/21):</u>
\$16,010.00	\$8,023.20

For October, we have \$13,990.00 to go until we meet our monthly sales goal!

LITTLE CAESARS:

Delivery Week: 10/25
Exact Date TBD, keep your eye on the NN

CANDY BAR SALE:

Our chocolate bars have arrived!
Chocolate bars are just \$1.
Payment is accepted via cash or check (payable to SME-HSA)

CALENDAR CLUB:

Order forms went home 10/6
Available until sold out or 12/31/21

NURSE NOTES

Physicals & Immunizations

New York State mandates that the following grade levels must have current physicals on file in the health office: K, 1, 3, 5 & 7.

All NEW students at St. Mary's Elementary are required to have a current physical.

Students playing sports at St. Mary's Elementary are required to have a current physical on file in the nurse's office, even prior to try-outs.

Physicals are valid for one calendar year, for example a physical exam on 9/1/21 will expire on 9/1/22.

New York State mandates that all students entering 6th grade have the following immunization requirements: Tdap Booster(who are 11 yrs old).

New York State mandates that all students entering 7th/8th grades have the following immunization requirement: One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menactra or Menveo).

Thank you to everyone for being so welcoming, helpful and patient with all of the school requirements! Please call if you have any questions or concerns! - Nurse Tara



SME GEAR STORE

Our SME Gear store is open: SME.allstargear.com

This online store includes:

- 1/4 zip tech shirts (uniform approved, cold weather apparel)
- Hoodies (uniform approved, cold weather apparel)
- Long sleeve t-shirts (not to be worn as a uniform top)
- Winter Knit caps & masks!

Baseball Caps are available cash & carry in the school office (\$20 child or adult sizes)

Our gear store closes Store closes at 11:59PM on Wednesday October 20th, 2021.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers who are here sporadically do not need to show proof of vaccination.

Volunteers who are here on a more regular basis (ie: lunch monitoring) will be asked to provide that information.

We are in need of assistance with our Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser. Please see the flyer that went home last week for more information!

We appreciate your patience & understanding as we work to keep our school safe.

FOOTBALL FRENZY

We will kick off our new fundraiser, the Football Frenzy, on October 20th. Tickets are \$10 each and cash prizes are mailed December 2021-January 2022.

Ticket orders will be processed by our chairperson. Please allow 1-2 weeks to receive your tickets.

Volunteers are needed to stuff the bulletins on Friday, October 22nd. Please reach out to Mary Kate DeMarzio at marykate@stmarysonthehill.org if you are able to help.

Chair: Melissa Mitchell
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Phone: (716) 465-9846



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WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP



Take advantage of Bonus Fest bonuses to raise more money on things you buy - without any extra effort. New offers are revealed every Friday!

Get the details: <https://www.facebook.com/ShopWithScrip/>

Bonuses start at 12:00 a.m. ET Friday and end at 11:59 p.m. ET Sunday

Offers will be announced each weekend.

All gift card types (eGift cards, physical cards, and money added to reloadable cards) are included.

Gift card updates:

- ◆ 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!

Mary Kate DeMarzio & Joe Magiera
Scrip Coordinators



PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Fall picture re-take day is Wednesday, 10/20. Any student that did not have their picture taken due to absence on 9/20 or 9/21 needs to have their picture taken.

Picture packages are available online:
inter-state.com/order
Use order code 60066GB

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Tickets are \$30 each, or 3/\$75 and will be sold November-December. Daily cash prizes will be awarded December 25, 2021-January 5, 2022. Volunteers are needed to prepare the mailing in October (can be done from home).



Watch the NewsNotes for more information, or contact the chairs: Amanda Barton & Jenny Sparmo at jennifersparmo@gmail.com, or (716) 713-0719.

S-O-S (SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL)

Active involvement of all of 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!

A list of the events and fundraisers that we plan to hold throughout the year at St. Mary's was included with the NewsNotes on 9/15/21. Please save this sheet so that you have quick access to the information that you need. Events and their details are subject to change as we move through the year, and regular updates will be posted in the NewsNotes, church bulletin, on Facebook and the school & church websites.

If you are interested in helping out with any of the events listed, please reach out to the specific event chair (if provided), or our Events Coordinator, Mary Kate DeMarzio at marykate@stmarysonthehill.org.

Your involvement is vital to the success of these events!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Are you a parent / grandparent with a few hours to spare during the lunch hour?

We are looking to add a volunteer to our lunch monitor crew. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com) for more information! Proof of vaccination is required.



PE UNIFORMS

We are still waiting for the delivery of the PE Uniform orders.

Once received we will distribute them to the students.

We have a very limited inventory available on hand in the school. If you find yourself in a position where you are in need of attire before our store opens again in the spring, please email Mrs. Kuhn so that the inventory can be checked.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The Home School Association (our PTA) is a vital group of volunteers who work to ensure the positive growth of our school community.

The HSA team will host a variety of fundraisers throughout the school year. Each fundraiser benefits the school and students directly.

If you are interested in joining our team of HSA volunteers, please contact Kristie May (hsa@smeschool.com).



CALENDAR CLUB

Sales of the 2022 Calendar Club sponsored by St. Mary of the Assumption Parish & St. Mary's Elementary School have begun.

Upon receipt of your \$20.00 donation, your name and number will be registered for all daily drawings for the year 2022. Winning numbers will be determined using a random number generator (000-999) and will be published at the beginning of the following month. All winnings will be determined by the amount of money indicated on each day of the calendar. All winnings are paid at the beginning of the following month.

For more information, please contact Jessica Kulpit at jesskulpit@gmail.com.

8TH GRADE INFO

If your child plans on attending a catholic high school next year you will need to complete the online application:

https://catholichswny.smapply.io/prog/application_for_admission_grade_9/

Please be sure to print and sign the confirmation email you receive upon completion and submit to the main office. Without this signed document, we are unable to submit a copy of your child's 1st report card to their 1st & 2nd choice catholic high schools.

If your child plans to shadow at any of the local high schools, please be sure to email the homeroom teacher and copy Mrs. Kuhn on it. Their daily attendance will reflect that they are shadowing. Please be sure to have your child check with their teachers to ensure they are not missing important material/tests.

NURSE INFO

Nurse Tara is available Monday - Friday from 9:30am until 1:00pm.

Nurse Tara can be reached at:
nurse@smeschool.com
683-2112 x128



STAY IN THE KNOW



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FALL PICTURE DAY IS HERE

Picture Day is: RETAKE

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Pictures will be taken at:

St. Mary's Elementary School
Retakes

ORDER ONLINE*

INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER

USE ORDER CODE:

60066GB

*Pay online with your debit card, credit card, PayPal, Apple Pay or Google Pay.