

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

During Catholic Schools Week, Erie County Legislator Frank Todaro, representing Lancaster, Depew, Bowmansville, Alden, and Cheektowaga, came out to SME. Our students made Valentine's Day cards for Veterans. Legislator Todaro picked them up to deliver them. He surprised us by recognizing CSW and presenting us with a proclamation. He stated that "there are many outstanding Catholic schools in Erie County, including St. Mary's Elementary right here in the heart of Lancaster." Please take a moment to check out Legislator Todaro's Facebook post. Thank you, Legislator Todaro, for this proclamation!!

Re-registration packets have come home. We hope to see all our current students returning for the 22/23 school year. Be sure to get your packets back as soon as you can. Many school decisions are made based off enrollment. We have also had a great deal of interest in the school. Classes will fill up quickly.

This Friday will be our Christian Witness Mass (PPD from 2/4/22).

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

PE ONLINE STORE

Our PE online store is open once again for this school year.

The store will be open until Monday 2/28. Orders now have the option of direct shipping (pay S&H) or delivery to the school (free).

Please note the following items are out of stock and unavailable:

- Youth open bottom sweatpants
- Youth wind pants
- Adult wind pants in size small only

Navigation Notes:

- Items are listed in two headers on the main page: Youth & Adult
- To ensure you stay in the sizing you are looking for it is best to click on 'Home' rather than 'All Products' after clicking on an item
- PLEASE ensure you are reading the item descriptions before ordering. Orders of an incorrect size (Adult vs. Youth or vice versa) are non-refundable/non-returnable

<http://sm-gym.allstarsgear.com/>

The next store will open in July for your 2022-2023 shopping.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/9 - Spring Photo Day, Pre-K 3-8
- 2/11 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- 2/14 - \$1 Dress Down
- 2/21-2/25 - NO SCHOOL: Mid-Winter Recess
- 2/28 - PE & Fowlers Chocolate online stores close
- 3/2 - Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:30. Lent Begins
- 3/11 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 3/18 - 10:45 Early Dismissal, Staff PD

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 2/1 - 2/7/22 the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$166.81.

Collectively, St. Mary's aims to sell \$30,000 in Scrip each month, with a monthly rebate goal of \$1,500.

February Sales to Date: \$3,830.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date
(3/23-2/7/22): \$18,172.41

CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.

Initial Order: \$7200.00
(Deficit)/Profit: (\$3254.00)

Order Anytime:

<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

Unless a specific cause is listed, such as STREAM fundraiser, all funds raised goes 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.

DRESS DOWN FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES



On Monday, February 14th
with a \$1 donation to Catholic Charities
we encourage everyone to dress in RED!



WE LOVE SME!



OPEN HOUSE - THANK YOU!

Thank you to those families that shared our open house information!

Registration is now officially open to all, so keep sharing the word that SME is the place to be!

NURSE NOTES

Vision and Hearing screenings will be conducted during school throughout the month of March. If your child needs a referral, you will be notified through a notice sent home with your child. Please forward any results from those referrals to the Health Office as soon as possible.

Scoliosis screenings will also be conducted for girls in Grades 5 & 7, per NY State guidelines.

BISON FUND

Committed to its mission of making quality education accessible to all, the Bison Fund average scholarship award will be between \$1,500 and a maximum award of \$2,500 for the 2022-2023 school year.

As we welcome 2022, Bison Fund is currently accepting K-8 pre-applications for funding for the 2022-2023 school year. New families must complete a pre-application form electronically (online) on the Bison Fund website at bisonfund.com. **The new family deadline is February 28, 2022.** Preference is NOT given to early applications, however applicants must apply by February 28th to be considered for the lottery. New families applying after the February 28, 2022 deadline will be placed on a waitlist.

All applicants will be notified of lottery results by email on March 1, 2022. If you're not chosen in the lottery, you can always reapply for the next school year.

Current families do not need to fill out a pre-application and will be emailed a link to complete the requalification process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy McDonald, program director at 716-854-0869 ext. 1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.



BISON
CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Giving Parents a Choice • Giving Children a Chance



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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP

Great news! Beginning with the first quarter of the 2022/2023 school year, the tuition rebate credit will be split 80/20 as opposed to the 50/50 split that occurred this year. Now, you will be able to save even more on your tuition!

Time is ticking but gift cards are still available to buy those Valentine's Day gifts!

Need something sweet for someone special? Why not purchase a Fowler's gift card from Scrip? You'll get a 40% rebate back on your tuition as well!

Updates:

- Sunoco & Gift Card Wrappers are temporarily unavailable
- Kohls: Online ordering use (SME) option to get 5%.
- Tops: Online ordering use (Tops Markets) option to get the 5.5%

Hours:

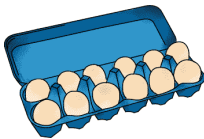
- Monday - Friday 9:00 - 3:00 in the Rectory
- To ensure timely receipt, orders must be submitted (paper & online) by 10:00am Monday.

For a complete list of participating retailers visit the shop with scrip website: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/Browse>

If you have any questions, please email us at scrip@smeschool.com. We are here for you!



FROM THE ART ROOM



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

CALENDAR CLUB

Prizes will be paid the first week of each month for the previous month (the first round of winners will receive their checks the first week of February for January).

January winners have been posted here: <https://www.smeschool.com/documents/2021-2022/Calendars/Lotto%20Cal%20Winners/Jan%202022%20Winners.pdf>

If you have any questions about this fundraiser, you can reach Joe Magiera at : calendarclub@smeschool.com or (716) 253-7880.

KITCHEN NEWS

Due to the increase in cost of goods, the following price adjustments will go into effect February 1st:

- Rice Krispy Treats - \$0.75
- Ice Cream Treats - \$0.75
- Potato Chips, Doritos, Sun Chips, Popcorn - \$0.50.

HELP WANTED

Who: The rectory is in need of a part time cleaning person.
What: Cleaning of the rectory offices and 1st floor conference rooms
When: Approximately 3 to 4 hours a week, 1 day a week.
How to Apply: Contact Heather: heather@stmarysonthehill.org

SCHOOLSTORE.COM

Thank you to those families who have spread the word about our SchoolStore fundraiser. Participation prizes are being distributed daily.

As always, we understand that not every fundraiser works for every family. Your support is appreciated throughout our fundraising efforts.

Thank you for your continued support of the St Mary's Elementary School Lunch Program.

If you have questions at any time, please feel free to contact our kitchen team at:
kitchenmanager@smeschool.com

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle is our largest fundraiser, and so extremely vital to the financial success of St. Mary's.



As stated in the registration packet, fundraising participation is expected of each family, including the responsibility to sell or purchase two Mega Raffle tickets.

Ticket sales are already off to a great start, and our first early bird drawing is Tuesday, March 1st. Be sure to get your order in for a chance to win \$300!!

If you are interested in joining our committee, or helping out with the drawing in any way, please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at: megaffle@smeschool.com Thank you to those that have already reached out to help!

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>

SPRING FUNDRAISING

Both Niagara Chocolates and Fowlers have integrated a fully online sales platform, that means no paper orders to pass, no payments to collect! All ordering is done & paid online. Because of this, we are offering the option to shop with either or both delicious companies!

Niagara Chocolates is solely offering direct shipping, free with orders of \$50+.
<http://www.myniagarastore.com/STMARYELM>
Sale Begins: 2/9 Sale Ends: 4/4 Orders begin shipping March 1st

Fowlers Chocolates is offering direct shipping (pay S & H) or free delivery to SME.
<https://shop.fowlersfundraising.com/>
Sale Begins: 2/9 Sale Ends: 2/28 Delivery to SME the week of March 14th

Refer to the flyers attached electronically for more information!



7TH GRADE

Please see the attachment with this week's electronic NewsNote for a flyer about St. Mary's HS practice entrance exam information.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE: Our 2022 Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 18th at the Lancaster Country Club. Information will be coming home soon re: the pre-tournament raffle tickets and signing up for the tournament. Keep an eye on the NewsNotes for more information. We are looking for additional members on the planning committee, as well as volunteers to help out the day of the tournament. Please reach out to Phil Gonser if you are interested/available: pgonser@gmail.com or (716) 807-5719.

STAY IN THE KNOW



- Save the Date:** 2/11 Christian Witness Mass
- Save the Date:** 2/14 Wear Red for \$1
- Save the Date:** 2/21-2/25 Mid Winter Recess
- Save the Date:** 3/2 - Lent Begins, Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30
- Save the Date:**



SPRING CANDY FUNDRAISING

School Name: St. Mary's Elementary

School ID: FC1021

Start Date: 2/9/2022 End Date: 2/28/2022

(*Fundraiser closes at midnight on last day/no late orders accepted)

Dear Parents and Students:

We are pleased to offer Fowler's Chocolates as our spring fundraiser.

Fowler's has added some new delicious chocolate goodies, candy treats and adorable stuffed animals all perfect for filling up an Easter basket.

All orders are placed online through a computer by going to shop.fowlersfundraising.com or on the mobile phone app **MyFundR Fundraising** using your child's unique SELLER ID LINK.

You can have out of town family and friends make their purchases and have their orders shipped directly to their home. Shipping charges apply. Ship to school is also an option at no additional charge.

There is no money to collect as all orders are processed with a credit card.

Parents or students must register for an online account to obtain your unique SELLER ID LINK.

How to register your child on a computer:

1. Open your browser to shop.fowlersfundraising.com
2. Sign up for your account using the SCHOOL ID shown at the top of this letter
3. You will be sent an email with your child's unique SELLER ID # and a LINK.
4. Share your child's SELLER ID LINK through emails, texts, and social media with family and friends. This is how they will get to the website to place orders.

How to register your child on a smart phone:

1. Go to the APP Store and download the **MyFundR Fundraising** mobile app on to your phone, or simply scan the QR code to the right.
2. Sign up for your account using the SCHOOL ID shown at the top of this letter
3. You can now place orders or share the catalog right from your smart phone with your unique SELLER ID LINK
4. Your family and friends can order chocolate from the link you provide.



Niagara Chocolates Spring Fundraising Program!



**PLEASE CLICK OUR SPRING
FUNDRAISING SALE LINK AND
SHOP TO SUPPORT OUR GROUP!**



Important Dates:

Website opens: **January 25th**
Orders begin to ship: **March 1st**
Last day to order: **April 4th**

OVER 30 ITEMS AVAILABLE! FEATURING NIAGARA FAVORITES:

SPONGE CANDY
EASTER MINIATURES
CHOCOLATE BUNNIES
GIFT BOXES
PEANUT BUTTER EGGS
CARAMEL EGGS

CHOCOLATE BAR 10-PACK
BUNNY POPS
CHOCOLATE BUNNIES
CARAMEL CLUSTERS
FOILED EGGS
...AND SO MUCH MORE!





ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
LANCASTER, NY



Take the first step!

7th Grade

Practice Entrance Exam
March 26th from 8 to 11 a.m.

Register at smhlancers.org



St. Mary's offers the chance for students to do it all - join a sports team, star on stage, create an artistic portfolio, and write for the school newspaper. These extracurriculars play an important role within the impressive academic environment of St. Mary's High School. Our over 440 students experience a supportive family atmosphere that helps each one find their own place and succeed.

We are proud to be the high school home for over 7,000 alumni during our 118-year history, resulting in an impressive network of Lancers across the country. Our current students can then utilize the experiences of these alumni as they explore different career paths.

Begin your journey!



ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
LANCASTER, NY

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94.79
Average student
athlete's GPA