

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL...

Dear Families of SME,

Having attended Catholic schools from Kindergarten all the way through college, I am a proud product of Catholic education! Because of my parents' investment in my education, I was able to grow up in a tight-knit community, learn in a family-like atmosphere where my teachers knew and genuinely cared for me, and attend schools that emphasized a high moral code, integrity, respect, and compassion. As your interim principal, I am beyond excited to serve the SME community, striving to offer these same qualities to your children.



More than once again being allowed to personally choose books from the school library or share a meal with a table full of friends during the day, we have been working to return events to our annual calendar. Scheduling a magic show for our younger grades, organizing the Penny Fair, working with the pre-K team to plan traditional events that will bring moms and dads back into our building, and hosting an in-person art show are all being planned and will soon be formally announced. Over the past two years, many have longed for the community, family feel private schools can offer. As we continue our return to normalcy through these social events, it is my hope that many once again feel the warmth of our SME family.

While visiting classrooms this past week, I was delighted to join many conversations our teachers were guiding, discussions that reflected not just the academic curriculum, but also our value system. Our smaller class sizes allow teachers to choose materials that lend themselves nicely to class discussions of respect, empathy, and compassion. Learning from and with our students is always the highlight of my day; I'm honored to be a part of theirs.

Thank you for your patience as we grow our school. I assure you that I share your excitement in planning in-person, community-building events - I can't wait to see you all there!

Yours in Christ,
Mr. Glenn Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/30 - NYS ELA Testing Gr 4 & 8 only
- 3/31 - 3:00-10:00 pm IHOP Fundraiser (Walden Ave Location)
- 4/1 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- 4/5 - Club / Sport Photos
- 4/8 - Living Stations, 7pm in the Church. Yearbook orders due.
- 4/11 - 4/15 NO SCHOOL Easter Recess
- 4/18 - NO SCHOOL, Easter Monday
- 4/26 - NYS Math Testing Gr 4 & 8 only
- 4/27 - NYS Math Testing Gr 4 & 8 only

BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 3/22 - 3/28/22 the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$124.21.

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

March Sales to Date: \$18,215.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date (3/15 - 3/28/22): \$423.32

CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.

Initial Order: \$7200.00 (Deficit)/Profit: (\$2067.00)

Order Anytime:

<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

MEGA RAFFLE:

Totals as of 3/28

Total tickets Sold: 564

Tickets Left: 436

Sold by SME Families: 179

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.

HSA

IHOP:

Come on out tomorrow, March 31st and support SME while you eat! Fundraiser runs from 3:00pm - 10:00pm

Customers visiting the IHOP located on Walden Ave (in the Thruway plaza, near Harlem) will have 20% of their check donated to SME.

What a tasty way to support our school! Watch for the flyer on our FB page for an easy way to share with friends & family!

Penny Fair:

Thank you to those that have reached out thus far to help with the Penny Fair! There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities available!

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

The Penny Fair is a carnival style day of fun & games. In its conception, true to the name, the games were most likely a penny. While in last +/- 20 years inflation crept in and games increased to .25 to play. This year, we are looking to shake things up a little, with more of a flat pay to play, so stay tuned for details!

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 Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com). If you are interested in hearing more information on chairing this fun event please mention that also!

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).



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YEARBOOK PHOTOS: CLUB/SPORTS

Students who have participated in any of our clubs / sports will have their picture taken on Tuesday, April 5th for the yearbook.

There will not be a make up day for this photo session.

Sports team members may wear their jersey for the day!

Sports players are encouraged to bring equipment, but please understand / review any guidelines about what is allowed to be brought onto the school bus. As an example... softball bats are **not** allowed on the bus.

Club members are asked to wear their school uniform on Tuesday, but may dress down on Wednesday.

Science Olympiad members should wear their t-shirts with school uniform bottoms on Tuesday.

Club members should also bring any items pertinent to their club (instruments / rosary's etc.)





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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

April Order Dates:
4/4 & 4/25 only

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.

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.

NURSE NOTES

Below are the expectations, at this time, for all of those in the SME community:

- We strongly encourage, if your child is sick, please keep them at home.
- Your child must be fever free for 24 hours, with no medications, before returning to school.
- Your child must have no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Medicines of any kind, (i.e. cough drops, vitamins) are not permitted as per the handbook.
- If an individual (i.e., students, faculty, or staff) tests positive for COVID-19, the individual must isolate for five days. Upon return to school, the individual **must** wear a mask, including on school buses, during days 6-10 of their isolation period.
- If your child has symptoms or you believe your child was exposed to an individual with COVID-19, please consider testing. There is **no testing required** to return to school.
- If you would still prefer your child wear a mask to school, please do so. Everyone has a different comfort level.

Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nurse Tara Salge, nurse@smeschool.com, 683-2112 x128
M-F 9:30am - 1:00pm

SME YEARBOOK

Paper/flyer order forms went home 3/2 and are due by 4/8.

Cost: \$13

Online ordering ends 4/15: inter-state.com/order

Code: 63622B



GOLF TOURNAMENT



Save the Date: Our 2022 Golf Tournament has been moved to Monday, July 11th at Diamond Hawk Golf Club.

Information will be coming home soon regarding the pre-tournament raffle tickets & registration. Keep an eye on the NewsNotes for all the details!

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 or (716) 807-5719. We are asking that anyone who has reached out thus far, please do so again. Due to an email change, we want to ensure that we did not inadvertently drop anyone from our list.

TAX INFO

We are unable to give out our Tax Id Number. Have your preparer indicate 'Religious Exemption' in its place.



CALENDAR CLUB

If you have any questions about this fundraiser, you can reach Joe Magiera at calendarclub@smeschool.com or (716) 253-7880. Monthly winners posted on our website's NewsNote tab.

CHOCOLATE

Niagara: The Niagara online store will remain open until 4/4. Direct shipping is the only delivery option.

<http://www.myniagarastore.com/STMARYELM>

Fowlers: Missing items will be picked up this week from Fowlers and sent home securely with your child.

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 4/1 Mega Early Bird Drawing #2

Save the Date: 4/11-4/18 No School

Save the Date: 4/6 - 4/27 STREAM Flower Sale

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

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

Save the Date: 6/4 - Chipotle Fundraiser

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are going great with **564** tickets sold as of March 28th.

The second early bird drawing is on Friday, April 1st, and orders will be accepted through 4:00pm on Thursday, March 31st.

Be sure to get your orders in for a chance to win **\$200!!**

**** 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. So far, **179** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!! 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!

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

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

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 me garaffle@smeschool.com.

We encourage as much support as possible!



BASKETBALL SLAM

Don't forget!

Online sales for the Basketball Slam will continue through 4/1.

Winners are awarded after the tournament is over.

www.basketballsweeps.com
Code: BK22MARY



Please reach out to Melissa Mitchell if you have any questions: melissa.mitchell514@gmail.com or (716) 465-9846

STREAM FLOWER SALE



We will be holding our annual STREAM flower fundraiser April 6 - April 27, 2022.

Plants and flowers will be delivered in time for Mother's Day!

Flower pick-up will take place on Thursday, May 5th from 2:30 - 6:00 pm.

The order form link (online orders) will be shared in next week's NewsNote. We thank you in advance for your support of our STREAM initiative here at SME!

SCHOOLSTORE.COM

Thank you to those families who have spread the word about our SchoolStore fundraiser.

Gift certificates have been received and will be distributed to the teachers this week.

We appreciate the love & support!!



8TH GRADE INFO

April 1st: picture & writeups are due, watch for more info via email

April 8th: Living Stations at 7:00 PM in the church. We hope you will join us!

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Apr, 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. Julienne Salad and Ham/Cheese Sandwiches will not be offered on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. **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. We appreciate your support. Tracy Hadsall & Jenny Fulciniti

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| 1 Lunch = \$3.50 2 Lunches = \$7.00 3 Lunches = \$10.50 4 Lunches = \$14.00 5 Lunches = \$17.50 | 6 Lunches = \$21.00 7 Lunches = \$24.50 8 Lunches = \$28.00 9 Lunches = \$31.50 10 Lunches = \$35.00 | 11 Lunches = \$38.50 12 Lunches = \$42.00 13 Lunches = \$45.50 14 Lunches = \$49.00 15 Lunches = \$52.50 | Checks Made Out to SME Change Put on Account We Love Our Customers! | 1 Grilled Cheese Vegetable Soup Fruit & Milk |
| 4 Bflo Chicken Patty Bleu Cheese & Hot Sauce on Side Coleslaw Veggie, Fruit & Milk | 5 Nachos Grande Corn Veggie, Fruit & Milk | 6 No Alt B Today Market Salad w/Chicken Berries, Diced Apple, Cheese Whole Grain Muffin Veggie, Fruit & Milk | 7 Homemade Chili w/Corn Muffin Veggie, Fruit & Milk | 8 Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk |
| 11 Easter Break School Closed | 12 Easter Break School Closed | 13 Easter Break School Closed | 14 Easter Break School Closed | 15 Easter Break School Closed |
| 18 Easter Monday No School | 19 Taco-in-a-Bag Baked Beans Veggie, Fruit & Milk | 20 No Alt B Today Buffalo Chicken Salad Carrots & Celery Fruit & Milk | 21 Shepherd's Pie Mashed Potatoes Veggie, Fruit & Milk | 22 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk |
| 25 French Toast Sticks Egg Patty Veggie Juice, Veggie, Fruit & Milk | 26 Taco Pizza Bean Salad Veggie, Fruit & Milk | 27 No Alt B Today Chicken Caesar Focaccia Bread Veggie, Fruit & Milk | 28 Mac-n-Cheese Tomato Soup Veggie, Fruit & Milk | 29 Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce 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.



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AUGUST 8 - 12**

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**AUGUST 1 -
AUGUST 4**

LACROSSE

**JULY 26 -
JULY 28**

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**JULY 11 -
JULY 14**

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TBA**

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JULY 11 - 15 OR JULY 18 - 22

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JULY 25 - JULY 29



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