

NewsNote

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Upcoming Events:

- 11/24-26 - No School, Thanksgiving Recess
- 11/29 - 1:00 Ealy Dismissal, No Afterschool Care available today
- 12/3 - Christian Witness Mass 8:30am
- 12/8 Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:30am
- 12/15 - K-8 Report Card Upload
- 12/16 - Visit from Bishop Mike
- 12/20 - 10:45 Early Dismissal
- 12/21-31 - No School, Christmas Recess



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Tuesday!

"For flowers that bloom about our feet, Father, we thank Thee.

For tender grass so fresh, so sweet, Father, we thank Thee.

For the song of bird and hum of bee, for all things fair we hear or see, Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky, Father, we thank Thee.

For pleasant shade of branches high, Father, we thank Thee.

For fragrant air and cooling breeze, for beauty of the blooming trees, Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light, Father, we thank Thee.

For rest and shelter of the night, Father, we thank Thee.

For health and food, for love and friends, for everything Thy goodness sends, Father in heaven, we thank Thee."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Happy Thanksgiving.

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



NURSE NOTES

With the recent availability of the Covid Vaccine for students ages 5+ we would like to keep a record of students who have opted to receive the vaccine.

This information will be utilized in house only to establish if quarantining is necessary should a situation arise.

We are in no way advising/requesting that our students receive the vaccine.

If your child has received or will be receiving the vaccine we ask that you please send a quick email to the nurse with this information.

nurse@smeschool.com

SCRIP:

From 11/16/21 to 11/22/21, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$1,295.16

November Sales to Date:

\$61,800.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date 3/23 -11/22/21:

\$12,044.26

For November, we have already surpassed our monthly sales goal by \$31,800!

There are just 2 order dates to ensure Christmas delivery!

CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.

Initial Order: (\$7200.00)

First Deposit: \$1782.00

(Deficit)/Profit: (\$5418.00)

Order Anytime:

<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

Just 200 boxes were ordered.

As per the tuition policy each family is asked to sell 1 box of chocolate.

Weigh down a gift card with a chocolate bar!

FOOTBALL FRENZY:

First Games set for 12/12!

CALENDAR CLUB:

Calendars have arrived and will begin distribution next week!

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

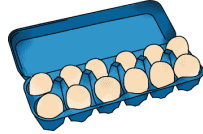
Prizes drawn 12/25/2021 - 1/5/2022

FROM THE ART ROOM

Attention Holiday bakers...

Please save your *styrofoam egg cartons* for the SME Art Room. Must be Styrofoam... artists use these for mixing paints and individual storage of small art materials-like oil pastels and crayons.

Thanks in advance.



FOOTBALL FRENZY

Thank you to everyone who partook in this new fundraiser!

The first set of games to earn prizes takes place Dec. 12th, then each week through Jan. 9th.

Winning ticket numbers are posted weekly online and winners are notified by mail. The results can be checked at www.footballsweeps.com, where you can enter the access code from your ticket.

For more information, please contact the chairperson, Melissa Mitchell at: melissa.mitchell514@gmail.com or (716) 465-9846.



CALENDAR CLUB

Sales of the 2022 Calendar Club sponsored by St. Mary of the Assumption Parish & St. Mary's Elementary School are going strong, and we still have plenty available for anyone who wants to get in on the fun! These make great Christmas gifts as well! See the flier attached to the NewsNotes on October 6th for more information!

Great news! The calendars were received by our chairperson on November 2nd, and all orders that were received by November 8th are expected to be delivered by December 1st. Going forward, we expect to be able to fulfill orders within a week of receiving them. We truly appreciate your patience.

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

WINTER CLOSURES

As indicated in the ABC's of SME:

In the event of inclement weather SME follows the closings of Lancaster Central School District. We will also post on all three local news stations as St. Mary's Elementary School. A school wide email and alert system will also be engaged.



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



The 12 Days of Christmas Raffle tickets sales are going great, with over 900 tickets sold as of 11/23/21!

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.***

If you need additional tickets to sell, you may stop by the Rectory or reach out to the chairs to have more sent home with your child. Tickets will also be available at the Parish Gift Card Sale at the Rectory on Sunday, December 5th from 8:00-2:00.

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.

PARISH PASSAGE

Advent is quickly approaching! Your children are invited to sign-up to hang Jesse Tree Ornaments on the Jesse Tree in the church during Masses throughout Advent. Use the following link to sign your children up to participate in this wonderful St. Mary's tradition. There is no better place to prepare your children for the celebration of Jesus' birth than praying & worshipping together at Mass. O, Come Emmanuel! We hope to see you at Mass!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8A72EA4F9C52-advent>

Click here to learn about the Jess Tree Advent Tradition [The Tradition of the Jesse Tree - WhyChristmas.com](http://TheTraditionoftheJesseTree-WhyChristmas.com)

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

Dec, 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
29 Breakfast Sandwich Home fried Potatoes Veggie Juice, Fruit & Milk	30 Sweet-n-Sour Chicken Brown Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk	1 Chicken Caesar Salad Breadstick Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	2 Nachos Grande Bean Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk	3 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
6 French Toast Stix Egg Patty Veggies, Fruit & Milk	7 Ramen Incredi-Bowl (Broth, Ramen & Veggies) Fruit & Milk	8 Buffalo Chicken Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	9 Mexi Incredi-Bowl Brown Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk	10 Mozzarella Sticks With Marinara Sauce Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
13 Breakfast Pizza Potatoes Veggie, Fruit & Milk	14 Chicken Dinner Mashed Potatoes Veggie, Fruit & Milk	15 Antipasto Salad w/Breadstick Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	16 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggies, Fruit & Milk	17 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
20 10:45 Dismissal Happy Holidays to Our SME Students, Staff & Their Families!	21 Happy Holidays	22 Happy Holidays	23 Happy Holidays	24 Merry Christmas To You and Yours!
27 Happy Holiday	28 Happy Holidays	29 Happy Holidays	30 Happy Holidays	31 Happy New Year!

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!