

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

I hope that everybody got their fill of turkey this past week! Following the holiday get togethers, there is a greater chance for people to have come into contact with somebody that has tested positive for COVID. If your child is showing any symptoms, please keep them home so that we can try and contain any further spread. If you have any questions regarding COVID protocols if your child is sick, please contact our nurse, Tara.

This Friday is our Christian Witness Mass.



To show our support of the Buffalo Bills for their Monday Night Football Game, we will have a Bills dress down day on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/3 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 12/6 - Bills Dress Down Day
- 12/8 - Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:30
- 12/15 - Report Card Upload, Gr K-8
- 12/20 - 10:45 Early Dismissal, **No After-school Care**
- 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, No Afterschool Care
- 1/17 - **NO SCHOOL** - MLK Jr. Day
- 1/30 - Catholic Schools Week Begins



## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

From 11/23/21 to 11/29/21, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$1,290.41  
Collectively, St. Mary's aims to sell \$30,000 in Scrip each month, with a monthly rebate goal of \$1,500.

November Sales to Date: \$86,952.00  
Annual Rebate Profit to Date (3/23-11/29): \$13,346.07

For November, we surpassed our monthly sales goal by \$56,952!

### CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.  
Initial Order: \$7200.00  
(Deficit)/Profit: \$5418.00  
Next Deposit: 12/1  
Order Anytime:  
<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

### FOOTBALL FRENZY:

First Game is December 12th! Good Luck!

### 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

## POLAR PALS GIFT SHOP

We are pleased to continue our tradition of hosting a holiday shoppe for our students to come and shop for loved ones. Polar Pals Gift Shop program provides our students with an opportunity to make real life shopping decisions... plus they learn that giving is as important as receiving. Our shoppe will be open Friday, December 10th and includes gift wrapping! Most of the items are in the \$1 - \$5 price range. Our team of pals will be there to assist our youngest shoppers navigate through our gift shop.

Our Chair, Jenny Sparmo, is still looking for 1-2 more volunteers to help during the day &/or on Thursday evening when the shop is set up. If you are able to assist in any way please contact her directly at: [Jennifersparmo@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifersparmo@gmail.com) or (716) 713-0719.

Budget envelopes will be coming home next week for you & your child(ren) to make that list & check it twice!

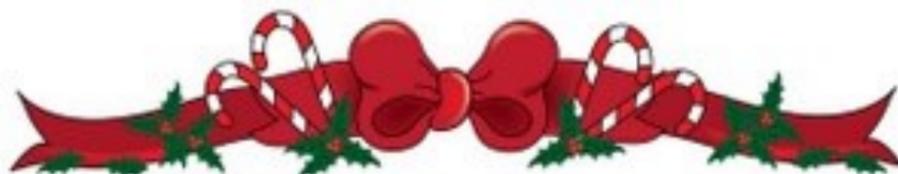


### Donations welcome:

- scotch tape
- gift tags
- small gift bags
- medium gift bags
- bows

Items can be brought in anytime and left in the school office.

*The Polar Pals Gift Shop is a cash only shop.*



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## JESSE TREE

Thank you to all the families actively participating in our Jesse Tree Food Drive. So far this week we have collected cereal, margarine & jello. The week rounds out with instant potatoes, mac & cheese and canned fruit.

### Did you know...

If each student brings just one item per day we will collect 250 of each item! Think of all the families we will be able to reach and help this holiday season! Of course, donations of more than one item are always appreciated!

We are beyond excited to have Bishop Mike come and bless all the items we collect before we donate them to our local food pantries.

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| 5th jelly/jam        | 16th dry milk        |
| 6th tuna             | 17th canned soup     |
| 7th cookies          | 18th animal crackers |
| 8th applesauce       | 19th canned corn     |
| 9th canned potatoes  | 20th graham crackers |
| 10th cranberry sauce | 21st canned carrots  |
| 11th canned beans    | 22nd canned peas     |
| 12th crackers        |                      |
| 13th rice            |                      |
| 14th oatmeal         |                      |
| 15th oil             |                      |

### Upcoming:





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UPON THIS HILL,  
WE DO GOD'S WILL



## SCRIP

All Scrip sales are in the Rectory on Mondays, Wednesdays-Fridays 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](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com)

Gift card updates:

- Please plan ahead for your holiday shopping, as UPS is adjusting their delivery schedules. **The last order date will be Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.**
- Delta Sonic Oil Change gift certificates are no longer available.
- Dairy Queen Gift cards are temporarily unavailable until further notice.
- **NEW BRAND:** Big Lots gift cards (\$25 & \$100) are now available with a 3% rebate.

- Doordash eGift cards are now available with a 3% rebate. Find them in the app tonight!
- We currently have 6 - \$25 Focus Brand gift cards in stock. These can be used at McAlister's, Carvel, Moe's, Auntie Anne's, Jamba, Cinnabon, and Schlotzsky's.
- 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%.

*Thank you for your support of the Scrip program!*

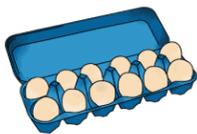
*\*Please remember to send in your brown Scrip envelope with your order. If you order online, please send your envelope in for us to return your order to you. Thank you!*

## PARISH PASSAGE

There is still availability for your child(ren) to participate in presenting the ornaments for our Jesse Tree during our weekend masses!

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

## FROM THE ART ROOM



Collection of Styrofoam egg cartons is year round at SME and we appreciate the donations!

## 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 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.



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> for more information!

Backordered calendars have been going home daily. Please be sure to check backpacks each day if you are still awaiting yours!

For more information, please contact Jessica Kulpit at [jesskulpit@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:me garaffle@smeschool.com)

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Please do not forget to send in an excuse note for any missed days of school for your child(ren). Absences without excuses will result in a code of 'no note submitted' and is an illegal absence. If you do not recall a specific date of absence please feel free to reach out to your teacher or Mrs. Kuhn and we can get that information to you.

## WINTER CLOSURES

In the event of the success of flushed ice cubes, inside out & backwards pajamas, shaking snow globes and other such traditions work you will know with:

- An email from Mrs. Kwitowski
- A school wide alert notification
- Good old fashion alphabetical scroll on the local news stations

Please keep in mind...

- If Lancaster Central is closed, so are we
- If only select buildings within Lancaster Central close, that does not mean that we are!
- We will be listed as St. Mary's Elementary School



## 8TH GRADE INFO

1st Semester report cards will be forwarded onto catholic high schools (listed/checked off on your confirmation email received following your completion of the online catholic high school application) following the upload on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 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:** 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

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