

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL...

Dear SME Families,

We're planning to host over 80 families at tomorrow's in-person open house! If you are currently registered but have not submitted paperwork for next year, please do so. Currently, completed registration work guarantees your child(ren) a seat for next year. **We're down to very limited space left in multiple grade levels**, and will soon have to start forming wait lists. **I encourage all current families to register for next year before the open house.**

### The schedule for the open house:

5:15 - 5:30: Gather in the school gym  
5:30 - 5:40: Welcome and greetings  
5:40 - 5:45: Teacher introductions  
5:45 - 7:00: Families tour the school

See everyone tomorrow!

Mr. Olejniczak  
olejniczak@smeschool.com



## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

From 4/20 - 4/25/22 the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$351.30**.

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

April Sales to Date: \$18,100.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date  
(3/15 - 4/25/22): \$1,434.40

### CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.

Initial Order: \$7200.00  
(Deficit)/Profit: (\$1231.00)

Order Anytime:

<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

### MEGA RAFFLE:

Totals as of 4/22

Total tickets Sold: 616

Tickets Left: 634

# Sold by SME Families: 202

### DINNER FUNDRAISERS:

*Save the date*

Panera (Losson & Transit): 5/12

Chipotle (Transit near BJ's): 6/4

### AMAZON SMILE:

March Donation: \$82.83

*Shop smile.amazon.com & select St. Mary's and a portion of your order can be donated to us!*

## HSA

### Penny Fair:

The Penny Fair will be held during the school day on Friday, May 6th.

Students will attend following mass. A schedule will be shared by Wednesday 5/4.

As mentioned previously, rather than paying to play each game individually the cost to play is \$5 and every student will receive a goodie bag on their way out of the fair!

We cannot do it without the support of parents/grandparents/aunts & uncles to help run the show! If you are interested in helping please contact Jenny Sparmo (jennifersparmo@gmail.com). Parents are invited to come in to assist those students in our youngest grades. If your child will have a helper, please let Mrs. Kuhn know so that we can have an idea of how many people to anticipate (secretary@smeschool.com).

### Spring Book Fair:

*Save the Date! 5/25 & 5/26*

It is with great & excitement that we announce that our spring book fair will be a BOGO fair! Due to the success of our fall fair, we were able to 'level up'! The book fair will be held on May 25th & May 26th just before our long Memorial Day Weekend.

We will be looking for a few people to help with set up on Tuesday 5/24 and during the fair. To reserve your volunteer spot contact Jenny Sparmo (jennifersparmo@gmail.com).

### HSA Team 2022-2023:

As we begin to close the book on our year we must also begin to plan for our future! We are looking to add to our HSA Team for the upcoming school year. With the rebirth of sorts after having to cancel so much due to COVID, we are excited to not only bring back SME traditions but also breathe new life into our efforts & events. If you are interested in becoming an active member of our school life we encourage you to join the team! For more information, please contact our current co-team members Kristie & Barb at hsa@smeschool.com. We are hopeful to coordinate a chat with the team and interested parties before the end of the school year.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **4/27** - STREAM Flower Sale Ends
- **4/28** - OPEN HOUSE 5:30-7:00
- **4/28** - Afterschool Care closes @ 5:30
- **5/5** - STREAM Flower Pick Up
- **5/6** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30, Penny Fair
- **5/11** - Progress Report Upload: K-8
- **5/13** - May Crowning Mass, 8:30
- **5/20** - 8th Grade Hope Ribbon Mass 8:30am



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## AFTERSCHOOL CARE 4/28

Don't forget! Due to Open House we will be closing Afterschool Care at **5:30pm tomorrow, 4/28**.

Please be sure to make arrangements to have your child picked up by that time.

We appreciate your cooperation & understanding.



## CHOCOLATE BAR SALE

Chocolate bars are still available! Orders can be placed via our google form: <https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

If you would prefer a paper order form be sent home, please contact Mrs. Kuhn and that will be taken care of.

We will also be available to order a box or make a purchase of any size during open house!

Take a box to work and see how fast they go! Each box will earn a dress down pass upon receipt of payment from here on out!



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UPON THIS HILL,  
WE DO GOD'S WILL



SCRIP

For the 22-23 school year, the tuition rebate credit will now be split 80/20 as opposed to the 50/50 split that occurred before.

**You can now save even more on your tuition!**

Gift card updates:

- Now in stock: \$25 Focus Brands gift cards: good at McAlister's, Carvel, Moe's, Auntie Anne's, Jamba, Cinnabon & Schlotzsky's
- Sunoco Gift Cards are temporarily unavailable.
- Gift Card Wrappers are no longer available.
- Kohl's: Online ordering use (SME) option to get the 5% rebate
- Tops: Online ordering use (Tops Markets) option to get the 5.5% rebate

Hours:

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

For a complete list of participating retailers, visit the ShopWithScrip website: <http://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Products/Browse>  
If you have any questions, please email us at [scrip@smeschool.com](mailto:scrip@smeschool.com).

We are here for you!

*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.*

ThankScriping Days are tomorrow, April 28th & Friday, April 29th!

This is your opportunity to earn up to 20% with 100+ bonuses on eGift cards and reloaded gift cards.

Stock up and make an even bigger impact.



Remember, think *payment* card rather than *gift* card and the possibilities are endless!



READY SET READ

We will be hosting our Annual  
Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books  
event on June 3rd.

Students in Pre-K - Grade 3 participate in themed activities while students in Grades 4 -5 & 6-8 battle it out trivia style by reading novels.

There will be a bookmark contest for all students. The bookmark template is coming home with every student today and is due back by May 13th.

GOLF TOURNAMENT



Save the Date:

Our 2022 Golf Tournament is Monday, July 11th at Diamond Hawk Golf Club.

Tournament information and Super Raffle tickets are coming home today!

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 in helping out: [pgonser@gmail.com](mailto:pgonser@gmail.com) or (716) 807-5719.

CALENDAR CLUB

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

Prizes are paid the first week of each month for the previous month. April prize winning checks will be mailed the week of 5/2. Monthly winners posted on our website's NewsNote tab.

NURSE INFO

Nurse Tara Salge  
[nurse@smeschool.com](mailto:nurse@smeschool.com)  
683-2112 x128  
M-F 9:30am - 1:00pm

*If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are going great with **616** tickets sold as of April 22nd!

The third & final early bird drawing will be held on May 1st. Orders will be accepted through 4:00pm on Friday, April 29th.

**\*\* All tickets are entered into every drawing \*\***

As a reminder, the Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families.

As part of the tuition agreement, each family is asked to sell or purchase at least two tickets.

So far, **202** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by **68** of the 186 current school families; a percentage of 37%. We thank you for your support and encourage the other 118 families to meet their commitment soon.

Don't forget about the sales competition as well: The classroom with the highest number of tickets sold by June 1<sup>st</sup> will be rewarded with an ice cream party, and the top seller from each class will get to ride a fire truck to school!

Please feel free to get creative with Social Media (posting this great opportunity to Facebook feeds, etc.) as well as encouraging multiple people to chip in on one ticket! Every ticket sold gets us closer to our goal and makes sure we have a successful drive!

Flyers are available upon request and on the school website if you would like to bring them to your place of business to sell - people love a raffle!

If you are interested in joining the Mega Raffle committee, please reach out to [megaraffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaraffle@smeschool.com). We encourage as much support as possible!

The prize winners will be announced at the virtual drawing on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you again for all of your continued support on this important fundraiser.*



NURSE NOTES

With the warm weather finally upon us comes more opportunities to be outside!

Please remember sunscreen, hats, and proper footwear for kids while outside.

A change of clothes is never a bad idea, just in case they get wet or muddy!



BASKETBALL: OPEN GYM

Who: Girls Grade 6-8  
What: Basketball Open Gym events  
Where: St. Mary's High School  
Why: To foster the love of the game & improve skills  
When: Sunday, May 1st 6-8:00 pm  
Contact Info: Coach Peter, SMHS JV Basketball Coach ([pnflor@yahoo.com](mailto:pnflor@yahoo.com))

8TH GRADE INFO

Save the Date: Hope Ribbon will be celebrated on May 20th

*Hope Ribbon is a special day for our 8th graders. While at mass, Hope Ribbons are blessed and pinned onto the 8th grade students' shoulder by a person who is important to them in any/many ways. Hope Ribbons are worn for the rest of the school year as a reminder of their years at SME and as symbols of hope as they look forward to their graduation and future.*

CHOCOLATE

Niagara: Profit TBD

Fowlers: Fundraiser Profit \$1,208.90



STAY IN THE KNOW



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Save the Date: 5/6 Penny Fair

Save the Date: 5/20 Hope Ribbon

Save the Date: 5/25-5/26 Spring BOGO Book Fair

Save the Date: 5/27 & 5/30 NO SCHOOL

Save the Date: 6/3 - Ready SET Read / Battle of the Books

Save the Date: 6/4 - Chipotle Fundraiser

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

# May, 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, and Ham/Cheese Sandwiches. **Snack will now be served to all grades during lunchtime. No snack is ever purchased on account. Snack money must be presented at point of sale. Snacks are \$0.25-\$0.75.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [kitchenmanager@smeschool.com](mailto:kitchenmanager@smeschool.com). We appreciate your support. Tracy Hadsall & Jenny Fulciniti

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1 Lunch = \$3.50</b> <b>2 Lunches = \$7.00</b> <b>3 Lunches = \$10.50</b> <b>4 Lunches = \$14.00</b> <b>5 Lunches = \$17.50</b>	<b>6 Lunches = \$21.00</b> <b>7 Lunches = \$24.50</b> <b>8 Lunches = \$28.00</b> <b>9 Lunches = \$31.50</b> <b>10 Lunches = \$35.00</b>	<b>11 Lunches = \$38.50</b> <b>12 Lunches = \$42.00</b> <b>13 Lunches = \$45.50</b> <b>14 Lunches = \$49.00</b> <b>15 Lunches = \$52.50</b>	<b>16 Lunches = \$56.00</b> <b>17 Lunches = \$59.50</b> <b>18 Lunches = \$63.00</b> <b>19 Lunches = \$66.50</b> <b>20 Lunches = \$70.00</b>	<b>Cash or Check Accepted</b>  <b>Any Change Placed on Student's Account</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Breakfast Pizza</b> <b>Potatoes, Veggie Juice</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Mexi Incredi Bowl</b> <b>Rice, Black Beans, Corn</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>4</b> <b>No Alt B Available</b> <b>Antipasto Salad</b> <b>w/Foccaccia</b> <b>Veggie, Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Grilled Cheese</b> <b>Tomato Soup, Veggie</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Cheese &amp; Pepperoni Pizza</b> <b>Romaine Salad</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Milk</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Chicken Patty</b> <b>Veggies, Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Nachos Grande</b> <b>Beans, Corn, Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>11</b> <b>No Alt B Available</b> <b>Market Salad w/Chicken</b> <b>Berries, Apples, Muffin</b> <b>Veggie, Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Mac-n-Cheese</b> <b>Veggies, Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Cheese &amp; Pepperoni Pizza</b> <b>Romaine Salad</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Milk</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Cheeseburger</b> <b>Tater Tots, Veggie</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Chicken Incredi Bowl</b> <b>Mashed Potatoes, Corn</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>18</b> <b>No Alt B Available</b> <b>Chicken Souvlaki</b> <b>Pita, Veggie, Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Loaded Baked Potato</b> <b>Broccoli, Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Cheese &amp; Pepperoni Pizza</b> <b>Romaine Salad</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Milk</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Meatball Bomber</b> <b>Veggies, Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Buffalo Chicken Pizza</b> <b>Celery, Carrots</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>25</b> <b>No Alt B Available</b> <b>Cobb Salad</b> <b>Garlic Bread</b> <b>Veggie, Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Hot Dogs</b> <b>Baked Beans, Veggie</b> <b>Fruit &amp; Milk</b>	<b>27</b> <b>No School</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Italiano Incredi Bowl</b> <b>Pasta, Meatballs, Beans</b> <b>Veggie, Fruit &amp; Milk</b>			

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](mailto: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](mailto:kitchenmanager@smeschool.com). Thank you for your support of our school lunch program! We love our Customers and appreciate their patience.