

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

THE CANDY CORN GOSPEL

Orange - Reminds us of all the pumpkins we see this time of year. Every pumpkin we see is filled with gunk that must be cleaned out before it can have a light placed inside it. It is the same way with our hearts. When we ask Jesus to be our Savior, he cleans the gunk we call sin out of our hearts. *Romans 3:23*

White - Reminds us that Jesus can make our hearts white and clean. White is at the top of the candy corn pointing us to God and reminding us that no matter how many mistakes we have made, if we ask Jesus to be our Savior, he will wash our sins away and give us a new life with him that will never end. *Acts 2:21*

Yellow - Reminds us of the streets of gold in heaven and the eternal life that God has promised to everyone who believes in Jesus. *John 3:16*

Have a safe and Happy Halloween.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



RED RIBBON WEEK

We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week
October 25-29th!

Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free!



Thursday: Wear camo because drugs can't find me
Friday: Wear a Halloween shirt to scare off drugs

Please remember:

- Those not participating in the themed dress up days must wear your school uniform.
- Jeans may be worn this week but must be free or rips/tears. No leggings of any kind may be worn.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/25-29 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/27 - Progress Report Upload: K-8
- 11/1 - All Saints Day Mass, 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
NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE TODAY
- 12/3 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 12/8 - Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:30
- 12/15 - Report Card Upload, Gr K-8

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 10/19/21 to 10/25/21, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was
\$366.43

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>(3/23-10/12):</u>
\$27,162.00	\$8,553.03

For October, we have only \$2,838.00 to go until we meet our monthly sales goal!

LITTLE CAESARS:

Thank you to those that participated in our Little Caesars pizza sale!

CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.
Payment is accepted via cash, check (payable to SME-HSA) or CC with an order of 2+ boxes.

Order Anytime:
<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

CALENDAR CLUB:

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

STREAM FUNDRAISER: DONUTS & CIDER



Mark your calendars: Wednesday, November 3rd to Friday, November 19th, SME will be holding a Doughnut and Cider sale to raise funds for our STREAM program. These funds are used throughout the year to help fund field trips for the students, purchase supplies for STREAM academies, invite guest speakers, and much more.

If you've never had "Famous Doughnuts" or Mayer Bros. Cider before, you're in for a treat!

Please check next week's NewsNote (November 3rd) for details and ordering information.

Thank you for your support of our STREAM program at SME!

SAFETY REQUEST

It has been asked that parents (and buses alike!) refrain from using the one way drive behind the church. Please use our main entry via St. Joseph & N. Aurora streets.

Your appreciation and cooperation for the safety of all of our parents & students is appreciated.



ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

Father Paul invites you to attend Mass & invites your children to dress up as their favorite Saint for Masses on Saturday, October 30th, Sunday October 31, & Monday, November 1st (All Saints Day). Whichever Mass you plan to attend on these dates, please encourage and assist your children to dress as a Saint in honor of All Saints Day. We look forward to worshipping & praying with you!

Mass times are as follows:

Saturday, October 30th: 4:30pm & 7:00pm
Sunday, October 31st: 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00pm
Monday, November 1st - All Saints Day (a Holy Day of Obligation): 7:00pm

FOOTBALL FRENZY

The Football Frenzy information went home on 10/20/21.

Tickets are \$10 each and cash prizes are mailed December 2021-January 2022.

Ticket orders are due by **Friday, November 19th** and will be processed by our chairperson. Please allow 1-2 weeks to receive your tickets.

For more information please contact our

Football Frenzy Chairperson:

Chair: Melissa Mitchell

Email: melissa.mitchell514@gmail.com

Phone: (716) 465-9846



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WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP



ONE WEEKEND LEFT: 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:

- Some vendors are beginning to offer gift cards in lower denominations for the holidays. When we have the full list available, we will share it with you!
- Please plan ahead for your holiday shopping, as UPS is adjusting their delivery schedules. In November, we will post the deadline for Scrip orders to guarantee delivery before Christmas.
- 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%. Questions: scrip@smeschool.com

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!



AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Due to the staff development meeting scheduled for Monday 11/29 there will be no Afterschool Care available this day.

Please be sure to make alternate arrangements for your child. We apologize for the inconvenience.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The 12 Days of Christmas Raffle tickets will come home with the NewsNotes. They are \$30 each, or 3/\$75. All tickets stubs and payment are due by **December 17th**, along with any unsold tickets. Daily cash prizes will be awarded December 25, 2021-January 5, 2022. Winners will be contacted after January 5th. For more information, please contact the chairs: Amanda Barton & Jenny Sparmo at Jennifersparmo@gmail.com, or (716) 713-0719.



CALENDAR CLUB

Sales of the 2022 Calendar Club sponsored by St. Mary of the Assumption Parish & St. Mary's Elementary School are underway, and this year we are running two sets, A & B, so that more people can join in on the fun! See the flier attached to the NewsNotes on October 6th for more information!

As is unfortunately the norm for so many right now, our printer has run into shipping delays. Please rest assured that we are keeping record of all orders and as soon as we have the calendars in hand, we will get them out to you.

Upon receipt of your \$20.00 donation, your name and number will be registered for all daily drawings for the year 2022.

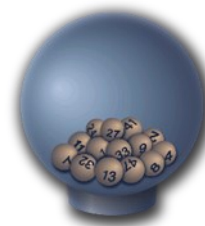
Winning numbers will be determined using a random number generator (000-999) and will be published at the beginning of the following month.

All winnings will be determined by the amount of money indicated on each day of the calendar. \$50.00 is awarded on the first day of each month, with the exception of New Year's Day, when the prize is \$150.00.

Each month has at least two days when the prize is \$50.00 or higher.

All calendars not sold and returned by December 31st, 2021 will become the property of St. Mary's. All winnings are paid at the beginning of the following month.

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



UNIFORM REMINDERS

- No show socks are not allowed
- Shorts are only allowed through the end of this month
- Shirts should be tucked in on all students
- Belts are a part of the dress code

Three non-compliance notices or warnings for dress code violations will automatically generate an after-school detention for that student.

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

PE UNIFORMS

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.

ATHLETICS

As a reminder, please let me know if you are interested in coaching for any of these sports: Volleyball (Boys / Girls), Swim, Cross Country, Basketball (Boys / Girls), Softball, Track & Field, Soccer or Baseball. In addition, let me know what grade(s) you would be able to coach and coordinate for. Although we are still working through the logistics and identifying which sports SME will participate in, we need to ensure we have coaches for our students and teams.

For those that are interested, there are two main items that coaches will need to ensure they have completed: 1.) All coaches and coordinators will need to be current with their VIRTUS trainings and bulletins and 2.) The NYSDOH has recently clarified that since school sports are an extension of the school, that all coaches must be either vaccinated or get weekly COVID testing, just like teachers. The Diocese has informed all Catholic schools they must comply for all sports.

You can contact me at athletics@smeschool.com should you have any interest in coaching or any questions regarding St. Mary's sports program.

Thank you,
Steve DeMarzio; SME Athletic Director

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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).



8TH GRADE INFO

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

https://catholicshwny.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 will be shadowing at any of the local high schools, please email the homeroom teacher and copy Mrs. Kuhn on it. Their daily attendance will reflect that they are shadowing. Please 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



Save the Date: 10/27 Progress Report Upload K-8

Save the Date: 11/1 All Saint's Day Mass & Christian Witness

Save the Date: 11/11 No School

Save the Date: 11/12 10:45 Dismissal & P/T Conferences

Save the Date: 11/29 NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE TODAY

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

Nov, 2021

Student lunches are **\$3.50**, and adult lunches are **\$5**. 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 four alternate choices offered daily; Julienne Salad, Yogurt Parfait, Sunbutter & Jelly, Ham/Cheese Sandwiches. Milk may be purchased ala carte for those bringing a lunch from home for \$0.50. 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. We appreciate your support. Tracy Hadsall & Jenny Fulciniti

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Cheeseburger Tater Tots Baked Beans, Fruit & Milk	2 Chicken Parm w/Pasta Veggies, Fruit & Milk	3 Antipasto Salad Breadstick Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	4 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggie, Fruit & Milk	5 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
8 Chicken Patty on Bun Coleslaw Baked Beans, Fruit & Milk	9 Chili with Beans Corn Muffin Veggie, Fruit & Milk	10 Chicken Souvlaki w/Pita Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	11 Veterans Day God Bless Our Veterans	12 10:45 Dismissal No Lunch Service Today
15 Sloppy Joes Tater Tots Veggie, Fruit & Milk	16 Loaded Baked Potato Veggies Fruit & Milk	17 Taco Salad w/Tortillas Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	18 Turkey Dinner Corn, Mashed Potatoes Fruit & Milk	19 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
22 Breakfast Pizza Roasted Potatoes Veggie Juice, Fruit & Milk	23 Meatball Sub Veggies Fruit & Milk	24 Thanksgiving Recess	25 Thanksgiving Be Grateful for Your Plateful!	26 Thanksgiving Recess
29 Breakfast Sandwich Home fried Potatoes Veggie Juice, Fruit & Milk	30 Sweet-n-Sour Chicken Brown Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk			

Menu subject to change.

Prepayment Guidelines for Student Lunches at St Mary's Elementary

1. The upcoming lunch menu is always posted on the SME Website by the last Wednesday of the month. Once you look over the menu, you may decide to prepay for as many or as few lunches as you wish.
2. A check or cash may be sent with your child/children in an envelope clearly labeled with 'Name, Amount Enclosed, and Number of Lunches Paying For.'
3. The Kitchen will then record how many Prepaid Lunches are available for your student(s), and will be marked accordingly. We will track your account(s) as the lunches are used and the account is depleted.
4. Even if the account balance is at zero, no child will ever go without a lunch. A Notice of Account will be sent via e-mail to indicate that the account needs to be replenished.
5. We also allow for ala carte milk to be prepaid. We will record and track daily milk purchases, just as we do for lunches. Simply send in a clearly marked envelope with your 'Name, Amount Enclosed, and Number of Milk Purchases Paying For.'
6. Any questions regarding the SME Lunch Program, contact us at kitchenmanager@smeschool.com, or 683-2112 extension 119 during school business hours.

Please note our daily offerings and menu options are subject to change. Due to Covid, our menu has become somewhat more fluid, often changing to accommodate supply chain interruptions and shortages. We have had to make several changes as deliveries have not included what was requested at the beginning of the month, when the menu was created. We do not always know when a manufacturer stops production or drops a product from their line because of demand, or lack thereof. Although these substitutions are made after the menu has been created, the daily offerings are still in keeping with the National School Lunch Program, and adhere to all standards set forth. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at kitchenmanager@smeschool.com. Thank you for your support of our school lunch program! We love our Customers and appreciate their patience!