

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

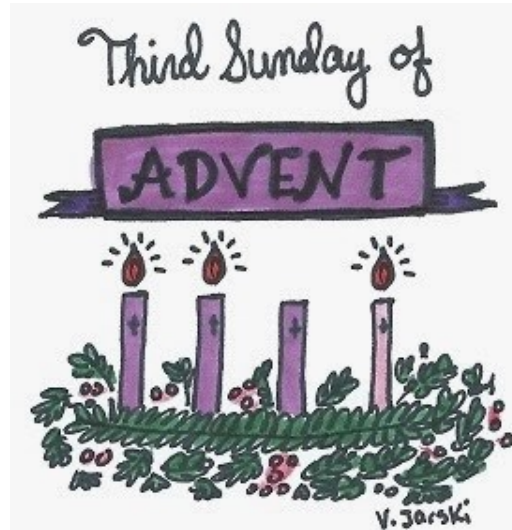
Happy Wednesday!

On Monday morning, we will live stream our re-enactment of the Living Nativity. Please tune in to view.

Best wishes for a blessed and joyous holiday season!!
See you on January 3, 2022.

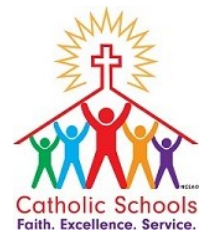
Merry Christmas!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/15 - Report Card Upload, Gr K-8
- 12/16 - Bishop Mike's Visit
- 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



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EARLY DISMISSAL TRANSPORTATION

As a reminder there is no early dismissal bus transportation for the following districts:

Akron, Alden & Cheektowaga

Please be sure that someone is here to pick up your child(ren) for our 10:45 early release on Monday.

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 12/7/21 to 12/13/21, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$580.12
Collectively, St. Mary's aims to sell \$30,000 in Scrip each month, with a monthly rebate goal of \$1,500.

December Sales to Date: \$43,445.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date (3/23-12/13): \$16,418.73

For December, we surpassed our monthly sales goal by \$13,445!

CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.
Initial Order: \$7200.00
(Deficit)/Profit: (\$4650.00)

Order Anytime:

<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

CALENDAR CLUB:

Available until sold out or 12/31/21

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:

Information & tickets went home 11/3
Ticket sales to date: 1,300
Last day to order is 12/17
Prizes drawn 12/25/2021 - 1/5/2022

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST. MARY'S

We invite you to pray with us here at St. Mary's Church Masses! This is a wonderful way to help prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus.

Mass times are as follows: Saturdays: 4:30pm & 7:00pm & Sundays: 8am, 10am, and 12pm.



Christmas Eve Masses Friday, December 24th:

4 p.m. (Church); 4 p.m. (School);
6 p.m. (Church); & Midnight (Church) *Caroling will precede Midnight Mass, beginning at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses Saturday, December 25th:

8 a.m.; 10 a.m. & Noon (Church)

New Year's Eve Mass: Friday, December 31st, 4:30 p.m. (Church)

New Year's Day Masses: Saturday, January 1st, 8 a.m. & Noon (Church)



LIVING NATIVITY

Join us virtually for our Living Nativity:

www.stmarysonthehill.com

Click the live stream tab at the top of the page & you can view via YouTube or Facebook.



JESSE TREE

As of Friday 12/10 we have collected 1455 items.

This week rounds out with dry milk, canned soup, animal crackers.

Monday we are accepting canned corn, graham crackers, canned carrots & canned peas to finish up our collection. Our staff will be taking all the donations to the local pantries in our area following our early dismissal on 12/20.

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.

Upcoming:

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| 16th dry milk | 19th canned corn |
| 17th canned soup | 20th graham crackers |
| 18th animal crackers | 21st canned carrots |
| | 22nd canned peas |





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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

Gift card updates:

- Delta Sonic Oil Change gift certificates are no longer available
- Dairy Queen gift cards are back in stock
- Sunoco & Gift Card Wrappers are unavailable until further notice
- 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!*

Insider tip... The best way to weigh down a gift card is with a Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar!! Need a few, need a box? Contact Mrs. Kuhn!

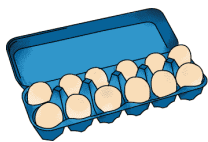


POLAR PALS

A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Sparmo and her Pals for running the gift shop for our students last Friday.

We were happy to be able to continue the tradition of this FUN-raiser hosted by the HSA.

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 going great with 1,300 tickets sold as of 12/13!

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.

Additional tickets are available in the rectory or by contacting our chairs.

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 NewsNote on October 6th for more information!

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: megaraffle@smeschool.com.



Thank you to those that have already reached out to help. We will be in touch soon with more details!

FOOTBALL FRENZY

Thank you to everyone who partook in this new fundraiser! The first set of games to earn prizes were on Dec. 12th, and the winnings continue 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.



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>

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



NURSE NOTES

If your child is exhibiting any of the symptoms listed below, they will need a negative Covid test to return to school or a note from their provider stating otherwise.

These are guidelines set by the Department of Health.

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| *Fever and/or chills (100 or higher) | *New loss of taste or smell |
| *Cough | *Sore throat |
| *Nausea or vomiting | *Fatigue |
| *Congestion/runny nose | *Diarrhea |
| *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | |
| *Muscle/Body aches | *Headache |

Thank you again for all of your understanding and patience during this time!

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 15th.

STAY IN THE KNOW



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

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

Jan, 2022

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
3 Meatball Sub w/Cheese Romaine Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk	4 Loaded Baked Potato Broccoli Veggie, Fruit & Milk	5 Chicken Souvlaki Salad Pita Bread Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	6 Nachos Grande Bean Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk	7 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Mixed Veggies Fruit & Milk
10 French Toast Sticks Roasted Potatoes Sausage, Fruit & Milk	11 Sweet-n-Sour Chicken Brown Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk	12 Chicken Caesar Salad Breadstick Veggies, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	13 Taco Pizza Bean Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk	14 10:45 Early Dismissal
17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance	18 Italiano Incredi-Bowl Cannelini Beans Veggies, Fruit & Milk	19 Buffalo Chicken Salad WG Muffin Veggies, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	20 Sloppy Joes Tater Tots Veggie, Fruit & Milk	21 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
24 Breakfast Pizza Potatoes Veggie, Fruit & Milk	25 Chicken Incredi-Bowl Mashed Potatoes Veggie, Fruit & Milk	26 Cobb Salad Garlic Bread Veggies, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	27 Taco-in-a-Bag Baked Beans Veggie, Fruit & Milk	28 Baked Pasta w/Meatballs Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
31 Cheeseburger on Bun Tater Tots Veggie, Fruit & Milk				

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!



Registration for Lancaster-Depew Baseball opens Jan. 1!

Register online at www.Lancaster-DepewBaseball.com

Walk-up registration will be held 8-11 a.m. Sunday Jan. 9 and Saturday, Jan. 22 at the LDB indoor facility, 175 Pavement Road, Lancaster



Lancaster Depew Baseball offers:

- A 12-game regular season for all age groups with playoffs starting at Pitching Machine (7 years) Division. All T-ball and IPM (ages 4-6) players receive a trophy in lieu of playoffs.
- All athletes receive a MLB jersey and cap, as well as indoor and outdoor practices.
- Access to our 16,000-square-foot indoor facility (turf field, batting cages, instructional sessions).

www.Lancaster-DepewBaseball.org