

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Next Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our parent/teacher conferences. We will be dismissing at 10:45 am to accommodate the conferences. This year you will be given the option of a zoom conference or an in-person conference. The link to sign up for a conference will be out shortly. Be sure to mark whether you will be choosing a virtual or in person conference. Please only sign up if you have concerns and would like to meet with your child's teacher.

There is no school on Thursday, November 11th in honor of our country's Veterans. May God bless all the men and women who have served and who continue to serve.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



## SET

SME's School Effectiveness Team is looking for new members. If you are interested in finding out more about this committee please see the form attached electronically today.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

From 10/26/21 to 11/1/21, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$683.86**

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>(3/23-11/1):</u>
\$33,712.00	\$9,253.64

For October, we surpassed our goal by \$3,712.00!

### 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



QR code for the donut & cider fundraiser order form:



## STREAM FUNDRAISER: DONUTS & CIDER

From Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, SME will be holding a Doughnut and Cider sale to raise funds to benefit our high level of STREAM integration at SME. Our goal is to raise \$2500! To reach our goal, each family needs to purchase only \$40 worth of product. These funds are used throughout the year to fund field trips, purchase supplies for STREAM academies, and much more.

ALL ORDERS & PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH at 10:00am.

Orders can be placed "on paper" using the order form included with this issue of NewsNote or online via Google Forms using either the QR code or this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfw1nlS\\_X2mw2xnvRYRY4lBzC2Luvny0arY1CjuNNF-CPZnPlg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfw1nlS_X2mw2xnvRYRY4lBzC2Luvny0arY1CjuNNF-CPZnPlg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The Google Form will go "live" on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Credit/Debit Card payments or bank transfers are accepted via the DONATE option on the church's website at [stmarysonthehill.org](http://stmarysonthehill.org). (Choose the STREAM option and please type "STREAM Fundraiser" in the memo area.

Please make checks payable to SME SCHOOL. Write 'STREAM Fundraiser' in the memo of the check and mail (2 St. Mary's Hill Lancaster, NY 14086), drop off, or send it with your child to school by November 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hunter will also be happy to take your order form/check in the morning student drop off line. Payments need to be received by the morning of November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The doughnuts are from FAMOUS DOUGHNUTS founded by the Roehm family in 1938 and presently located at 3043 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14214. Their doughnuts are delicious! The cider is from Mayer Bros. Cider Mill and we all know that that is also delicious!

### DOUGHNUT OPTIONS:

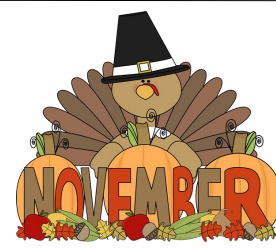
1 dozen Ring Glazed	\$13.00 ea.
1 dozen Frosted Jelly	\$16.00 ea.
1 doz. Frosted Round Cream Filled	\$16.00 ea.
1 doz. Chocolate Glazed Fry Cakes	\$16.00 ea.
1 dozen Assorted (3 of each variety)	\$16.00 ea.
*3 Jelly, 3 Cream Filled, 3 Chocolate Glazed Fry Cakes, & 3 Ring Glazed	

### CIDER OPTIONS:

1 Gallon of Cider	\$6.00
1 Half Gallon of Cider	\$4.50

DOUGHNUT & CIDER PICK-UP WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 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!!



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/11 - NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day
- 11/12 - 10:45 Early Dismissal: P/T Conferences
- 11/18 - Virtual Town Hall
- 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

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## 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:melissa.mitchell514@gmail.com)  
Phone: (716) 465-9846





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UPON THIS HILL,  
WE DO GOD'S WILL



## SCRIP

For a limited-time, some vendors are offering \$5 and \$10 gift cards!  
Order early, before they run out!

Amazon.com - \$10	Outback - \$10	Panera - \$10
Applebee's - \$10	Barnes & Noble - \$5	Red Lobster - \$10
Cold Stone - \$5	Regal - \$10	CVS - \$10
Safeway - \$10	Olive Garden (Darden) - \$10	Starbucks - \$5
The Home Depot - \$10	Taco Bell - \$5	IHOP - \$10
Target - \$10	Meijer - \$10	Walmart - \$10

### Gift card updates:

- NEW BRAND: Doordash eGift cards are now available with a 3% rebate. Find them in the app tonight!
- Please plan ahead for your holiday shopping, as UPS is adjusting their delivery schedules. Watch for updates, as we soon 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%.

If you have any questions, please email us at [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com).  
Thank you for your support of the Scrip program!

## SPORTS REPORT: CROSS COUNTRY

The SME Cross Country team finished their season this past Monday (11/1) at the Diocesan Championship meet with several high-lights!

For the girls, both of the SME runners, Samantha A. and Sophia O. finished the race by taking a full minute off of their previous best times!

On the boys' side, Chris G. earned all Catholic honors with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the championship meet!

In addition, the boys team took third place in the season standings and have a plaque to present to the school!

In its entirety, the Cross Country team members are Chris G., Christopher B., Jack L., Corey B., Matthew A., Samantha A. and Sophia O.!



Congratulations  
to all  
on a great season!

## 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 are coming home with the NewsNote today.

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 17<sup>th</sup>**, along with any unsold tickets. Daily cash prizes will be awarded December 25, 2021-January 5, 2022. Winners will be contacted after January 5<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please contact the chairs: Amanda Barton & Jenny Sparmo at [Jennifersparmo@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifersparmo@gmail.com), or (716) 713-0719.



## RED RIBBON WEEK

SME Middle School students designed posters for Red Ribbon Week. Students completed sketches and selected the best idea for their final poster. Final posters needed to include the slogan "Drug Free, Looks Like Me". MS Artists used simple imagery with a positive message, large bold lettering and filled the paper-leaving minimal white space.

SME faculty and staff judged the anonymous posters, selecting their top 3 posters from each grade level. Posters with the highest percentage of votes received 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each grade level. Winners were awarded with certificates of achievement and dress down passes to be used in November.

Congratulations to ALL Middle School Students,  
you each did an amazing job.

6th GRADE WINNERS	7th GRADE WINNERS	8th GRADE WINNERS
1st - Emersyn K.	1st - Emma P.	1st Gabby D.
2nd- Samantha R.	2nd - Ethan T.	2nd - Samantha A.
3rd - Sophia O.	3rd - Tara P.	3rd - Veronika S.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:jesskulpit@gmail.com)



## MEETING

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

We will be accepting questions via google form until next 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

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/](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 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.


## 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](mailto: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

To: All St. Mary's Elementary Families

From: Tara Salge RN, BSN nurse@smeschool.com 716-683-2112 ext 128

Date: November 2021

## Peanut and Tree Nut Free Snacks

**The Halloween treats were amazing, and it was so kind of you to bring them in...thank you!**

Please remember that St. Mary's Elementary school has a strict policy regarding snacks and treats in the classroom. For the safety of all students here, all snacks and treats, which will be eaten in the classroom, brought in from home, must be **PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE**. Please be aware of advisory labels stating that a food item that "may have been manufactured in a facility that may contain peanuts/tree nuts" are also not safe.

We have numerous students here with severe life-threatening allergies-please do your part to help keep them safe. I understand that checking food labels or finding a certain treat may be difficult and time consuming, but this is what a parent/guardian of a food allergic child does numerous times throughout the day. Food labels are constantly changing; a once safe item may not be now...please check the label every time. We want all students here to feel safe and have fun during class parties. Please remember there are other ways to celebrate birthdays and holidays with non-food options.

All treats brought in for parties must be checked prior to entering the classroom. **If you are going to be sending in individual treat bags, please send me a picture, through email, of the bag the candy came in or send the original bag in with your child.** This helps make the checking process quicker! Please remind your child to stop in the main office with their food item before going to the classroom in the morning.

Thank you for your understanding in this very important safety policy. As always, please contact me with any concerns!



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**S T. M A R Y**  
**O F T H E**  
**A S S U M P T I O N**

**Altar Server Registration/Permission Form**  
**4th Grade and up for new and current servers**

**\*To be filled out by parent(s) only**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Altar Server \_\_\_\_\_ New Altar Server \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Current servers of St. Mary's church do not need to attend training unless it's been a long time since they last served and they could use a refresher. If a student is a server at a parish other than St. Mary's, they need to attend the training to learn how altar serving happens here at St. Mary's.*

**(Print) Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Print) Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade for 2021/2022 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please rank #1, #2 and #3 top preferences for weekend Masses you wish to serve.*

SME School Masses \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday: 4:30pm \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday: 8:00am \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00am \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

Additional instructions or request made by parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to serve during Holy Day Liturgies? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you interested in serving Wedding and Funeral Masses? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*If yes, you will be contacted for further training by email.*

**Parent's Permission:** My child, listed above, has my permission to be an altar server at St. Mary of the Assumption R.C. Church and/or St. Mary's Elementary School. My child and I understand that this commitment entails serving at all assigned Masses, attending a training session, and following all the rules and regulations for altar servers at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the Faith Formation Office or SME by Wednesday, November 17, 2021.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021 11:00 AM IN THE CHURCH. A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST ATTEND WITH THE STUDENT.**



**ST. MARY  
OF THE  
ASSUMPTION**

**Altar  
Server  
Training**

**November 20, 2021  
11:00 am**



**What does an altar server do?**

- Assists the priest and deacon
- Prepares the altar
- Lights candles
- Handles the special items used during the Mass

**Why be an altar server?**

*Some of the reasons are silly...*

- You don't have to sit with your parents at Mass
- You'll get a front row seat
- You'll look really cool in that white robe

*But seriously and more importantly...*

- You will make a difference by performing an important ministry
- You will become a leader in our parish and/or school
- You will learn more about the Mass and it will mean more to you
- It can lead to a deeper relationship with God

**Plan to attend the initial training session!**

**Saturday, November 20, 2021 11:00 am in the church**

**A parent/guardian must attend with the student.**

Boys and girls 4th grade & older (*must have received their First Communion*) are invited to sign up by completing the attached registration form. Return the completed form to the Faith Formation Office by 11/17/21.

- Becky Hoag, Director of Faith Formation

[becky@stmarysonthehill.org](mailto:becky@stmarysonthehill.org)



School  
Effectiveness  
Team

**St. Mary's Elementary School  
SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS TEAM**

Are you interested in being a member of a team that strives to improve the quality of education for all of St. Mary's Elementary Students? The SET Team of St. Mary's is currently looking for parent volunteer(s) who would help be the "parent voice" for your child's grade level within this group. We work closely with administration and teachers to strive for the best for our school. The SET committee meets monthly on the first Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 PM (currently by ZOOM)

**What exactly is the SET committee?**

Established in 1998 in response to parental concerns; SET works to gather information in order to identify strengths, and areas of improvement regarding the twelve characteristics of an effective school. SET acts as an avenue of communication for suggestions, ideas, and concerns raised by parents, faculty, staff and students. School Effectiveness Team members skillfully blend diverse experiences and viewpoints into wise, effective decisions for St. Mary's Elementary School.

Thank you!

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We are accepting one new member on a first come basis. **Please detach this form and return it to your child's teacher by December 1, 2021 if you are interested.**

I would be interested in participating as a member of the SET committee for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s Name(s) and age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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