

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL...

Dear SME Families,

Our Pre-K Mother's Day Tea event and HSA's Penny Fair were the highlight last week here in the school! Thanks to all teachers and parent volunteers who were able to help make these events possible. Community events that unite SME parents and students truly represent the heart-warming learning environment that helps our students reach their potential.

This Friday, our school will be celebrating mass outside, as part of our annual May Crowning event. Please remember to send your child with a towel or something to sit on, so their uniforms do not get dirty from the blacktop. Students may also bring a flower to place at the statue of Mary in the grotto.

Peace and God's Blessings,

Mr. O
olejniczak@smeschool.com



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **5/11** - Progress Report Upload: K-8
- **5/12** - Panera Fundraiser @ Transit/Losson 4-8pm, online all day!
- **5/13** - May Crowning Mass, 8:30 *Outdoors*
- **5/20** - 8th Grade Hope Ribbon Mass 8:30am
- **5/24** - NYS Science Testing
- **5/25-5/26** - Book Fair
- **5/26** - Ascension Thursday Mass 8:30
- **5/27** - **NO SCHOOL**
- **5/30** - **NO SCHOOL** - Memorial Day

Penny Fair Fun!



BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 5/3 - 5/9/22 the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$184.04**.

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

May Sales to Date: \$4,895.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date
(3/15 - 5/9/22): \$1,856.23

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 5/6

Total tickets Sold: 661

Tickets Left: 589

Sold by SME Families: 219

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:

Thank you to the many hands that had a part in making the return of the Penny Fair a success! A big thank you to Jenny Sparmo for organizing and refreshing the event for our students!

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.

If you are able to help with set up on Tuesday 5/24 or during the fair, please contact Jenny Sparmo (jennifersparmo@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

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.

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!

Panera Fundraiser:

Don't forget to let Panera do the cooking tomorrow! Dine in or carry out, the choice is yours! Just don't forget to give the code **FUND4U!** The code can be used online **ALL DAY!** St. Mary's will receive 20% of total net sales.



NURSE NOTES

Some reminders as we look to the 2022-2023 school year:

- ⇒ All **NEW** students at St. Mary's Elementary are required to have a current physical.
- ⇒ New York State requires that the following grade levels must have a current physical on file: PRE-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7. Physicals are valid for one calendar year from the date a student is evaluated.
- ⇒ Letters have been sent to 5th Grade students needing the required Tdap immunization upon entering 6th Grade. Please plan accordingly over the next few months to make an appointment with your doctor to receive this if needed.
- ⇒ Students entering 7th grade are required to have one dose of Meningitis vaccine. You will be notified if you are needing this immunization.

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!



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MAY CROWNING MASS 5/13

On Friday May 13th we will host our weekly mass outdoors.

All students (with the exception of 3rd Grade) should bring a towel/blanket to sit on in parking lot for Mass.

Our 3rd graders are encouraged to wear their Communion Attire.

All students may bring a flower to be placed at the statue of Mary in the grotto.



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SCRIP

ShopWithScrip is now RaiseRight – same great savings for you, with a new name and more user friendly platform.

For the 2022/2023 school year, the tuition rebate credit will now be split 80/20 so that you will be able to save even more on your tuition!
You can start earning now towards your tuition for the 2022/2023 school year, and sales continue at the rectory all summer!

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
- Burger King & Sunoco Gift Cards are temporarily unavailable.
- 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

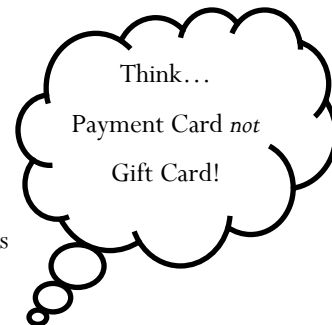
To ensure timely receipt, orders (paper & online) must be submitted by 10:00am Monday

For a complete list of participating retailers, visit the RaiseRight website: <https://www.raiseright.com/brands>

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.

Dinner! Gas! Groceries! Clothes! Furniture! Vacations! Coffee! Health & Beauty! Prescriptions!



READY SET READ

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

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.

The last day to turn in bookmarks for the contest is this Friday, May 13th. The template can be found attached electronically to the 4/20 NewsNote if you are in need of another copy.

GOLF TOURNAMENT



Save the Date:

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

Raffle tickets & tournament sign up sheets went home last week. If you are in need of more tickets, please contact Mrs. Kuhn.

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.

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. April prize winning checks were mailed last week.

Monthly winners posted on our website's NewsNote tab.

NURSE INFO

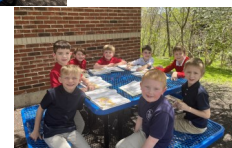
Nurse Tara Salge
nurse@smeschool.com
683-2112 x128
M-F 9:30am - 1:00pm

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

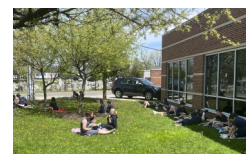
TAKE IT OUTSIDE!



1st Grade enjoying the new picnic tables!



4th Grade enjoying the shade of the trees!



STAY IN THE KNOW



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

Save the Date:

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are going great with **661** tickets sold as of May 6th. There are still plenty of chances to get into the drawing, with 589 tickets remaining.

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, **219** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by **74** of the 186 current school families; a percentage of 40%. We thank you for your support and encourage the other 112 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 1st 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 - people love a raffle!

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

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

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



WARM WEATHER ATTIRE

As per the Parent/Student Handbook:

Girls & Boys Grades K-8:

Navy blue or khaki knee length shorts may be worn in September, October, **May and June**. No cargo shorts/pants are allowed. A black or brown belt needs to be worn with shorts or pants.

Shorts are to be dress shorts, not cotton/gym shorts with the exception of those students who wear their PE attire to school on PE days.



BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION

Did you know that St. Mary's participates in the Box Tops 4 Education program?

The program has gone digital! Gone are the days of clipping tiny little coupons. Now all you have to do is download the app & snap a picture of your receipt. Easy peasy!

For more information and to download the app:
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/referred>

This month, new app users who sign up to support a school using code **TeachersMakeUsBetter** will earn \$5 for their school when they scan their first receipt by 5/31/22!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to Fr. Michael LaMarca and the parishioners of St. Michael's Church in Warsaw for providing rosaries to all the middle school students!

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.



St. Mary's Elementary
Art Teacher - Mrs. Kim Pesany-Au

Owen A., Kindergarten

Benjamin B., 1st Grade

Noah K., 1st Grade

Alexandria M., 2nd Grade

Ava V., 2nd Grade

Caylee Z., 3rd Grade

Henri K., 4th Grade

Allie D., 5th Grade

Emily G., 6th Grade

Corey B., 7th Grade

Jack L., 7th Grade

Tara P., 7th Grade

Gabrielle D., 8th Grade

Erika H., 8th Grade

Charles K., 8th Grade

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\$5.00



\$7.99



\$7.99



\$9.99

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\$3.00



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St. Mary's High School 2022 Summer Camps

Girls Basketball

June 28-30 / 6-8:30 pm / \$150

S. Ciezki '22
Penn State Commit

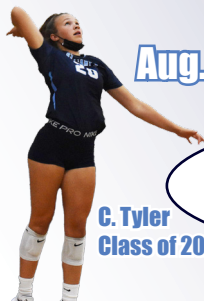
Girls Volleyball

Middle School:

July 25-29 / 9-12 pm / \$150

High School:

Aug. 8-12 / 9-12 pm / \$190



C. Tyler
Class of 2024

Boys Basketball

Aug. 1-4 / 9-12 pm / \$150



N. Starks
Class of 2023

Girls Soccer

Aug. 15-18 / 8-1 pm / \$150



S. O'Rourke '22
S. Carolina Commit

Boys Soccer

Aug. 15-19 / 5-8 pm / \$75



Griffin Dempsey '22
Mercyhurst Commit

Register at smhlancers.org
or contact Athletic Director
Zach Weiss at zweiss@smhlancers.org



St. Mary's High School

Lancaster, NY

Academic Camps

Arts Camp

August 1-4th

9am-1pm

\$200

Math Camp

Close the Covid gap!

July 11-14

9am-12pm

\$200

