

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL...

Dear SME Families,

In this season of rebirth, it is my sincere hope that we all feel our faith renewed and our hearts strengthened with the hope Easter brings. Happy Easter, indeed!

As our school continues to host and plan for in-person events, we will continue to ask for parental and familial involvement. The close-knit, family-like environment that SME offers helps to shape our mission and mold our community. We're partners in your child's education; in order for all students to reach their potential and for our school to continue to grow, it is essential that we work together. Please pray and reflect, and then reach out to share how you would like to be involved in our school, or answer the call when we are in need of assistance.

On April 28 from 5:30 - 7:00, we will be hosting an in-person Open House. This event will showcase our school, as we remind current families of all we have to offer while also educating new families about our academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs. Representatives from various departments of our school will share their perspectives and experiences with all in attendance, as we tell the story of SME. I hope you will attend and join us.

One of our Open House tables will be dedicated to accepting and processing registrations for the 2022-2023 academic year. Registration is now open to all families; if you are a current family and have not already submitted your paperwork, I strongly encourage you to register for next year, as some classes are already close to capacity.

With our shared positive outlook and hearts strengthened by renewed faith and love, I am filled with excitement and hope for the future of SME!

Have a wonderful week,

Mr. Olejniczak

olejniczak@smeschool.com



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4/26 - NYS Math Testing Gr 4 & 8 only
- 4/27 - NYS Math Testing Gr 4 & 8 only
- 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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BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 4/5 - 4/19/22 the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$303.69**.

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: \$12,175.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date (3/15 - 4/19/22): \$1,083.10

CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.

Initial Order: \$7200.00

(Deficit)/Profit: (\$1423.00)

Order Anytime:

<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

MEGA RAFFLE:

Totals as of 3/28

Total tickets Sold: 607

Tickets Left: 643

Sold by SME Families: 195

BASKETBALL SLAM:

Income: \$780.00

Expenses: (\$665.00)

Printing cost donation: \$165.00

Total Profit: \$182.00

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:

Thank you to those that have reached out thus far to help with the Penny Fair! You will receive an email from Jenny Sparmo the chair of this event. There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities available including co-planning!

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.

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). 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).

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.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE 4/28

Due to Open House we will be closing Afterschool Care at **5:30pm** next **Thursday 4/28**.

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

We appreciate your cooperation & understanding.



STREAM FLOWER SALE



Our annual STREAM flower fundraiser runs through 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.

Online ordering is available here:

<https://forms.gle/f1LftbjpAbke5x6G9>

Additional hard copies of the form are available upon request.

We thank you in advance for your support of our STREAM initiative here at SME!



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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.

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 Day is coming April 28th & 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.

Information will be coming home soon regarding the pre-tournament raffle tickets & registration. 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 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.*

CALENDAR CLUB

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

Prizes are paid the first week of each month for the previous month.

Monthly winners posted on our website's NewsNote tab.

NURSE INFO

Nurse Tara Salge
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 **607** tickets sold as of April 19th!

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. So far, **195** 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

Thank you to everyone who partook in this new fundraiser! The winners are:

High Winners

- 1st Place: \$200.00 to Ticket #1475
- 2nd Place: \$25.00 to Ticket #1499
- 3rd Place: \$75.00 to Ticket #1458
- 4th Place: \$50.00 to Ticket #1440

Low Winners

- 1st Place: \$50.00 to Ticket #23
- 2nd Place: \$25.00 to Ticket #1499



NURSE NOTES

- 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.

CHOCOLATE

Niagara: Profit TBD

Fowlers: Fundraiser Profit \$1,208.90



STAY IN THE KNOW



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

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

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.

Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books 2022

Bookmark Contest

Draw your bookmark design within the box on the left of this page.

Entries for students in Pre-K 3 through 3rd grade should promote the theme "Animals".

Entries for students in grades 4-8 should promote the theme "Battle of the Books 2022".

Bookmarks will be judged on originality and design.

Original entries only. Use any colors you want but do not trace or use computer art.

Use markers, crayons or colored pencils. Make sure colors are filled in and solid. Do not use highlighters.

Return your designs to the school office by May 13, 2022 to the attention of SET.

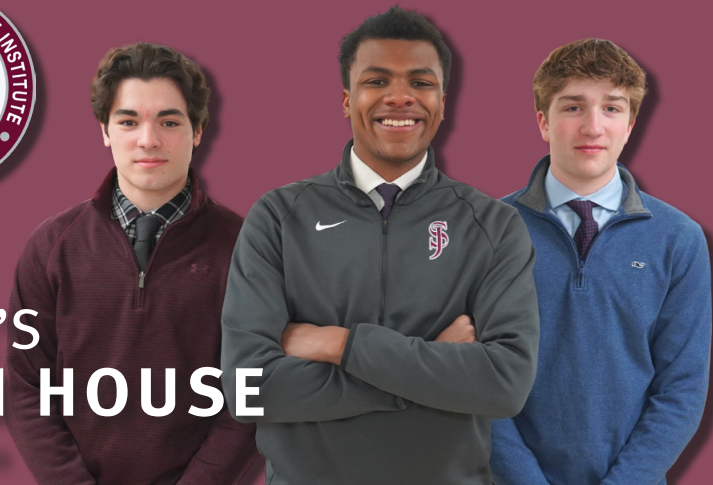
The winners will be announced at Ready SET Read on June 3rd. One winner will be chosen for grades Pre-K 3 through 3rd and one winner will be chosen for grades 4-8.

Winners will receive a prize and their bookmarks will be copied and distributed to all students at Ready SET Read and Battle of the Books.

Name _____

Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____



ST. JOE'S OPEN HOUSE

May 1, 2022

THE BROTHERHOOD AWAITS **YOU!**

All prospective students and their families are invited to Spring Open House for private tours of our modern campus. Explore our campus and meet teachers, staff, coaches, and current St. Joe's students.

To make a reservation, visit www.sjci.com/admissions. We hope to see you there!



MAKE IT A ST. JOE'S SUMMER

JOIN US FOR

- COLLEGIATE SUMMER
- SPORTS CAMPS
- OUTDOORSMAN CAMP
- INNOVATION CAMP (SOLD OUT)



Collegiate Summer 2022

June 27 - July 22

Collegiate Summer is a fun four weeks of high school prep that combines academics, sports, arts, field trips and more. Boys entering 8th grade in fall of 2022 are invited to get a glimpse of what it's like to be a Marauder.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS



Learn to play the St. Joe's way!
Join us this summer at one of 12 sports camps.

BASKETBALL | BASEBALL | ESPORTS | FOOTBALL | HOCKEY | LACROSSE | ROWING |
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All at Delaware Park!

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