

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL...

Dear SME Family,

Thank you so much to all who attended last week's Open House! The event was a tremendous success that saw our school once again grow; it was fantastic to see so many parents touring our school with their happy, excited children. More than being a display of our impressive academic programs, discussing how technology is woven into all classes in all grade levels, or how our school prides itself on our inclusivity, to me, the evening is a shining example of the togetherness of St. Mary's Elementary. I'm proud to be a part of our school community.

At Open House, I spoke of SME building bridges instead of barriers and working with people and not students. A large reason I know these statements are true is because of our incredible team of teachers. Our teachers are a most vital part of our community! Without their tireless efforts, dedication, creativity, or love, our school would not be the same. Our passionate educators breathe life into the building, and hope and inspiration into the lives of our students. This week, we recognize our teachers! Happy Teacher Appreciation Week, teachers!

Thanks again for joining us last week, and I look forward to our next in-person event.

Mr. Olejniczak
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 *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
- 5/27 - NO SCHOOL
- 5/30 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day



BY THE NUMBERS

SCRIP:

From 4/26 - 5/2/22 the Scrip rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$229.29**.

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: \$21,660.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date (3/15 - 5/2/22): \$1,672.19

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 4/30

Total tickets Sold: 646

Tickets Left: 604

Sold by SME Families: 210

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. The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:30-10:15 Kindergarten & Grade 1

10:15-11:00 Grades 2 & 3

11:00 - 11:45 Grades 4 & 5

11:45-12:30 Grades 6-8

12:30-1:30 Pre-K (will only attend with a parent/guardian)

Parents are invited to come in to assist those students in our youngest grades.

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!

If you are interested in helping and did not receive an email from Jenny Sparmo on Monday 5/2, please contact her directly (jennifersparmo@gmail.com) to sign up.

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).

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!

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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.

STREAM FLOWER SALE



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

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



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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 start earning NOW towards your 22-23 tuition, and sales continue at the rectory throughout the 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
- 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 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

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!



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.

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.

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.

SPRING SALE

Niagara: Fundraiser Profit: \$547.64

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

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are going great with **646** tickets included in the drawing of the third and final early bird winner of \$150, which was awarded to the owner of ticket #999. Congrats!

There are still plenty of chances to get into the drawing, with 604 tickets remaining.

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, **210** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by **71** of the 186 current school families; a percentage of 38%. We thank you for your support and encourage the other 115 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 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. 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.



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!

CHRIS GRISWALD MEMORIAL RUN

Please see the flyer attached electronically today regarding the Chris Griswald Memorial Run, being held on 5/14 in Como Park. Grammar School Athletes can receive \$10 off their registration with the discount code: **FutureLancers** (input at the time of registration). In addition, the grammar school with the most entries will receive 2 hours of gym time at St. Mary's HS, along with guided tour for parents!

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.


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**Services vary by cafe.

**St. Mary of the Assumption Parish &
St. Mary's Elementary School present...**



Monday, July 11, 2022

9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM ShotGun Start
Lunch at the Turn
One Hour Open Bar before Dinner
4:30 PM Buffalo Themed Dinner
Prizes and Awards



Prizes for... Longest Drive · Highest Team Score
Lowest Team Score · Closet to the Pin ·
Hole in One Contest · Other Day of Contests

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

\$150 – Individual Golfer (will be assigned to a group)

\$600 – Foursome _____

\$50 Dinner Only

I am unable to attend, but would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____



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2 Hole Signs
Recognition on SME Website

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1 Hole Sign
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Recognition on SME Website

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1 Golf Pair
Lunch Reception Signage
Recognition on SME Website

RECEPTION SPONSOR \$300

Signage at Cocktail Hour
1 Hole Sign
Recognition on SME Website

CONTEST SPONSOR \$100

1 Contest Sign
1 Hole Sign
Recognition on SME Website

HOLE SPONSOR \$50

1 Hole Sign
Recognition on SME Website

**Proceeds to benefit
St. Mary's Elementary School**

Sponsorships:

___ GOLD	\$1,500
___ SILVER	\$1,000
___ BRONZE	\$ 750
___ LUNCH	\$ 500
___ RECEPTION	\$ 300
___ CONTEST	\$ 100
___ HOLE	\$ 50

Please make checks payable to: St. Mary's Elementary School or scan the QR code above to pay with credit.

Forms may be mailed to: SME GOLF COMMITTEE, 2 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086 · 716-683-2112

28th
annual

Chris Griswold Memorial Lancer 5K

Saturday, May 14, 2022

10 am @ Como Park

\$30 registration fee

Run/Walk

Prizes for Top 3 in
each age group
Post-Race Party

Proceeds benefit
St. Mary's Athletics

Register at smhlancers.org

