



NewsNotes

St. Mary's Elementary School 9/13/2017

Happy Wednesday!

Wow! Can you believe that we have begun another school year? It feels like I was just writing to have a great summer. We had a busy summer here at SME. The maintenance crew did a fabulous job with cleaning and sprucing up the school to get it ready for the new school year. In the office, we also worked on getting things ready for the new school year, including putting together some fun events for the upcoming year. Be sure to check out the calendar and school website to stay up to date as to all of the happenings.



Tonight is our first HSA (Home School Association) Meeting. For those not familiar with the HSA, it is like the old PTA/PTO groups. The HSA does fundraising and works to bring fun events to our school. They also do special things throughout the year for our teachers. A rundown of the happenings will be provided at the meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member of the HSA, please see one of the members at the meeting.

Also, on Monday, September 18th, we will have student picture day.

I am looking forward to an exciting and rewarding school year for all!!

God's Peace and Love,
Mrs. Kwitowski

Upcoming Events

- 9/13 - HSA Meeting 6:00
- 9/18 - Pk4-8 Picture Day
- 9/19 - Pk 3 Picture Day
- 9/24 - Pancake Breakfast
- 9/29 - Fall Harvest / Meet the Teacher Night 5:30-8:00 with Food Trucks
- 10/2 - 1:00 Dismissal, Catholic Schools Marathon
- 10/6 - 15 Min. Early Release Drill
- 10/9 - No School - Columbus Day



If you need to email the school for any reason: dismissal change/absentee notification/questions etc.. please be sure to email secretary@smeschool.com. Any other email address will result in your message *not* being received in the school office!



Virtus

As per the Diocese, all parent volunteers working within the school must be Virtus Certified.

Safe Environment Requirements for Adults:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children Workshop and continue ongoing training bulletins/re-certifications.
2. Complete a standardized employment/volunteer application (Green @ SME)
3. Sign the Code of Conduct (Purple @ SME)
4. Check at least 2 References
5. Conduct a criminal background check through the Diocese.



A list of upcoming workshops is being included with this NewsNote. Parents looking to become certified will need to register online at www.buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children. Once you have completed your workshop, two forms (#2 & #3 indicated above) will need to be completed in their entirety and returned to SME.

If you have any questions regarding your Virtus status, please email Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com

Athletics

Welcome to all returning families and all NEW families to St. Mary's Elementary school! All information regarding the sports program at S.M.E. will be communicated to you through the Newsnotes each week. Additionally, if you want to know more about the Athletics program, the athletic handbook and Diocesan guidelines are available on the school website under the Athletics tab.

The Athletic office is located in room 134 which is across from the main office. (The space is shared with the scrip office.) The best way to contact me is through email, athletics@smeschool.com.

The Fall sports team rosters are all finalized and coached by:

Varsity Boys Baseball: Steve Kuhn and Scott Corcoran

Varsity 8th gr. Girls Volleyball: Ted Kuzniarek

Varsity 7th gr. Girls Volleyball:

Amanda Wentland and Tara Petroski

JV Girls volleyball: Michelle McCrea

Varsity co-ed Cross Country: Julie Wolford

Swim team: Jen and Nick Fulciniti

Thank you to the coaches for their dedication to coaching the athletes from S.M.E.!

I wish all teams the BEST with their upcoming season!

Please check the website for the team schedules!

Julie Wipperman, Athletic Coordinator
St. Mary's Elementary School
athletics@smeschool.com
716-683-2112 ext. 313



The runners on SME's cross-country team competed in the Lancaster Mile Race sponsored by the Lancaster Striders on August 24 at Como Park. In the girls' 14 & under age division, Margaret N. took first place with a mile time of 6:28. Lainie S. was less than a second behind and took second with a time of 6:28. Kaylyn O. took third with 7:14. In the boys' division, Josh C. took first with a time of 6:36. Tyler L. took second with 7:13, and Luke W. earned third with 7:19. The whole team did an excellent job representing St. Mary's on and off the course. Their next race is September 24 at Cazenovia Park.



Autumn Gold

The 23rd Annual Autumn Gold Event will be here before we know it! I am looking for parents who are interested and able to help keep this important fundraiser going! Assistance is needed with: Advertising, Raffles, Bar, Food & Entertainment. We will be holding an Autumn Gold Meeting on Thursday, September 21st at 6:00 in the school to plan our event.

If we are able to exceed our expectations with this fundraiser we anticipate there will be no change to our tuition rate for the '18-'19 school year. If we are unable to reach our fundraising goals we are certain to see an increase.

The event will be held on November 3, 2017 right here in our school. The raffle boasts \$20,000 in prizes, a total of 48 prizes in all! Tickets are just \$50 and admit two adults to the party.

This will be my last year running this important fundraiser. If you are able to join the AG Team for this year and/or beyond please email Amanda Kuhn at AutumnGold@smeschool.com. Thank you in advance for your assistance and commitment to SME!

Nurses Corner

Included in every blue folder is a pink information sheet for every child attending SME. Please return this form to the school nurse ASAP.

Each child went home with a letter indicating that the SME classrooms are *nut safe*. If you have not yet read this letter, please do so and return the bottom portion to the nurse's office.

With our efforts to teach our children to be kind and share, it is important to reiterate that germs are not one of those items. Please be sure you are encouraging your child to blow their nose at home as to get into the habit to do so at school as well! Thorough hand washing and use of hand sanitizer is also important.

All new students must have a current physical on file. The state requires the following grades to also have a current physical on file: K,2,4,7. If you anticipate your child participating in any sports at SME it is good practice to have a physical on file to avoid delay in registering/participating in those sports.

If you have any questions or need to contact the school nurse please call 683-2112 x 128 or email morenob@smeschool.com

Marathon

The Catholic Schools Marathon will be held on **Monday, October 2, 2017.**

The children (Pre-K-8) will walk around school grounds with their respective class while raising monies for their school.

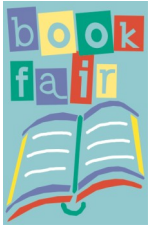
Monies are used to enhance technology at SME. The pledge forms were sent home in today's blue folder. As always, we ask that children collect pledges from family and friends. We encourage all students to participate. The pledge form is also used as a permission slip to walk around the school grounds. **This needs to be signed and returned by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WALK.**

All monies may be collected after the Marathon and are due by October 27, 2017. **Students are to wear their SME attire or their gym uniforms.** This is a rain or shine event, so please dress your child in weather appropriate attire.



Book Fair

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be October 25-27, 2017. With every purchase our Library receives credit to purchase new books. Each teacher also creates a wish list for books for their classroom.



Darcie Fudoli will be enjoying her last book fair this year as her child is graduating. If you are interested in taking this event over please email Amanda Kuhn at secretary@smeschool.com and your information will be shared with her. We thank you in advance for your consideration in continuing this tradition at SME!



Pancake Breakfast

Our HSA Team will be sponsoring Pancake Breakfasts this school year!

The first pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 24th.

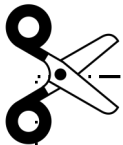
Each breakfast will benefit a different area / item for our school.

Keep your eye on the next NewsNote for more information!

We will need assistance in order to make it successful! If you are interested in helping please fill out the form below and return it to the school office!



Thank you in advance for your continued love of SME!



YES! Sign Me up to help with the Pancake Breakfast on 9/24!

I am able to help:

Set Up

Cook

Serve

Clean Up

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Parish News

Be Part of St. Mary's Social Media Community

St. Mary's Parish has a vibrant and growing social media presence. Please join our social media community and be a part of our ongoing communications!

- Visit our parish website at www.stmarysonthehill.com and school website at www.smeschool.com.
- Download our free parish app on your Smartphone. Scan the QR code or search for "St. Mary of the Assumption" in the Apple and Android stores. Or, go to www.parishsolutions.com/assumption.
- Like our parish and St. Mary's Elementary School on Facebook.
- Follow the parish on Twitter @stmarys716



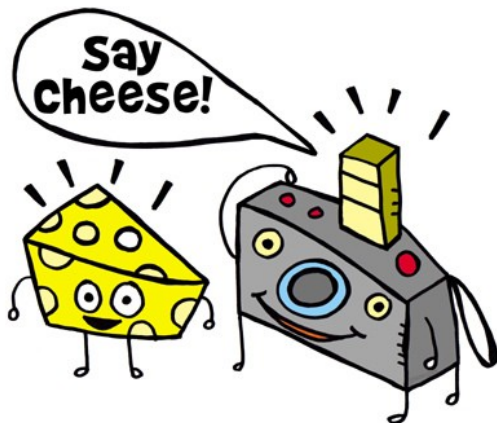
Picture Day

Pre K 4, Kindergarten - 8th Grade:

Monday, September 18th

Pre K 3: Tuesday, September 19th

Students are asked to dress their best!



St. Mary's Elementary
2 St. Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086

"...visible examples
of gospel living."

Uniforms

We took the time to go over the school uniform policy with every student in the first days of school. The policy is also included in every student agenda. Going forward we will be utilizing uniform violation forms. Please be sure that you are helping your young students learn to tuck in their shirts and buckle their belts, if they are wearing pants with belt loops. This is not a task that we are able to assist with, and they often get frustrated trying to do it themselves.

Uniform clothing can be purchased imprinted with our logo from Land's End, Flynn O'Hara or McKay's clothing. Although not required, it is strongly suggested that your child's clothing has our logo. Included in today's blue folder is a price list for McKay's Clothing.

Socks:

Boys - No athletic branded socks are permitted. All socks must show above the ankle. 'No show' socks are not permitted.

Girls - Knee socks in white, navy or black or tights must be worn with jumpers/skorts/shorts. No athletic branded socks are permitted.

Leggings - Girls are not permitted to wear leggings *with the exception* of under a dress or skirt on dress up/down days.

Students have the opportunity to 'shop' the uniform exchange table in lieu of calling a parent to bring a change of clothes.

Bottle Return

The Graduating Class of 2018 would greatly appreciate your help by having you donate your refundable water and pop bottles to benefit their class at the following recycling locations:

St. Mary's Elementary - entry foyer (a recycling bin has been placed for your convenience)

Cash For Cans:

2500 George Urban Blvd., Depew, NY (between Dick and Transit)

480 Aurora St, Lancaster, NY (corner of Aurora and William Sts)

Deposit Depot:

5150 Broadway, Lancaster, NY (between McDonalds and Dollar General)

Simply drop off your bottles at these locations and say "These are for St Mary's Elementary."

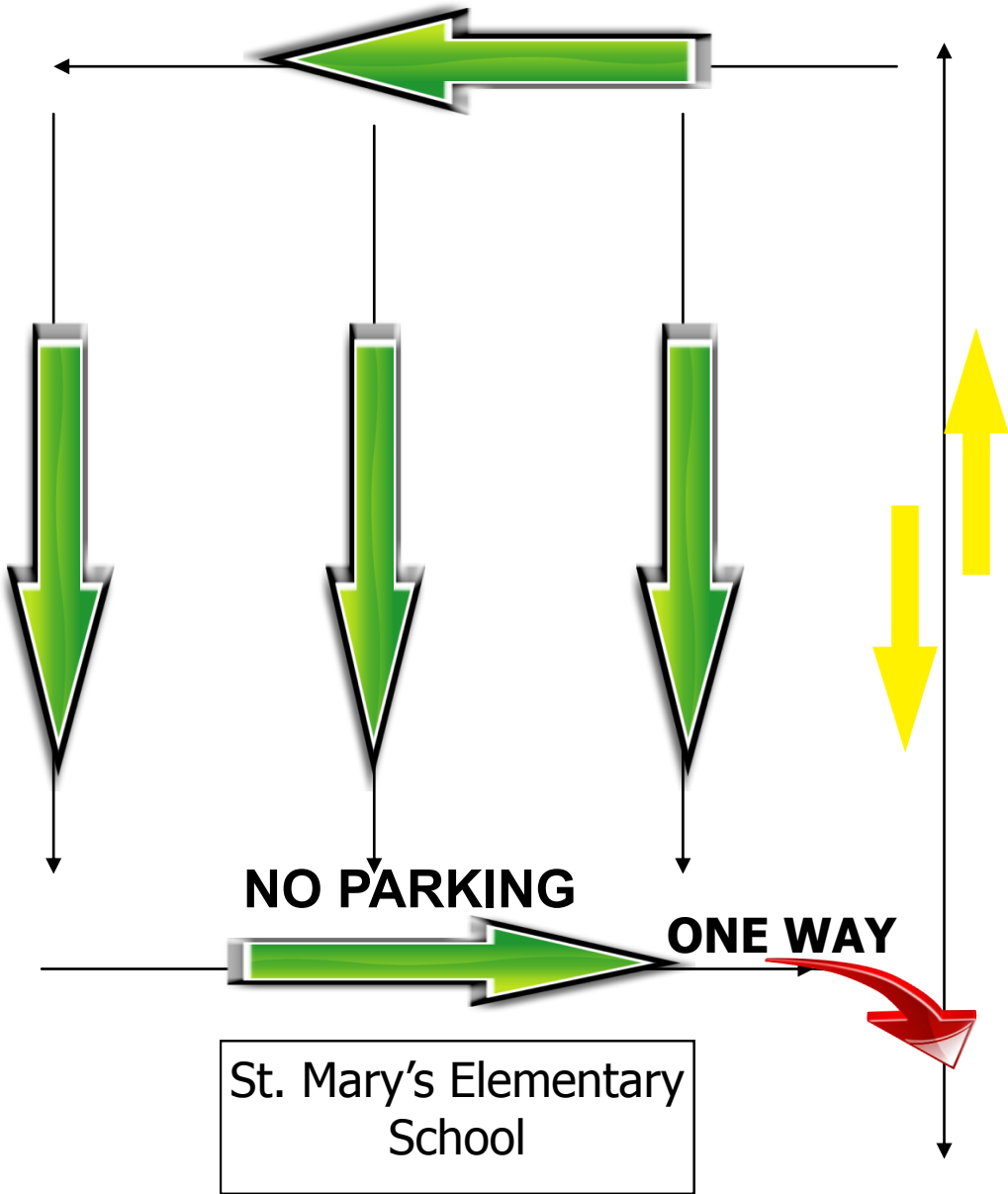
Thank you for your support!

Phone: 716-683-2112

Fax: 716-683-2134

www.smeschool.com

St. Mary of the Assumption Church



St. Mary's Elementary School

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KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!



BISON

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Giving Parents a Choice • Giving Children a Chance

A private scholarship fund providing tuition assistance for low-income families in the 8 counties of Western New York who want to enroll their children in private schools.

BISON Scholarship Quick Facts:

- Average scholarship \$1,300
- Max scholarship \$2,100
- Currently BISON has over 1,800 scholars in 70 different private elementary schools in Western New York.
- Each family must contribute toward their child's private education.

step one

Complete a **pre-application online at bisonfund.com** between January 1 - February 28. If you have any questions, you can call BISON at (716) 854-0869 ext. 1.

step two

Watch for notification after the **BISON Lottery** is held in March. Winners are notified by email and wait-listed families are also notified.

step three

If selected, complete the full application online. Enroll your child(ren) in the school of their choice and ask the school to complete the School Commitment Form.

step four

Once all the steps are completed, BISON will notify you of your scholarship amount. Watch for notices to annually renew your BISON Scholarship in February.



BISON Contact Information:

Cindy McDonald, Program Director (program questions)
Amy Popadick, Executive Director (fundraising questions)

(716) 854-0869 ext. 1 | cmcdonald@bisonfund.com
(716) 854-0869 ext. 3 | apopadick@bisonfund.com



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FAQ FOR FAMILIES

More detailed information can be found on our website at www.bisonfund.com

Who qualifies for a BISON Scholarship?

Residents of the 8 counties of WNY with children entering K-8th grade with a total family income within the eligibility scale (details online). You may only apply for your biological or legal guardian children.

How do new families apply?

New families must complete a Pre-Application Form electronically (online) on our website at www.bisonfund.com. The new family deadline is February 28, 2018. Preference is NOT given to early applications: however you must apply by 2/28 to be considered for the lottery. Families applying after the February 28th deadline will be placed on our waitlist.

How are BISON scholarship recipients chosen?

Scholarships are awarded using a lottery from all submitted Pre-Application Forms in March 2018. Lottery winners will receive an email with a link directing them to complete a full application in order to receive the scholarship.

How do I know if I won the lottery?

All applicants will be notified of lottery results by email in March 2018.

I received a Scholarship award email ... now what?

In your award email, there will be a link that will take you where you need to go to complete your Full Application. Click on the link and follow the application steps. The deadline to complete the application is April 30, 2018. Please be sure to include all your income sources including your FEDERAL 1040 tax return, child support, business income, public assistance, food stamps, Social Security income, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation and financial assistance from family & friends. Select your school (a complete list can be found on our website) and contact the school to complete the School Commitment Form. After receipt of all the required documents, your scholarship will be calculated based on your household size and income, as well as tuition amount. You must requalify annually to continue with BISON.

I received an email that I'm on a waitlist ... now what?

Unfortunately, there are always more applicants than available funding. We keep waitlist names for the academic year hopeful that additional funding becomes available. If you are not taken off the waitlist, you will need to resubmit a Pre-Application next year to be considered.

Why do families have to pay part of the tuition?

One key component of educational success is parental involvement. Making a financial sacrifice is a strong incentive to becoming and remaining, involved. BISON scholarships are a hand-up, not a hand-out. BISON families are required to pay a minimum of \$500 each year.

What if I am not satisfied with my child's school?

You are free to transfer your student to another private school. Your scholarship will transfer with you unless you are delinquent with tuition payments or a child is asked to leave. Contact the BISON Fund office if you decide to transfer and we will walk you through the next steps.

Can the scholarship be used for Pre-K or High School?

No. Children must be at least 5 years old by 12/21/18 and entering kindergarten through 8th grade to be eligible for a BISON scholarship.



Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE & EMERGENCY FORM

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES - LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOLS

**** PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL NURSE ****

DATE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ MALE: _____ FEMALE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ BIRTH DATE & PLACE: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ FATHER'S NAME: _____

PLACE OF BUSINESS: _____ PLACE OF BUSINESS: _____

HOURS & WORK PHONE: _____ HOURS & WORK PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

**** PLEASE INDICATE ORDER IN WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE CONTACT TO BE MADE ****

IF PARENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL:

1. NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

2. NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

3. NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

IF PARENTS ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED, WHO HAS CUSTODY?

CUSTODIAL PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

HEALTH HISTORY

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A **MEDICAL CONDITION** THAT WILL REQUIRE SUPERVISION AND/OR THAT WILL RESTRICT THEIR ACTIVITY? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

Please note if any of the following conditions pertain to your child:

ANEMIA _____	PNEUMONIA _____	KIDNEY CONDITIONS _____
ASTHMA/REACTIVE AIRWAY _____	NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION _____	MONONUCLEOSIS _____
RHEUMATIC FEVER _____	TUBERCULOSIS _____	MIGRAINE/HEADACHES _____
CHRONIC RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS _____	SEIZURE DISORDER _____	HEART DISEASE _____
DIABETES _____	SURGERIES _____	
EAR CONDITIONS _____	INJURIES/FRACTURES _____	
DETAILS: _____	ALLERGIES: _____	REGULAR MEDICATIONS: (LIST ONLY) _____

NAME OF PEDIATRICIAN: _____ PHONE: _____

I understand that this information may be shared with personnel involved with my child.: _____

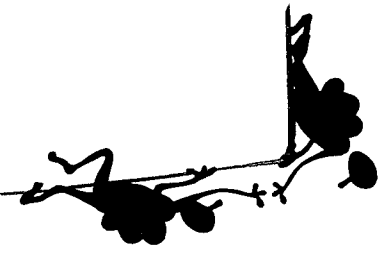
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Why your support is so important . . .

Contributions by the Home School Association are a part of St. Mary's Elementary annual operating budget. In the 2016-2017 school year, HSA donated over \$20,000 in funds directly to the school

In addition to the financial contribution, over the years HSA has provided start up funds for teachers, assistance to the 8th grade for t-shirts and the Drama Club for their productions.



HSA has also purchased dictionaries, over 500 library books and sewing machines for student use. Over the last few years a docking/charging cart was purchased for the Chrome Books available for student use. HSA is committed to making contributions that help meet our children's needs.

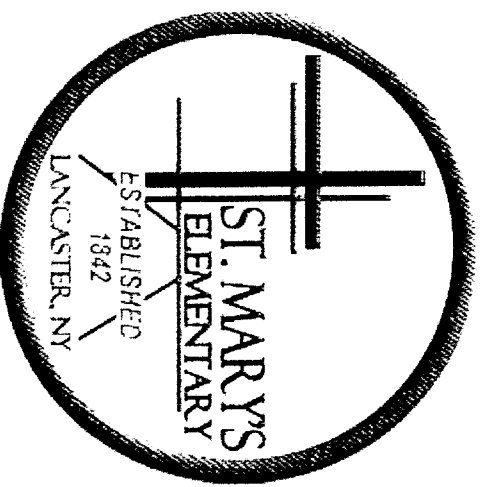
2017-2018 General Meetings

- General Meeting**
Wednesday, Sept 13th at 6p
- Fall Harvest/Meet the Teachers With Food Trucks**
Friday, Sept 29th at 5:30p-8p
- Fall Scholastic Book Fair**
October 25th-27th
- General Meeting**
Wednesday, January 17th at 6p
- Catholic School's Week**
January 28th-February 2nd
Open House
Tuesday, February 6th at 6p
- Spring Scholastic Book Fair**
April 24th-27th
- Parent Night/Open House/Art Show/HAS Meeting**
April 25th at 6p-8p

2017 - 2018 SME HSA Team

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St. Mary's Elementary School



HomeSchool Association 2017 - 2018



St Mary's HSA Thanks You for Your Continued Support Throughout the Year!

Fundraisers

Fall Candy Bar Sale

Each family is asked to sell at least one box of candy bars at the beginning of each school year. This is HSA's largest fundraiser netting an annual profit of over \$30,000 last year!!!

NEW! Kid Stuff Coupon Books: A 50% profit for our school offering coupons for a variety of local stores and restaurants.

NEW! Mom's Boutique: Cash & Carry event with LuLaRoe & Papparazzi, more details to follow.

New! Pancake Breakfast-Save the dates Sept 24th October 29th

NEW! Homemade Pie Sale: Let someone else craft your pie so you can spend more time with the family!

Fall & Spring Book Sales

Scholastic Books offers a wide variety of books to our students. Parents are invited to join their children during designated times during the school day or in the evening to choose their favorite books. SME earns vouchers for book selections as profit from this fundraiser.

Easter Candy Sale

Don't let the Easter bunny miss your house! Gertrude Hawk offers a wide selection of delicious chocolate and spring holiday items.



Meat Raffle

Back this year, SME will be hosting a Meat Raffle. If you haven't attended one previously to see what all the excitement is about you'll want to come and check it out! Keep your eye on the NewsNote for more information!

Teacher & Staff Appreciation



As a token of our continued appreciation and support, HSA honors our dedicated teachers and staff throughout the year. We show our gratitude through monthly luncheons and a springtime reception served by room parents, start up funds provided in September, years of service awards and birthday acknowledgements.

Room Parents

Volunteer parents are needed to assist with planning activities and special events for the students. Room parents are chosen for each classroom by a drawing and are invited to a Social in September to meet with the teachers and start organizing the year's events.

School Spirit

Family Social Events

HSA hosts special events for the entire family during the school year. Last year's event included a Family Fun Night Halloween Party.

St. Nicholas Day

HSA brightens the Christmas season by contacting St. Nicholas' headquarters to inform them of what great, hardworking students we have at our school. We put in our request to make sure he stops at SME with a special surprise for all of the students on this special day.

Merry Moose Shoppe

Each Christmas season students are given the opportunity to shop on their own for small gifts to surprise special people on Christmas Day.

Catholic Schools Week

Mark your calendar for the most exciting week of the school year. Activities include an ice cream social, Open House, and an array of fun things throughout the week. We also honor a distinguished graduate of SME at a special mass.

Penny Fair

One of the longest running SME traditions, the Penny Fair transforms the gymnasium into a mini-carnival with games of chance and skill. Children can win toys, candy, cakes and even plants to give to Mom on her special day.

School Picnic

Our final celebration of the year is filled with games and activities for the children. Parents are welcome to volunteer or simply come enjoy the fun and festivities.

Friday Night Dances

Our 7th and 8th graders look forward to several nights of fun and dance throughout the school year. Area Catholic school principals are given invitations to share with their students.

*We can't do it
without you!*



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"...visible examples of gospel living"

September 11, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am very delighted that you have chosen to enroll your child(ren) as part of the St. Mary's Elementary School community. St. Mary's Elementary has had a long history of preparing our children to become knowledgeable in the basic skills of an elementary education needed to succeed in their future studies as well as gaining a solid appreciation and understanding of our Catholic faith. Your decision to have your child(ren) be part of St. Mary's school indicates your belief that these values and concerns are important and are truly justified by your active and financial support.

For our school to be vibrant and successful, the participation of administration, faculty, staff, parents and students is necessary in order to make the very best things happen. Meeting together periodically to discuss the various ways in which we can insure this takes place is extremely important. During this coming school year, I hope you will become part of these meetings so that together as parents, along with our principal, Mrs. Kwitowski, and our school personnel, we can develop successful ways to both continue with the good practices we already have as well as to find new ways and approaches which can better the educational structures of St. Mary's Elementary.

I realize the significant financial sacrifice and commitment you have made on behalf of your child(ren) through tuition. As you know, these funds only cover part of the cost of the education of our children, but it does not completely provide the necessary funding to adequately run all the programs and events here at St. Mary's. Fund raising is necessary if we are to successfully accomplish this part of our educational mission. Among the important efforts in this regard is the continuation of our successful Autumn Gold and Mega Raffle events. Ticket selling is very important for these events to happen. It is here that your help is needed - selling raffle tickets to friends, interested acquaintances, and others with the adventurous desire to "win big". Not only is this financially important, but it also helps to spread the story of our school. You become messengers to others of your values as well as your concerns for continuing Catholic education.

Once again, welcome to this new school year and I hope that at our upcoming gatherings, we can work together to continue the wonderful educational and faith tradition that has been the story of St. Mary's Elementary School.

fr. Paul Steller

St. Mary of the Assumption Mobile App



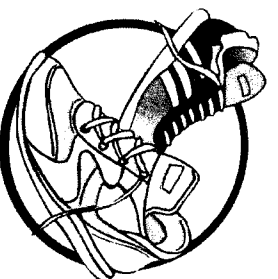
3 ways to get the app

1. Scan the QR code
2. Search in the app store
3. Go to www.parishsolutionsco.com/assumption



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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



established in 1837 by St. John Neumann

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MARATHON

The Catholic Schools Marathon began years ago as an event in which all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Buffalo were invited. Over the years it was held at various sites including Delaware Park. You can imagine the sense of belonging to a larger group that this would give to parents and children alike. The children would collect pledges prior to the event, run the course to meet their pledges, and then collect the pledges. Of course, refreshments, prizes and the fun of just getting together enhanced the experience. Proceeds were divided up between the local school and the Diocesan Federation of Home School Associations.

As time passed different sites were used; the organization of the event changed and the evolution of the Marathon resulted in its present format: a local school event. At SME we hold this event annually on the first Monday in October.

The monies earned from the Marathon are used to enhance technology here at SME.

Marathon participants collect pledges for a flat rate from family and friends (no door-to-door solicitation, please).

Pledge sheets, which are also permission slips, need to be returned to the school by September 25th, 2017 please. If we do not receive the signed permission slip then your child(ren) will not be able to participate in the marathon.

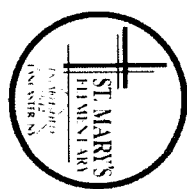
On Monday, October 2nd, the students will all wear their gym uniform t-shirts/SME attire/Hoodies and outerwear appropriate for the weather. The students may wear appropriate shorts and or jeans free of tears and rips. Sneakers should also be worn.



Pledge sheets will be returned to the children for collection of pledges. **Please return pledged money by Friday, October 27, 2017.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.





ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 St. Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FAMILY MARATHON
PERMISSION/PLEDGE SHEET
TO BE HELD OCTOBER 2, 2017



My child(ren) has my permission to participate in the Catholic Schools Marathon on the premises of St. Mary's, Lancaster, NY. **PLEDGE SHEET DUE BACK BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 SIGNED AS PERMISSION FORM**

PLEDGE MONEY DUE BACK BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017

CHILD'S NAME _____

GRADE _____

CHILD'S NAME _____

GRADE _____

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GRADE _____



IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD(REN) TO WALK THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED BY SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2017. THANK YOU.

Signature of _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

PRINT SPONSOR'S NAME	PRINT SPONSOR ADDRESS	FLAT PLEDGE	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT COLLECTED	CHECK #	CASH	
			AMOUNT DUE		AMOUNT COLLECTED	CHECK #	CASH
			<small>SME COORDINATOR FILLS OUT</small>		TOTAL		

PLEDGE MONEY DUE BACK BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017



Handwritten initials

Protecting God's Children (for Adults 18+)

Parish and Catholic school employees and volunteers, over the age of eighteen, who work with children and young people in the Diocese of Buffalo, are required to attend a sexual abuse awareness session. The three and one half hour workshops are scheduled at the following times and locations:

Published: 07-SEP-2017

September

Sep. 14 at 6:00 PM NativityMiguel Middle Sch (Buffalo)
 Sep. 16 at 9:00 AM Church of the Annunciation (Elma)
 Sep. 19 at 6:00 PM Ascension (Batavia)
 Sep. 21 at 6:00 PM Notre Dame Academy (Buffalo)
 Sep. 25 at 6:00 PM Queen of Heaven (West Seneca)
 Sep. 26 at 6:00 PM Niagara Catholic Jr/Sr (Nia. Falls)
 Sep. 27 at 6:00 PM St. Benedict (Eggertsville)
 Sep. 21 at 6:00 PM Notre Dame Academy (Buffalo)
 Sep. 28 at 1:00 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)
 Sep. 30 at 9:00 AM Christ the King Seminary (E Aurora)

October

Oct. 2 at 6:00 PM St. Joseph (Fredonia)
 Oct. 2 at 6:00 PM St. Philip the Apostle (Cheektowaga)
 Oct. 4 at 6:00 PM N Chautauqua Cath School (Dunkirk)
 Oct. 5 at 1:00 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)
 Oct. 6 at 6:00 PM St. Amelia (Tonawanda)
 Oct. 7 at 9:00 AM St. Amelia (Tonawanda)
 Oct. 9 at 6:00 PM St. John (Alden)
 Oct. 11 at 6:30 PM St. John Paul II (Lake View)
 Oct. 15 at 1:00 PM St. Bonaventure Univ (St. Bonaventure)
 Oct. 19 at 6:00 PM St. Peter (Lewiston)
 Oct. 21 at 9:00 AM Good Shepherd (Pendleton)
 Oct. 26 at 6:00 PM SS. Peter & Paul (Williamsville)
 Oct. 28 at 9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul (Niagara Falls)

To report abuse of a minor by a member of clergy (priest or deacon), an employee, or a volunteer, please contact the Diocese of Buffalo
Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Jacqueline Joy

Phone: (716) 895-3010 e-mail: jacqueline.joy@ccwny.org

Additional Workshops:

Workshops are scheduled at the request of parishes and schools.

For a complete updated list of Protecting God's Children Workshops please go to www.virtus.org and then click on "First Time Registration"



Register online at www.buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children

Working Together to Create a Safe Environment for Our Children

Safe Environment Requirements for Adults:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children Workshop and continue ongoing training bulletins/re-certifications
2. Complete a standardized employment/volunteer application
3. Sign the Code of Conduct
4. Check at least 2 references
5. Conduct a criminal background check through the Diocese

Pre-registration is STRONGLY encouraged

To register for an upcoming workshop:

Register on the Internet:

Go to <http://www.buffalodiocese.org>
 Click on "Protecting God's Children"
 (look on the left side of screen)

OR Check with your parish/school for registration help

Safe Environment Office – Catholic Center – 795 Main Street, 3rd Floor – Buffalo – NY – 14203
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