

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL...

Dear SME Families,

St. Paul often stressed the importance of community, togetherness and encouraging our fellow brothers and sisters in his epistles. Specifically, in Hebrews 10: 24-25, Paul wrote of spurring one another on towards love and good deeds and encouraging each other. In Romans 1:11-12, he wrote of mutual encouragement from each other's faith. Community and togetherness are important. Positivity and encouragement are powerful. Faith is vital.

Throughout my Lenten journey of prayer, preparation, and almsgiving, I have also taken a lot of time to reflect on my most recent time at St. Mary's Elementary. Last week, I shared with you some of my personal educational experiences and joy that these memories mirror so much that SME has to offer. I wrote of some upcoming events, the culture of our building, and a return to normalcy. This week, **I am thrilled to invite all families to our in-person Open House!**

I am extending a very special and personal invitation to all families who have joined SME since the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year. We love, care for, and teach all of our students, but our newest families have entrusted their children to us without ever touring the school in person, feeling our family-like atmosphere, or, in many ways, being entirely immersed in all that our community has to offer. **Please, on April 28 from 5:30 - 7:00, join us.**

Your continued support, encouragement, and partnership will allow our school to continue to grow in love, good deeds, and excellent academic achievement.

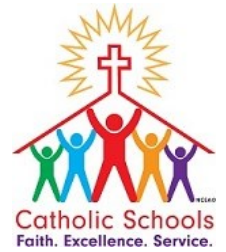
Have a blessed and safe Easter Break!

Mr. Olejniczak



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4/8 - Living Stations, 7pm in the Church, Yearbook orders due.
- 4/11 - 4/15 **NO SCHOOL** Easter Recess
- 4/17 - Easter Sunday
- 4/18 - **NO SCHOOL**, Easter Monday
- 4/26 - NYS Math Testing Gr 4 & 8 only
- 4/27 - NYS Math Testing Gr 4 & 8 only
- 4/28 - **OPEN HOUSE!**
- 5/6 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30, Penny Fair
- 5/11 - Progress Report Upload: K-8
- 5/13 - May Crowning Mass, 8:30



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## BY THE NUMBERS

### SCRIP:

From 3/29 - 4/4/22 the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was \$325.49.

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: \$5,660.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date (3/15 - 4/4/22): \$783.81

### 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: 584

Tickets Left: 666

# Sold by SME Families: 190

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:

Thank you to those families that enjoyed a night out while helping SME too!

### 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 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:jennifersparmo@gmail.com)).

## YEARBOOK

Paper/flyer orders are this Friday by 4/8.

Cost: \$13

Online ordering ends 4/15:

[inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order)

Code: 63622B



## STREAM FLOWER SALE



Our annual STREAM flower fundraiser begins today, April 6 and 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>

A hard copy of the form is coming home today & attached electronically.

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



## ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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

Last April Order  
Date: 4/25

### 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.*

## NURSE NOTES

- ⇒ 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.

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

## HOLY WEEK



Blessed Lent to you all!

**Your children are invited to process with palm branches in the opening procession at each Mass THIS weekend.**

**Mass times are Saturday 4:30 & 7:00 PM & Sunday 8AM, 10AM, and 12PM.**

Please arrive at Mass at least 10 min early, have your children get their palms & send them to the back of the church to join the procession.

Our Holy Week Schedule is attached electronically today.

*We look forward to celebrating with you!*

## 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.

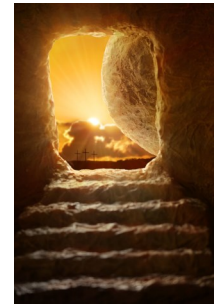
Please reach out to Phil Gonser if you are interested in helping out: [pgonser@gmail.com](mailto:pgonser@gmail.com) or (716) 807-5719. *We are asking that anyone who has reached out thus far, please do so again. Due to an email change, we want to ensure that we did not inadvertently drop anyone from our list.*

## CALENDAR CLUB

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

March prize winning checks will be mailed out this week.

Monthly winners posted on our website's NewsNote tab.



## MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are going great! There were **584** tickets in the second early bird drawing, with \$200 going to the owner of Ticket #42, Congratulations!

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, **190** 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:me garaffle@smeschool.com).

We encourage as much support as possible!



## BASKETBALL SLAM

Thank you to all that participated in this fundraiser!

Winners are awarded after the tournament is over.

[www.basketballsweeps.com](http://www.basketballsweeps.com)



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



## CHOCOLATE

**Niagara:** Profit TBD

**Fowlers:** Fundraiser Profit \$1,208.90



## STAY IN THE KNOW



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

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

**Save the Date:** 5/6 Penny Fair

**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

## 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

On Friday, our 8th graders will present the

*Living Stations of the Cross*

at 7:00 PM in the church.

We hope you will join us!



## SCHOOLSTORE.COM

# *St. Mary of the Assumption*

## *Holy Week and Easter Services*

*All are Welcome!*



### **Palm Sunday Masses**

Saturday, April 9 – 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 10 – 8 & 10 a.m. and 12 noon



### **Tenebrae Service**

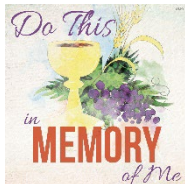
Tuesday, April 12 – 7:45 p.m.

### **Holy Thursday – April 14**

Community Morning Prayer – 9 a.m.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.



### **Good Friday – Passion of the Lord – April 15**

Community Morning Prayer – 9 a.m.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion – 3 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m.



### **Holy Saturday – April 16**

Community Morning Prayer – 9 a.m.

Blessing of Easter Baskets – 12 noon

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter – 8 p.m.



### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection – April 17**

Sunrise Mass – 6:30 a.m. (Westwood Park)

Masses – 8 & 10 a.m. and 12 noon (Church)

# ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STREAM FUNDRAISER - FLOWER SALE!!

We are raising funds to continue our high level of STREAM integration here at SME. Our goal is to raise \$5,000! To reach our goal, each family needs to buy or sell only \$60 worth of product.

**ALL ORDERS & PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY APRIL 28th!**

Credit/Debit Card payments or bank transfers are accepted via the DONATE option on the church's website at [stmarysonthehill.org](http://stmarysonthehill.org). (Choose the STREAM option and please type "STREAM plant sale" in the memo area.)

If paying by check, please make checks payable to SME SCHOOL, write 'STREAM Fundraiser' in the memo of the check, and mail (2 St. Mary's Hill Lancaster, NY 14086), drop off, or send it with your child to school by April 28th. Mr. Hunter will also be happy to take your order form/check/cash in the morning drop off line. If paying by cash, please send exact change in an envelope with your name and "STREAM plant sale" on the envelope.

**Payment needs to be received by the morning of April 28th.**

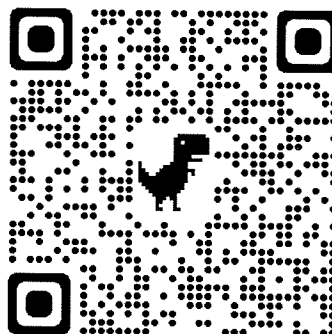
PLANT PICK-UP WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, MAY 5TH, 2022, 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM. We will send out instructions on how the pick-up process will take place as the delivery date gets closer.

PLEASE NOTE: All plants come from Mitchell Greenhouses in Alden. PLANTS COME IN A VARIETY OF COLORS. CHOICE OF COLORS IS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN ORDERING.

\*You will choose your plants from what is available on pick-up day.

**SPECIAL: BUY FIVE 4 1/2" POTS, GET ONE 4 1/2" POT FREE! MIX & MATCH.** (SIX 4 1/2 " POTS FOR \$30.00) Make sure you include the free plant(s) in your order below. **\*\*HANGING BASKETS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SPECIAL\*\***

Scan the QR code to access this form online:



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANT SELECTION**

**INDICATE NUMBER OF PLANTS FOR EACH VARIETY.**

PLANTS COME IN A VARIETY OF COLORS. CHOICE OF COLORS IS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN ORDERING.

\*You will choose your plants from what is available on pick-up day.

**#1:** 10" Combination Hanging Basket - 3 or 4 different varieties in each basket create very interesting color and texture. Multiple different colors and plant combinations for sun or shade.

\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF BASKETS DESIRED. \$22.00 each\*\* **Number of baskets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#2:** 10" Hanging Basket Strawberries - Everbearing varieties, Fort Laramie & Eversweet, will fruit all summer long. Keep in full sun. Feed regularly. \*If Mitchell's runs out of stock due to high demand, you will be able to choose a combination basket as a replacement.

\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF BASKETS DESIRED. \$22.00 each\*\* **Number of baskets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#3:** Gerbera Daisies 4 1/2" pot - Numerous color and flower styles in the Festival, Jaguar, and Revolution series. Solid dark-eyed and light-eyed blooms. Grow and flower best in full sun with adequate moisture.

\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF 4 1/2" POTS DESIRED. \$6.00 each\*\* **Number of pots:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#4:** Double Impatiens 4 1/2" pot - Fiesta double impatiens. Heat tolerant. Filtered sun to part shade. Numerous large rose-like blooms that bloom all season long. Multiple colors available.

\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF 4 1/2" POTS DESIRED. \$6.00 each\*\* **Number of pots:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#5:** Petunias 4 1/2" pot - Proven garden performers give color all season. Unique flower colors and patterns. Do best in high light, like lots of food and moisture. Excellent in combinations and solid plantings.

\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF 4 1/2" POTS DESIRED. \$6.00 each\*\* **Number of pots:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#6:** Verbena 4 1/2" pot - Large flowers in an assortment of vibrant colors. Attracts butterflies. Full sun.

**\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF 4 1/2" POTS DESIRED. \$6.00 each\*\***      **Number of pots:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#7:** Coleus 4 1/2" pot - Kong coleus. Upright and trailing varieties or shade areas. Unusual and attractive colors with great texture. Great in landscape, a good replacement for impatiens. Many unusual cutting varieties available.

**\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF 4 1/2" POTS DESIRED. \$6.00 each\*\***      **Number of pots:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#8:** Osteospermum 4 1/2" pot - Sunscape Daisy. Cold hardy plant that will tolerate spring and fall frost. They make outstanding full sun garden or patio plant. Beautiful purple, white, pink, rose, coral, or yellow daisy flowers. Keep evenly moist.

**\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF 4 1/2" POTS DESIRED. \$6.00 each\*\***      **Number of pots:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#9:** Angelonia 4 1/2" pot - Well suited for the hot dry spot in your garden. Blue, coral, red, and white colors.

**\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF 4 1/2" POTS DESIRED. \$6.00 each\*\***      **Number of pots:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#10:** Cuphea 4 1/2" pots - Commonly known as Mexican Heather. Will grow to a 24" shrub in full sun. Loves summer heat. Attracts hummingbirds. Colors include lavender, white, magenta, purple, and red.

**\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF 4 1/2" POTS DESIRED. \$6.00 each\*\***      **Number of pots:** \_\_\_\_\_

**#11:** Dahlietta 4 1/2" pots - Vegetatively propagated dahlias have 2 1/2"-3" fully double flowers. Very uniform in growth habit and numerous flowers. Performs best in full sun. Red, orange, salmon, pink, scarlet, burgundy, white, yellow, and bi-colors.

**\*\*INDICATE THE NUMBER OF 4 1/2" POTS DESIRED. \$6.00 each\*\***      **Number of pots:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total number of plants ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

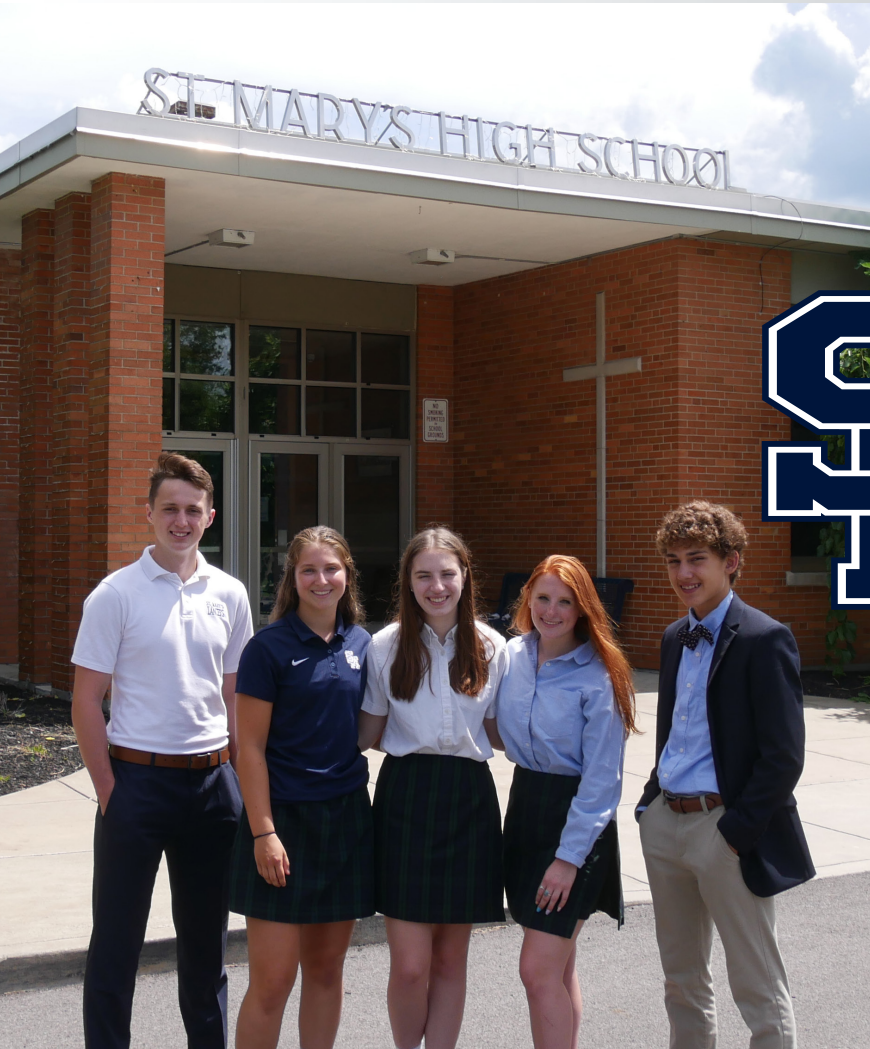
**AMOUNT DUE? \$** \_\_\_\_\_ Don't forget to account for the BUY FIVE 4 1/2" POTS, GET ONE 4 1/2" POT FREE (6 potted plants for \$30). You must include the free plants in your order above.

**PAYMENT METHOD?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check (Made out to SME with "STREAM Plant Sale" in the memo.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash (Exact change, please.)

\_\_\_\_\_ VANCO (Payment through St. Mary of the Assumption's donations page at [Stmarysonthehill.org](http://Stmarysonthehill.org). DONATE. STREAM.)



# Spring Open House

April 20th at 6 p.m.

Register at [smhlancers.org](http://smhlancers.org)



As the flowers begin to bloom and the smell of Spring is in the air, there is no better time to get a jump on the high school selection process or to finish that checklist to find the perfect school for you next year.

St. Mary's is that place! Ranked 7th academically out of 131 WNY high schools, our Lancers get the job done in and out of the classroom. With dozens of sports teams, club, and performing arts opportunities, every student becomes a part of this St. Mary's Family.

**Begin your Lancer journey!**

**94.79**  
**Average student**  
**athlete's GPA**



**ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL**  
**LANCASTER, NY**

142 Laverack Ave. Lancaster, NY 14086





# LANCASTER YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER

**REGISTRATION  
OPENS APRIL 1ST**

## TACKLE FOOTBALL

**AGE DIVISIONS:**

- PEE WEE: AGES 5-7
- FRESHMAN: AGES 8-9
- JUNIOR VARSITY: AGES 10-11
- VARSITY: AGES 12-14

**REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**

- DRYFIT & PERSONALIZED JERSEY
- HELMET/SHOULDER PAD RENTAL

**SEASON RUNS AUGUST - NOVEMBER**

## FLAG FOOTBALL

**AGES 5-12**

**REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**

- DRYFIT
- 1 GAME PER WEEK
- 2 PRACTICES A WEEK

**SEASON RUNS AUGUST - OCTOBER**

## CHEERLEADING

**AGE DIVISIONS:**

- MASCOT; AGES 4-5
- PEE WEE: AGES 6-7
- FRESHMAN: AGES 8-9
- JUNIOR VARSITY: AGES 10-11
- VARSITY: AGES 12-14; MUST BE 14 BY 12/1

**UNIFORM RENTAL INCLUDED  
OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE LOCALLY**

**SEASON RUNS AUGUST - NOVEMBER**

**DIVISIONS BASED ON  
AGE AS OF 9/1/2022**



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