

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Friday, November 12th, are our parent/teacher conferences. They are being offered both virtual and in person. Mrs. Kuhn sent out the link on Monday morning to sign up. If you are attending in person, I ask that you head to child's room for your scheduled time and then head back out of the building. I want to try and keep the number of people who are in the building as low as possible. We will have NJHS students in the halls to help you to find your child's classroom. Temperatures will still be taken, and masks are required while in the building. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Please remember, the conferences are not mandatory. Only sign up for a time if you have concerns with your child and how they are progressing in their classes. We are dismissing at 10:45 am to accommodate the conferences. When signing up please be sure to state either "virtual or in person". If nothing is stated, virtual will be assumed.

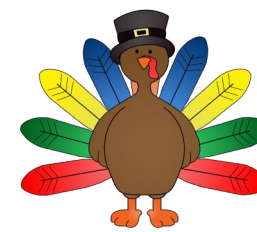
There is no school on Thursday in honor of our country's Veterans.

If you are VIRTUS trained, please be sure that you are current on your monthly bulletins.

There are a few different fundraisers going on right now. Please remember that you do not have to participate in all of them. Only partake in the ones that work for your family. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. ... We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **11/11 - NO SCHOOL:** Veterans Day
- **11/12 - 10:45 Early Dismissal:** P/T Conferences
- **11/18 - Virtual Town Hall** 6:00pm
- **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
- **12/20 - 10:45 Early Dismissal**
- **12/21-12/31 - NO SCHOOL** Christmas Recess
- **1/3 - School Resumes**

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 11/2/21 to 11/8/21, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$973.96**

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

November	Annual Rebate Profit to Date
<u>Sales to Date:</u> \$19,660.00	<u>(3/23-11/8):</u> \$10,231.95

For November, we have \$10,340.00 to go until we reach our monthly sales goal.

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>

FOOTBALL FENZY:

Order forms/info went home 10/20

Orders due Friday 11/19

CALENDAR CLUB:

Order forms went home 10/6

Available until sold out or 12/31/21

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:

Order forms are going home today!

Orders are due by 12/17

Prizes drawn 12/25/2021 - 1/5/2022

STREAM FUNDRAISER: DONUTS & CIDER



QR code for the donut & cider fundraiser order form:



Sale **Began:** 11/3

Sale **Ends:** Friday, November 19th by 10:00am - *Late orders cannot be accepted.*

Benefiting: Our high level of STREAM integration at SME

Our Goal: to raise \$2500! (Just \$40 worth of delicious product per family! These funds are used throughout the year to fund field trips, purchase supplies for STREAM academies, and much more.

Ways to Order:

- * Google link: <https://forms.gle/zarJqyLALzocXhy7>
- * Paper order form sent home 11/3
- * QR Code below

Ways to Pay:

- Credit/Debit Card/bank transfers via DONATE option on the church's website at stmarysonthehill.org. (Choose the STREAM option and please type "STREAM Fundraiser" in the memo area.)
- Cash or Checks (payable to SME School & STREAM in memo)

Payments: Due by the morning of November 19th.

Pick Up: Tuesday, Nov. 23rd from 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM AT THE PARISH CENTER/STUDENT PICK-UP DOORS. (location subject to change). If you're picking up your child from school that afternoon, you can collect your doughnuts & cider at that time.

Thanks for your support and enjoy your yummy treats!!

SME GEAR APPAREL

Delivery Status Update: With the unprecedented supply/shipping delays that the world is experiencing, All Stars Gear is no exception. That being said, they are anticipating receiving all product needed to complete our orders so that we can expect our items by Friday 11/19. We appreciate your understanding.

PARISH PASSAGE

St. Mary of the Assumption is hosting an Altar Server training session on November 20th.

Boys and girls in grade 4 or higher are invited to participate in this important ministry.

For more information please see the flyer & registration form coming home electronically today.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hoag, Director of Faith Formation at becky@stmarysonthehill.org.

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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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP

ThankScriping Day is coming November 18 & 19!! Earn up to 20% with 105+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards. You must have an online account to take advantage of these earnings. You can sign up in the mobile app, **RaiseRight** or at **Shop.ShopWithScrip.com** using our enrollment code (contact the Scrip team for that). Mark your calendar and help support our organization with your holiday shopping list - from the comfort of your home. Watch the ShopWithScrip Facebook page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/ShopWithScrip/>

Scrip sales are filled in the Rectory on Mondays & Wednesday-Friday from 9:00-3:00. 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:

* Please plan ahead for your holiday shopping, as UPS is adjusting their delivery schedules. Please see the flyer with today's NewsNotes for the holiday schedule. **The last order date will be Monday, December 6th.**

* **NEW BRAND:** Doordash eGift cards are now available with a 3% rebate. Find them in the app tonight!

* Purchasing Kohl's GC's online: Select the (SME) option to get the 5% rebate. Otherwise, the rebate is only 4%.

* Tops GC's online: Select **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 paper & online orders so your cards can be securely returned to you.

FOOD DRIVE

On Monday 11/29 we will begin our Jesse Tree Food Drive.

A flyer will be coming home with items requested by day. All items donated will be shared with local food pantries in the Lancaster/Depew area. We appreciate your continued support as we fulfill the mission to serve those less fortunate.

We are very excited to announce that Bishop Mike Fisher will be coming to SME on December 15th to bless all the items donated collected by that point!

HSA

Congratulations to Claudia S in Kindergarten for being our top seller in the Little Caesars fundraiser! Our pre-k 4 class was the highest selling class and earned a treat as well. Thank you to all that supported our sale!

We will be holding our Reindeer Lane Holiday Shop once again this year. We are finalizing the December date but if you would like more information on how to help please contact Jenny Sparmo at jennifersparmo@gmail.com.

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 are now on sale, and went home with the 11/3 NewsNote.

Tickets are \$30 each, or 3/\$75.

This event is replacing our Fall Fest event, and sales of the tickets are paramount to reaching our fundraising goal. All families are asked to sell or purchase at least three tickets each.

Please return your stubs and payment before **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.



NURSE NOTES

Guidelines for Quarantine - NO TEST-OUT OPTION

Thank you all for your patience and understanding with all of the Covid protocols.

A topic of discussion lately has been TTS: TEST TO STAY. At this time, there is **no** test out option to get out of a 10-day quarantine if you are considered a close contact to a positive individual.

The school districts have to follow the guidelines put in place by New York State and the Erie County Department of Health. At this time, the School District does not allow a test out option. If there are any questions regarding this, please give me a call! ~Nurse Tara

The NYSDOH has released the following statement on their website: "The CDC has recommended the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for 5-11 year-olds. Parents and guardians looking to schedule vaccine appointments for children ages 5-11 are encouraged to contact their child's pediatrician, family physician, local county health department, FQHC, or pharmacies that may be administering the vaccine for this age group." Remember, fully-vaccinated individuals who come in close contact with COVID-19 positive individuals will not have to quarantine and can remain in school unless they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. {Quarantines & Contacts (ny.gov) }

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!

Great news! The calendars have been printed and we hope to be able to have current orders filled within the next two weeks. We appreciate your patience.

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



MEGA RAFFLE

The time has come to begin planning for Mega Raffle 2022!

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: me garaffle@smeschool.com



MEETING

We will be hosting a virtual town hall meeting on Thursday, November 18th at 6:00.

We will be accepting questions via google form until tomorrow, Wednesday 11/10:

<https://forms.gle/NsQRhM4GrjfQ2mEL8>

Questions will be organized & prepared to report on the 18th. With this process we will be able to post the Q&A for those unable to attend the zoom meeting.

The zoom invite will be in the 11/17 NewsNote.

8TH GRADE INFO

The 8th grade is sponsoring a Poinsettia & Wreath Sale!

The sale begins today and orders are due Tuesday 11/16.



4.5" \$5.00
6.5" \$7.25
10" \$15.00

Undecorated Wreaths \$22
Decorated Wreaths \$25



There is an order form coming home today and thank you in advance for your support!


UNIFORM REMINDERS

-No show socks are not allowed
-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.

As the cold weather approaches please remember that we will be keeping a window cracked in each of the classrooms. Please be sure your child has a uniform approved sweatshirt or sweater if need be. It is important that all layering clothing is labeled with your child's name in it. We already have a large amount of unlabeled clothing in our lost & found located in the gym.

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>

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 11/11 No School

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

Save the Date: 11/24-26 No School

Save the Date: 11/29 1:00 Early Dismissal - NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE TODAY

Save the Date: 12/20 10:45 Early Dismissal



St. Mary's 8th Grade Christmas Wreath & Poinsettia Plant Sale Fundraiser

Bring a little warmth into your home this Christmas season. The 8th grade students will be selling fresh cut wreaths and locally grown poinsettias from Alden, NY. Proceeds will help fund the 8th grade field trip. Any excess funds will be used toward graduation costs. Thank you for your support!

- 22" Wreath (Undecorated with a red velvet bow) \$22.00
- 22" Wreath (Decorated with pine cones, berries & a bow) \$25.00
- Poinsettia Plants
 - 4 ½" Pot \$5.00
 - 6 ½" Pot \$7.25
 - 10" Pot \$15.00



Plants come in RED, WHITE & PINK

****All ORDERS must be turned in no later than Tuesday, Nov. 16th. Thank you! ****

Orders **MUST** be picked up on **Tuesday, November 30th**, between **12:30-4:00** in the school foyer.
Payment is due at time of order. Please send in CASH or ONE Check for all orders.

(If you are making out one check, please make it payable to St. Mary's Elementary)

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Poinsettia Fundraiser Order Form

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

4 ½" Poinsettia			6 ½" Poinsettia			10" Poinsettia			Undecorated Wreath	Decorated Wreath	Total Paid
\$5.00			\$7.25			\$15.00			\$22.00	\$25.00	
R E D	W H I T E	P I N K	R E D	W H I T E	P I N K	R E D	W H I T E	P I N K	Includes: Red Velvet Bow	Includes: Pinecones, Berries & Red Velvet Bow	

Please return **no later than Monday, November 16th**. ****Return to the School Office****

There are only 3 more order dates before Christmas!!

November 15th, 29th, and December 6th

No order the week of November 22nd



Scrip Gift Card Sales:

Monday-Friday

9:00am-3:00pm



Last day of regular scrip sales for 2021 is December 17th

Merry Christmas



For a limited time, you will be able to order these select gift cards in low denominations and the faculty/staff wish list will soon be available in the Scrip office.

Amazon.com - \$10

Applebee's - \$10

Barnes & Noble - \$5

Cold Stone - \$5

CVS - \$10

Olive Garden (Darden) - \$10

The Home Depot - \$10

IHOP - \$10

Meijer - \$10



Outback - \$10

Panera - \$5

Red Lobster - \$10

Regal - \$10

Safeway - \$10

Starbucks - \$5

Taco Bell - \$5

Target - \$10

Walmart - \$10

