

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

This past Thursday was our Meet the Teacher Night. I was happy to hear that many families attended the zoom sessions with the teachers. It was a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to meet parents of other students in the classroom.

This Friday will be our first Christian Witness Mass. You can view this mass, like all our school masses, via live stream.

Friday 10/1 is also a 15-minute early release drill day.

Remember that there will be no school on Friday, October 8th. Our teachers will be attending a professional development session and mass at the Basilica.

Thank you to everybody for following our reopening regulations and protocols. Together we can work to keep everybody safe. If you are not sure if you should send in your child, go with "When in doubt, keep them out!" Please reach out to our school nurse if you have questions.

Have a great week!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/1 - 15 Minute Early Release Drill
- 10/1 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- 10/8 - NO SCHOOL: Staff PD
- 10/11 - NO SCHOOL: Columbus Day
- 10/20 - Picture Re-Take Day
- 10/27 - Progress Report Upload: K-8
- 11/5 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- 11/11 - NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day
- 11/12 - 10:45 Early Dismissal: P/T Conferences
- 11/24-26: No School: Thanksgiving Recess
- 11/29: 1:00 Early Dismissal: Staff PD

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 9/1/21 to 9/20/21, the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$1,435.03.**

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

September	Annual Rebate Profit to Date
<u>Sales to Date:</u>	<u>(3/23-9/20/21):</u>
\$29,735.00	\$6,551.97

For September, we are only **\$265** away from our monthly sales goal!

LITTLE CAESARS:

Sale Began: 9/15
Sale Ends: 10/7
Delivery Week: 10/25

Exact Date TBD, keep your eye on the NN

CANDY BAR SALE:

We are waiting for our shipment to arrive!
Chocolate bars are just \$1.
Payment is accepted via cash or check (payable to SME-HSA)

Have you designated St. Mary's as your charity of choice through Amazon Smile?
It couldn't be easier to help without even trying!



NURSE NOTES - WHEN IT'S OK TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

From the DOH : We received strong feedback from local pediatricians who say that parents are not clear on return-to-school guidance; some parents insist that their child be seen by a physician and get a doctor's note as the only way to return to school. A negative FDA-approved NAAT COVID-19 test result can be provided to the school either by a parent/guardian with or without a doctor's note. However, a doctor's note is NOT required if the child has a negative COVID-19 NAAT test, has been fever-free without medication for 24 hours and other symptoms are improving.

Determining when children can return to school following COVID-19-like illness; one of the following criteria must be met:

1. A negative FDA approved NAAT COVID-19 test result is provided to the school either by a parent/guardian *or* medical care provider. A NAAT test is a Nucleic Acid Amplification Test, such as a polymerase chain reaction or PCR. In this instance, a doctor's note is not required. In addition, the student must be fever free for at least 24 hours and other symptoms improving; OR
2. There have been at least 10 days since the onset of COVID-19 symptoms. In this instance, a doctor's note is not required; OR
3. A Health Care Provider provides a signed note reporting a diagnosis of a known chronic condition with unchanged symptoms, or a confirmed acute illness (laboratory-confirmed influenza, strep-throat) and COVID-19 is not suspected. Such individuals may return to school according to the usual guidelines for that diagnosis.

PE UNIFORMS

Our online store has officially closed.
Orders will be filled and delivered here to the school (unless you chose direct shipping) in about 7-10 days.
Once received we will distribute them to the students.

We have a very limited inventory available on hand in the school. If you find yourself in a position where you are in need of attire before our store opens again in the spring, please email Mrs. Kuhn so that the inventory can be checked.



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VOLUNTEERING

As an update to last week's NewsNote:

Volunteers who are here sporadically do not need to show proof of vaccination.

Volunteers who are here on a more regular basis (ie: lunch monitoring) will be asked to provide that information.

We are in need of assistance with our Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser. Please see the flyer coming home today for more information!

We apologize for the confusion and appreciate your patience & understanding as we work to keep our school safe.

FOOTBALL FRENZY

COMING SOON: We will kick off our new fundraiser, the Football Frenzy, in the next few weeks.

Tickets will be \$10 each and cash prizes are delivered December 2021-January 2022.

Volunteers will be needed to prepare the mailing/packets in October (can be done from home).

Chair: Melissa Mitchell
Email: melissa.mitchell514@gmail.com
Phone: (716) 465-9846





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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP

Last week, each family should have received a Scrip information packet. After reviewing it, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions. The brown envelope is what you can use to send your orders in to school with your child, and what your gift cards will be sent home to you in.

Be sure to enroll in online payments (PrestoPay) to receive your eGift cards and reloads to your physical gift cards faster, and to download the Raise Right Fundraising app so that you can purchase Scrip on the go! Great Lakes is now also accepting credit cards as payment (**for online orders only!**)

There is a locked box in the church foyer and outside the main school office so that you can drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you!

Gift card updates:

- Amazon and Walmart \$10 physical gift cards are currently **not** available.
- 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. Thank you for your support of the Scrip program!

Mary Kate DeMarzio & Joe Magiera
Scrip Coordinators



CALENDAR CLUB

Renewals of the 2021 Calendar Club for 2022 will run through October 1st, and then sales will open up for new customers.

Please watch the NewsNotes for more information, or contact Jessica Kulpit at jesskulpit@gmail.com.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Tickets are \$30 each, or 3/\$75 and will be sold November-December. Daily cash prizes will be awarded December 25, 2021-January 5, 2022. Volunteers are needed to prepare the mailing in October (can be done from home).



Watch the NewsNotes for more information, or contact the chairs: Amanda Barton & Jenny Sparmo at Jennifersparmo@gmail.com, or (716) 713-0719.

S-O-S (SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL)



Active involvement of all of our families is necessary to keep school expenses to a minimum, encourage community involvement, and assure continued success of our school.

We hope to promote the true spirit of participation and volunteerism by inviting you to get involved!

A list of the events and fundraisers that we plan to hold throughout the year at St. Mary's was included with the NewsNotes on 9/15/21. Please save this sheet so that you have quick access to the information that you need. Events and their details are subject to change as we move through the year, and regular updates will be posted in the NewsNotes, church bulletin, on Facebook and the school & church websites.

If you are interested in helping out with any of the events listed, please reach out to the specific event chair (if provided), or our Events Coordinator, Mary Kate DeMarzio at marykate@stmarysonthehill.org.

Your involvement is vital to the success of these events!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Are you a parent / grandparent with a few hours to spare during the lunch hour?

We are looking to add a volunteer to our lunch monitor crew. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com) for more information! Proof of vaccination is required.

PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal accounts have been created for all new families Kindergarten - Grade 8.

Please refer to the email you received and follow the directions within it.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nancy Jezuit (jezuitn@smeschool.com).

SME GEAR STORE

We will be opening our SME Gear store in October!

This online store will include:

- 1/4 zip tech shirts (uniform approved, cold weather apparel)
- Hoodies (uniform approved, cold weather apparel)
- Long sleeve t-shirts (not to be worn as a uniform top)
- Baseball Caps
- Winter Knit caps & masks!

Keep your eye out for the link to the store in the 10/6 NewsNote!

FRIDAY MASS

This week we will celebrate our first Christian Witness Mass.

Each Month our teachers choose a student who best represents what it means to be a '...living example of Gospel living'. The students are honored during mass and will receive a certificate to bring home.

As always, we invite you to celebrate virtually with us via the Live Stream.

<https://stmarysonthehill.org/live-stream/>

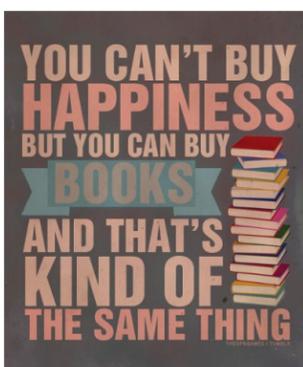
NURSE INFO

Nurse Tara is available Monday - Friday from 9:30am until 1:00pm.

Nurse Tara can be reached at:
nurse@smeschool.com
683-2112 x128



HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PTA)



Thank you to those that supported our Book Fair! A big thank you to Mrs. Sparmo & Mrs. Johnson and their team of volunteers for hosting this event for the students!

The Home School Association (our PTA) is a vital group of volunteers who work to ensure the positive growth of our school community.

The HSA team will host a variety of fundraisers throughout the school year. Each fundraiser benefits the school and students directly.

If you are interested in joining our team of HSA volunteers, please contact Kristie May (hsa@smeschool.com).

8TH GRADE INFO

If your child plans on attending a catholic high school next year you will need to complete the online application:

https://catholicshwny.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.



Please take a scroll through our electronic version of the NewsNote for information & flyers from area high schools.

STAY IN THE KNOW



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

Oct, 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
<i>Alt B – Julienne Salad</i> <i>Alt C – Yogurt Parfait</i> <i>Alt D – Sunbutter & Jelly</i> <i>Alt E - Ham/Cheese</i>				1 Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
4 Chicken Patty on Bun Coleslaw Baked Beans, Fruit & Milk	5 Mexi Incredi-Bowl Rice, Black Beans Corn, Fruit & Milk	6 Antipasto Salad Breadstick Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	7 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggie, Fruit & Milk	8 No School Staff Development
11 No School Columbus Day	12 Chicken Incredi-Bowl Mashed Potatoes Corn, Fruit & Milk	13 Chicken Souvlaki Salad Whole Grain Pita Veggie, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	14 Nachos Grande Bean Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk	15 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
18 French Toast w/Egg Patty Tater Tots Veggie, Fruit & Milk	19 Italian Incredi-Bowl Risotto & Meatballs Marinara, Veg, Fruit & Milk	20 Chicken Caesar Salad Bread Stick Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	21 Popcorn Chicken Oven Fries Veggie, Fruit & Milk	22 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk
25 Breakfast Sandwich Homefried Potatoes Veggie Juice, Fruit & Milk	26 Sweet-n-Sour Chicken Brown Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk	27 Taco Salad w/Tortillas Bean Salad Corn, Fruit & Milk No Alt B Offered Today	28 Mac-n-Cheese Tomato Soup Veggie, Fruit & Milk	29 Bat (Chicken) Wing Pizza Celery & Scare-ots Boo Cheese Dip Fr-oooooooo-t, & 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.

Our snack sales will not begin until mid-September. Prepayment options for this program also apply. Stay tuned to the SME Website for up-to-date information.

Thank you for your support of our school lunch program! We love our Customers!

**HALLOWEEN
COSTUME
COLLECTION**

SEPT 18

thru

OCT 8

Sponsored by Junior Ladies of Charity



Fundraiser Announcement

We're raising money for St. Mary's Elementary

It's time for you, your friends, and your family to stock up with **Little Caesars® Pizza Kits!** Have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or entertaining!

How: Fill out the top portion of your order form with your name and your preferred contact phone number (cell phone numbers preferred). Collect payment at the time you take orders. We may accept cash or checks made payable to:

St Mary's HSA

You may also order and pay online by credit card:



- Go to **www.PizzaKit.com**
- Got to **Products** then click on **Shop**
- Select **Ship My Order to the Group** (All Kits ordered online are delivered to the organization on delivery day.)

Our Fundraiser ID # is 395304

When:

Order form and payment due: **10/7/2021** (Late orders will **NOT** be accepted.)

Week of Pizza Kit Pickup: **10/25/2021**

Where:

Pickup will be at: **St. Mary's**

Please pick up your Pizza Kits as soon as possible as we do not have onsite storage.

We are not responsible for orders that are not picked up on delivery day.

Volunteers Needed!

We'll also need several helpers on the day of delivery to help sort orders. Please call or email for details.

Chairperson Name: Kristie May

Chairperson Email Address: hsa@smeschool.com

Thank you for your support and participation! Have fun!

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How Will You Spend Your Four Years as a SHA girl?

Feeling welcomed

Leading a club

Practicing with your team

Karaoke contests

Volunteering



Bonding at retreats

Cheering on your friends



Becoming a SHA sister

Taking an IB Course



Finding your passion

Rehearsing for the musical



Starting a business

Wearing your class color

— YOU'RE INVITED! —

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17
10:00 A.M. — 3:30 P.M.

For 7th and 8th grade families.
Come tour our beautiful building and meet faculty and staff, students and coaches. By appointment only, pre-registration required.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM PREP COURSE

SATURDAYS, OCTOBER 23, 30
AND NOVEMBER 6
9 A.M. — 12 NOON

Cost: \$75

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
8:00 A.M.

SHADOW FOR A DAY

Prospective 8th grade students are invited to spend the day going to classes and learning more about being a SHA girl.

Register online for each of these events at sacredheartacademy.org

Email admissions@sacredheartacademy.org

Or call 834-2101, ext. 311

Please note: Sacred Heart Academy will continue to closely monitor the movement of COVID-19 throughout the fall. Any necessary changes to these events will be shared if and when needed to ensure the safety of our students, families, visitors, and faculty and staff.