

NEWSNOTE

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 11 NOVEMBER 17, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This Thursday evening will be our virtual town hall meeting at 6:00. The zoom link is contained in this week's NewsNotes. I have taken all the submitted questions and prepared answers. The questions and answers will be posted if you are unable to attend the meeting. If you have any new questions during the meeting, you may post them into the chat and Mrs. Kuhn will grab them. I will answer and post those questions and answers as well.

I wanted to offer some extra information regarding fundraisers. Unless a specific cause is listed, such as the STREAM fundraiser, all funds raised go 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.

Next week, we will only be in school on Monday and Tuesday so that our families can enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Give thanks not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every day of your life. Appreciate and never take for granted all that you have."

-Catherine Pulsifer

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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
- 1/7 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- 1/14 - **10:45 Early Dismissal**
- 1/17 - **NO SCHOOL** - MLK Jr. Day



BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 11/9/21 to 11/15/21, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$455.55**

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>	<u>(3/23-11/14):</u>
\$29,225.00	\$10,703.25

For November, we are only \$775.00 away from 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 FRENZY:

Orders due Friday 11/19

CALENDAR CLUB:

Available until sold out or 12/31/21

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:

Information & tickets went home 11/3
Ticket sales to date: 580
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 Ends: THIS 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/zarJqyLALzosCXhy7>
- * 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 this Saturday, November 20th.

Boys and girls in grade 4 or higher are invited to participate in this important ministry. An informational flyer & registration form was included with the 11/3 NewsNote. This edition is available on the NewsNote tab of our school website.

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

FOOTBALL FRENZY

A last chance copy of the flyer & order form is attached electronically today as orders are due **Friday, November 19th**.

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

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



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

PRINCIPALS DESK	1
BY THE NUMBERS	1
STREAM	1
SME GEAR	1
PARISH PASSAGE	1
FOOTBALL FRENZY	1
SCRIP	2
JESSE TREE	2
HSA	2
AFTERSCHOOL CARE	2
12 DAYS OF X-MAS	2
CALENDAR CLUB	2
UNIFORMS	2
COLD WEATHER	2
SQUARE 1 ART	2
TOWN HALL	2
MEGA RAFFLE	2
8TH GRADE INFO	2
STAY IN THE KNOW	2



ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 St. Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086

Phone: 716-683-2112
Fax: 716-683-2134
www.smeschool.com



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.

HSA

Our Holiday Shoppe will be held on Friday, December 10th. More details will be coming home in the coming NewsNotes. If you are interested in helping 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.



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

Our Virtual Town Hall will be held tomorrow evening at 6:00. Please utilize the following zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4018459395?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4018459395?pwd=MUpXbjZEM0J6NUNlbGNFYQ2c1JnQT09)
pwd=MUpXbjZEM0J6NUNlbGNFYQ2c1JnQT09

Meeting ID: 401 845 9395
Passcode: SME


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>

FROM THE ART ROOM



Square 1 Art flyers were sent home last week.

Artists in PreK3 thru 8th grade have completed a unique design that can be reproduced on a variety of items of your choice.

Don't forget to order cool gifts for that special family member or hard-to-buy-for person. With over 40 unique and useful keepsakes ready to purchase during the Square 1 Art fundraiser, your child's artwork is the perfect gift for any occasion or celebration. Nothing says "you're loved" like "I made this art keepsake just for you!"

It's the final days of the fundraiser, so don't delay.

LAST DAY TO ORDER: 11/18/2021

(sorry-late orders cannot be accepted.)

Use this link to order online and view your child's art artwork:

www.square1art.com/shop

Please email me with any questions or concerns,
PesanyAu@SMESchool.com

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!

8TH GRADE INFO

Thank you to all that supported our Poinsettia & Wreath fundraiser.

Mark your calendars:

Pick up is
Tuesday, November 30th
From 12:30-4:00
at our main door #1.



STAY IN THE KNOW



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

Save the Date: 12/21-12/31 No School, Christmas Recess

Save the Date: 1/14 10:45 Early Dismissal

Jesse Tree Food Drive

THE JESSE TREE, LIKE AN ADVENT CALENDAR, HELPS US PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS. ORNAMENTS ON THE TREE ARE LINKED TO EVENTS OF JESUS'S BIRTH AND ARE PROPHECIES ABOUT HIM IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

SO, IN THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS. THE CALENDAR BELOW SHOWS THE FOOD ITEM WE WILL BE COLLECTING EACH DAY. (WEEKEND DAYS ARE INCLUDED, AS WELL, AND THOSE ITEMS COULD BE BROUGHT IN ON MONDAYS). ANY HELP YOU CAN PROVIDE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

November 29 - cereal

November 30 - margarine

December 1 - jello

December 2 - instant potatoes

December 3 - mac & cheese

December 4 - canned fruit

December 5 - jelly/jam

December 6 - tuna

December 7 - cookies

December 8 - applesauce

December 9 - canned potatoes

December 10 - cranberry sauce

December 11 - canned beans

December 12 - crackers

December 13 - rice

December 14 - oatmeal

December 15 - oil

December 16 - dry milk

December 17 - canned soup

December 18 - animal crackers

December 19 - canned corn

December 20 - graham crackers

December 21 - canned carrots

December 22 - canned peas

THE FOLLOWING "UNUSUAL, NEVER-THOUGHT-OF" ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED TOO: CAN OPENER, SALT AND PEPPER, TEA BAGS, COFFEE, SUGAR, FLOUR, BREAD, CAKE MIX, DISH SOAP. LOW SALT, SUGAR-FREE & GLUTEN-FREE DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AS WELL.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED THAT BISHOP FISHER WILL BE VISITING US ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 15 TO BLESS THE ITEMS WE HAVE COLLECTED THUS FAR.

Your generosity is always appreciated.

Attention all Football Fans!



St. Mary's Elementary School is excited to announce the Football Frenzy Fundraiser!



ST. MARY
OF THE
ASSUMPTION

How does it work?

Membership cards cost \$10.00. Each card has 3 teams for each week which change weekly. No two tickets are the same!

The Football Frenzy runs for the last 5 weeks of the NFL season beginning with the week of December 12th.

If you purchase 2 tickets, you are eligible to go online to receive a 3rd ticket for free. **This is done online ONLY (by December 3rd) once you have received your tickets.**

How do I win?

Each ticket includes all of the team info for the 5 weeks of the Football Frenzy (beginning the week of December 12th).

Prizes are awarded weekly to the ticket holders with the 3 teams that score the most or the least number of points. If there are multiple winners in a week, the weekly prize of up to \$100 is split among the winning tickets. All winners will be posted weekly online and be notified by mail.

All stubs and collected money is due by **November 19th**. Checks should be made payable to **St. Mary's Elementary**.

Return the form below by **November 19th** to order tickets.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Number of tickets _____ Amount Enclosed _____

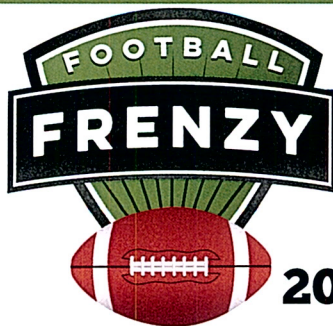
Please select your preferred delivery method:

_____ Mail

_____ Rectory Pick Up

_____ Send with St. Mary's student (child/teacher) _____





ST. MARY'S
ELEMENTARY

2021 Football Frenzy Fundraiser Instructions

- 1. FOOTBALL FRENZY FUNDRAISER:** This fundraiser follows pro football. Membership Card cost is \$10.00, buy 2 get 1 FREE. Purchase of the Membership Card automatically enters you into the Football Frenzy Sweepstakes.
- 2. BUY 2 GET 1 FREE:** By purchasing two membership cards you can go to www.footballsweeps.com/FREE to get a FREE third ticket! Free ticket(s) will be emailed to you (while supplies last, valid until 12/3/21.)
- 3. DATES:** Football Frenzy tickets are valid for the last 5 weeks of the Pro football season. Week #1 is December 12th. Week #2 is December 19th. Week #3 is December 26th, etc.
- 4. TEAMS:** Football Frenzy tickets have 3 teams each week and the 3 teams change weekly. No two tickets have the same 3 teams on any given week. Team codes are listed on the back of the ticket.
- 5. FILL OUT STUB:** Ticket holders must PRINT LEGIBLY their name, address, and telephone number on the stub. Save time--Address labels can be used. Put your name on the bottom line of the stub. You keep the stub and give the Membership Card with attached Football Frenzy ticket to the supporter. A ticket holder can follow along if they wish, but do not have to in order to win.
- 6. COLLECT MONEY & STUBS:** Turn in all stubs with the collected money by **November 19th** (see below). Please make checks payable to: **St Mary's Elementary**
- 7. PRIZES: TOTAL PRIZES will be \$500!** Prizes are awarded weekly to the ticket holders with the 3 teams that score the most or the least number of points. These 3-team totals are called the "Highest 3-Team Totals" and the "Lowest 3-Team Totals." The prizes for these winners are listed on the tickets. A total of \$100 will be paid to the ticket holders with the "Highest" and the "Lowest" 3-Team totals each week. In case of ties, prizes are combined and split. All results are final. *In the unlikely event that any circumstances beyond our control make it impossible to determine winners as stated, an alternate method, the Weather Program, will be used to distribute prizes. Go to www.footballsweeps.com for details.*
- 8. WINNERS:** Winning ticket numbers are posted weekly online and are notified by mail. It makes no difference whether teams win or lose. In case of ties, prizes are combined and split. Winners do not need to claim a prize.
- 9. BYE WEEKS:** The scores from the previous week's game will be used for teams that are not scheduled to play on any given week.
- 10. CHECK RESULTS:** Scores will be posted weekly on Tuesdays, starting Tuesday, December 14th. Go to WWW.FOOTBALLSWEEPS.COM and enter your access code or log in to check results.
- 11. GREEN BEE SAVINGS CLUB:** To take advantage of the Restaurant.com certificate offers, visit www.greenbeesavingsclub.com. Your membership is valid online until 12/31/2021.
- 12. PURCHASE ONLINE:** Purchases can be made online in 4 Easy Steps! Cards will be emailed to you. To receive a free ticket, you need to purchase two cards in one transaction. Deadline to purchase online is December 3, 2021. *Feel free to share the website and our code with your family and friends.*

- 1. Go to www.footballsweeps.com**
- 2. Click Order Tickets Online**
- 3. Enter code **FB21MARY****
- 4. Register or log in**

ORDER TICKETS
ONLINE

SCAN NOW  OR VISIT www.footballsweeps.com

TURN IN ALL STUBS, MONEY, AND UNSOLD TICKETS TO:

THE SCHOOL OFFICE
Questions: Mary Kate DeMarzio • 716-253-7880

REMEMBER: You are responsible for ALL tickets AND money in your possession.
DEADLINE TO HAVE ALL STUBS & MONEY & FORMS TURNED IN: **NOVEMBER 19TH**



12 Days of Christmas Raffle

2021

December 25th – January 5th

Winner drawn every day!*

***Winners will be contacted after January 5th**

\$5k Grand Prize!!!

\$30 per ticket or 3/\$75

Checks made payable to **St. Mary's Elementary**

1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086

Payment due by **Friday, December 17th** to guarantee entry in the drawings.

It's Snowing Prizes!

12/25	12/26	12/27	12/28	12/29	12/30	12/31	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5
\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000

Sponsored by:

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish & St. Mary's Elementary School

