

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE INTERIM PRINCIPAL...

Dear SME Family,

As this week's newsletter is distributed throughout the school, our students are partaking in a dress down for a cause day to benefit the families of victims of the May 14 attack at a local supermarket. On the opposite side of our country, another round of victims, families, and local communities suffer in the unique way that only a close proximity allows.

Over the past few months, members of our SME community have endured the loss of loved ones, grave illnesses, and tragic, life-altering events. In a very short period of time, our school family has suffered an inordinately high amount of major tragedies. We're hurting, there are no easy solutions, and we're all reminded that life is difficult, at its easiest.

When confronted with our most daunting challenges, it may be helpful to keep in mind St. Paul's message in his second letter to the Corinthians. Paul taught us that we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; struck down, but not destroyed. (2 Cor 4:8-10). Though we will never understand why, our school has been very much afflicted. But, we must not despair, and through God's grace, we will never be crushed or destroyed.

Indeed, in our darkest hours, Jesus continues to be the light of our lives. Continuing to turn to Him as our first response will help guide our thoughts, direct our actions, and bring peace within our lives.

Thank you to all who have reached out with your offers of assistance, thoughts, and prayers. All are appreciated. And, when the next need arises and we are again seeking generous offers of loving support, I will be certain to play my role in bringing together members of our school community, so that we can continue to lift up one another.

Have a great week,
Mr. Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **6/3** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am, Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books
- **6/4** - Chipotle Dinner Fundraiser 4-8:00pm
- **6/6** - NYS Science Testing
- **6/10 - 10:45 Early Dismissal** - Staff PD. **NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE**
- **6/10** - Mega Raffle Virtual Drawing!
- **6/17** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- **6/20 - NO SCHOOL:** Juneteenth
- **6/21 - 1:00 Early Dismissal**, School Picnic, K-8 Report Card Upload
- **6/22** - Pre-K, K, 8 Graduation Ceremonies



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BY THE NUMBERS

RaiseRight:

From 5/24- 5/26/22 the RaiseRight rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$32.79**.

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

May Sales to Date: \$16,331.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date (3/15 - 5/26/22): \$2,439.80

CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.

Initial Order: \$7200.00

(Deficit)/Profit: (\$607.00)

Order Anytime:

<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

MEGA RAFFLE:

Totals as of 5/23

Total tickets Sold: 736

Tickets Left: 514

Sold by SME Families: 246

DINNER FUNDRAISERS:

Save the date

Chipotle (Transit near BJ's): 6/4

Panera Results: \$128.24! Thank you!!

AMAZON SMILE:

Quarter 2 Donation: \$61.47

Shop smile.amazon.com & select St. Mary's and a portion of your order can be donated to us!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Ready SET Read & the Battle of the Books is Friday!

We are looking forward to a fun filled afternoon!

Our reading challenge is underway for our students through 3rd grade!

Keep on reading & earning those 20 minute reading slips to drop another stone in the bucket.

The heaviest bucket will win a prize!

MEGA RAFFLE

Mega Raffle ticket sales are going great, with **736** tickets sold as of May 26th. There are still plenty of chances to get into the drawing, with 514 tickets remaining.

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, **246** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by **81** of the 186 current school families; a percentage of 44%. We thank you for your support and encourage the other 105 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!

Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend!

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.

HSA

Spring Book Fair:

Thank you to Mrs. Sparmo and her team for running our book fair last week! Great Fun was had & Great Reads were found!

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!

School Picnic:

The picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 21st. Please see the following sign up for a list of donatable items & volunteer slots:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CADA923A2FF2-school>



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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



RAISERIGHT CORNER

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

We will slowly be rebranding through St. Mary's, and so you will continue to see both Scrip and RaiseRight used.

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:

- The remaining order dates of the school year are June 6th and June 13th. The program runs year round (meaning you can earn rebate credits year round) and gift cards can be purchased from the Rectory all summer.
- Supercuts gift cards will no longer be available to order after June 4th. Cards already purchased are still good to use.
- Sony PlayStation Plus eGift cards are no longer available.
- 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Kindergarten - 5th grade children are invited to participate in VBS here at St. Mary's this summer. VBS will take place August 1-5, 2022 6:00-8:00 PM. Please see the electronic flyer for information. The link to sign up is included in the flyer or you can click the link below.

VBS 2022 Registration Form:

<https://forms.gle/ND3cjsCjYBYfjzgHA>

If you have older children who would like to volunteer as VBS helpers, please fill out the volunteer form by clicking the below link.

VBS 2022 Youth Volunteer Form:

<https://forms.gle/GTx5St8go6dJP5hQ9>

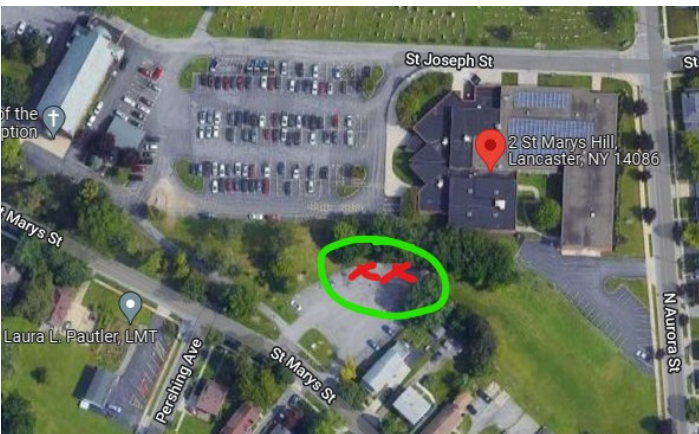
We hope that your children will join us for this fun and faith-filled week! Please share this information with your friends!

PAPER RECYCLING

Did you know that SME & St. Mary of the Assumption participate in a paper recycling program?

Bins are now located in our lower lot to reduce the chance of wind blown debris through the cemetery.

We appreciate you joining us in this green initiative!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the Date:

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

- * Golfers of any skill level are invited to play! The registration form to golf is available on our school website on the Fund-raisers tab.
- * Additional 'Big Ticket' Raffle Tickets are available by request in the school office.
- * We are accepting donations for the basket raffle to be held during the golf tournament dinner. A custom gift list has been created on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/IRRMX7P855QR/guest-view>
- * We are also accepting donations of gift cards. A modified RaiseRight/SCRIP order form has been created and attached electronically today.

We thank you in advance for any/all support of this fun event!

Please reach out to Phil Gonser if you are interested in helping in any way: pgonser@gmail.com or (716) 807-5719.



GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Pre-K Graduation Information was sent out through your children, please peek in backpacks if you have not yet seen your invitation!

Kindergarten Graduation will be held in the Church at 2:00.

8th Grade Graduation will be held in the Church at 4:00.



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.

NURSE NOTES

We have recently received backorders of COVID test kits.

Any family interested in a box or twelve are welcome to send an email to either Nurse Tara or Mrs. Kuhn and we happily distribute them to you!

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8TH GRADE



DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR **ST. MARY ELEMENTARY**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH | 4-8PM
8020 TRANSIT RD UNIT 23, WILLIAMSVILLE, NY, 14221

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **V2DRLW2**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



St. Mary of the Assumption Presents:

“God’s Love Is Everywhere!”

Vacation Bible School

Come join us for a fun~filled week!

Location:	<i>St. Mary’s Parish Center</i>
Dates:	<i>August 1 – August 5, 2022</i>
Arrival Time:	<i>5:45 p.m.</i>
Session Time:	<i>6:00 p.m. ~ 8:00 p.m.</i>
Closing Mass:	<i>Saturday, August 6 at 7 p.m. outdoors</i>
Grades:	<i>Upcoming KDG~ 5th</i>
Cost:	<i>\$20 (\$30 for two or more children)</i>

A picnic for the entire family will take place on Friday, August 5th.

Students in grades 6-12 can volunteer as teen helpers

Registration deadline: July 16th

For more information please call: 716-683-8564

Register online:

<https://forms.gle/TWJm2QuFpmW8yXAW9>



*We will enjoy learning about Jesus & our faith!
Come and join the fun. Invite a friend or a cousin to join you!*