

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear St. Mary's Elementary School Families,

What a memorable school year! Reflecting back on the past ten months brings mixed emotions: not long ago, masked students attended class and parents were not allowed in the building; now, we are not mandated to wear masks, and we have had school wide events weekly. As a community, we have grieved, mourned, and endured. We have also succeeded, celebrated, and overcome. During our final week of the academic year, let us take the advice of Psalm 118:24 - "This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

As many students sit for their final exams and others rehearse for graduation ceremony celebrations, I am proud of our student population and the entire SME community at large. I am confident that our students will do their best on their assessments - and am also filled with hope that they leave our school, whether it be for high school or just for the summer, ready and prepared to also pass life's larger tests. Doing well academically is always a goal of our teachers and staff, but preparing our students to head out to their corners of the world to do good for others is also a goal of ours.

Thank you to all who have generously donated over the course of the year. Without your volunteerism, time, or financial support, our school would not have been able to fulfill its mission as well as we have. Whether you helped to support victims of tragic events or were able to support SME students from the Czerniejewski-Stark family, I want to personally express heartfelt gratitude.

For all you have done and will continue to do for SME in the future: thank you.

Have a safe and blessed summer,

Mr. Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **6/17** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
LAST DAY OF AFTERSCHOOL CARE
- **6/20 - NO SCHOOL:** Juneteenth
- **6/21 - 1:00 Early Dismissal**, School Picnic, K-8 Report Card Upload, **LAST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE**
- **6/22** - Pre-K, K, 8 Graduation Ceremonies
- **6/23** - Summer Office Hours Begin: 8-12 M-Th

BY THE NUMBERS

RaiseRight:

From 6/7 - 6/13/22 the RaiseRight rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$367.35**.

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

June Sales to date: \$15,115.00

Annual Rebate Profit to Date (3/15 - 6/13/22): \$3,368.23

CANDY BAR SALE:

Chocolate bars are just \$1.

Initial Order: \$7200.00

(Deficit)/Profit: \$226.00

Order Anytime:

<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

MEGA RAFFLE:

Total tickets sold: 921
Thank you for your support!

DINNER FUNDRAISERS:

Chiavetta's Drive Through 7/2

AMAZON SMILE:

Quarter 2 Donation: \$61.47

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

PICNIC CLASS COLORS

We ask that each grade wear the following colored shirt with their shorts & sneakers on picnic day:

K - Red 1st - Orange
2nd - Yellow 3rd - Green
4th - Blue 5th - Purple
6th - Black 7th - White

8th - Hope Ribbon gift/t-shirt made by the 7th graders

Pre-K students wishing to attend with their parent/guardian should wear their Pre-K t-shirt.

MEGA RAFFLE

Our 7th Annual Mega Raffle drawing took place last Friday, June 10th, and the virtual drawing can be viewed on the parish website: www.stmarysonthehill.org.

All winners have been contacted – congratulations if you were one of them!

Although we did not reach our sales goal this year, with 921 of the possible 1,250 tickets sold, we are still extremely grateful for the continued support of this event.

6th grade won the ice cream contest and the winners of the ride to school on a fire truck partook in their prize this morning.

If you are interested in joining the Mega Raffle committee to help with next year's event, please reach out to Megaraffle@smeschool.com.

We encourage as much support as possible!

HSA

School Picnic:

The picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 21st 8:30-12:30. Please see the following sign up for a list of donatable items & volunteer slots:

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

We will be serving hot dogs for lunch. If your child would prefer either a sunbutter & jelly or grilled cheese sandwich, please email hsa@smeschool.com with your request by Monday 6/20.

Home School Association Board Vacancies:

We are in need of new members to add to our HSA Board for the upcoming school year. For more information about this important support team for our school, please contact Barb Kalinowski at barbaracond@gmail.com or 716-997-4000.

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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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 last order date of the school year was Monday, 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.
- As of June 10th, earnings for Amazon.com gift card purchases will decrease from 2% to 1.7%. (*You always buy Tops @ 5.5% or Walgreens at 5% and grab them there! Wink wink!*)
- Supercuts gift cards are no longer be available to order as of 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 raiseright@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!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

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 Fundraisers 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 is available on our website.

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.



CHIAVETTA'S BBQ FUNDRAISER

St. Mary's Home School Association is hosting a drive-thru Chiavetta's Dinner on Saturday, July 2nd from 12:00-5:00pm, or until we sell out. Dinners are **\$13 presale** / \$15 the day of.

Purchasing tickets is easy:

- Mail or drop off your payment of cash or check (\$13/dinner, made out to St. Mary of the Assumption) to 1 St. Mary's Hill, Lancaster, NY 14086 and a receipt will be mailed to you. Your returned receipt will be your pick-up 'ticket.' *Presale tickets must be paid for by Friday, July 1st.*

- Payment is also accepted via Venmo or Paypal – call (716) 253-7880 for more information.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

We are looking for interested families to represent SME in this year's July 4th Parade!

The parade begins at 2:00. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com). Further details to come once we gauge interest/availability!



ART PORTFOLIOS

ART Portfolios are being sent home this week with SME Artists in PreK3, PreK4 and Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Please set aside some time with your child for "ART Talk".

I am sure that they will be excited to share many details about their amazing ARTwork.

LOOKING AHEAD: SPORTS

As we come to the end of our 2021/2022 sports season I want to thank all of you that participated and helped along the way. This was my first year jumping in as the Athletic Director and your support was greatly appreciated (and needed).

Once the 2022/2023 school year starts we will have a quick start to the three fall sports that our school will be participating in.

To get ahead of this I put together initial details as well as an "interest form" for each sport. This is not a commitment or an actual sign up but will allow us to ensure that any interested student/family will get information as soon as we get it.

Here are the links for each form:

- Swimming details and interest form: <https://forms.gle/7p1ZWPcn27kzRPxa7>
- Co-Ed Cross Country details and interest form: <https://forms.gle/ukgGKwZLtTA8yJin7>
- Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball details and interest form: <https://forms.gle/6iQ577qrtVkrSftq8>

More information will follow once the 2022/2023 starts. Thanks again for all of the support and wishing you all a safe and happy summer vacation!

Any questions: athletics@smeschool.com

Steve DeMarzio
SME Athletic Director

SUMMER CARE - WISH LIST



Are you looking to rehome a bike that your child has outgrown?

The children like to ride bikes during our summer program.

Bikes with or without training wheels are welcome. We are also in need of helmets.

If you have any questions about a possible donation and it's acceptance, please contact Mrs. O'Grady: ogradyj@smeschool.com.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

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. May prize winning checks were mailed last week. Monthly winners are 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.

SUMMER NEWS

Stay in the know and follow us on Facebook!

We will post when the uniform exchange is open!

We will post when the PE online store opens!

We may even post just to say hello!

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 6/20 - No School - Juneteenth

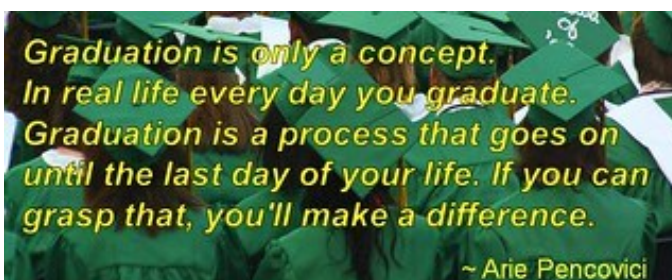
Save the Date: 6/21 - 1:00 Early Dismissal, Picnic - LAST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Save the Date: 6/22 Graduation Ceremonies

Save the Date: 7/2 Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ 12-5:00

Save the Date: 7/4 - Parade

8TH GRADE



Graduation is only a concept. In real life every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference.

~ Arie Pencovici

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School uniforms 2022 - 2023

St. Mary's Elementary School

Located on Abbott Rd. between Ridge Rd. and
Mercy Hospital- next to Rite Aid

Description- Girls	Sizes	Price
Plaid Jumpers 194-55	5-14	\$36.99
- Grades- K-5	Plus sizes	\$37.99
Skorts - Navy or Khaki	4 - 20	\$11.99 - \$12.99
- Grades - K - 8	Plus	\$12.99 - \$13.99
Pants - Navy or Khaki	4 - 20	\$11.99 - \$16.99
- Grades - K-8	Plus	\$13.99 - \$16.99
Shorts - Navy or Khaki	4 - 20	\$11.99 - \$13.99
- Grades - K- 8 (Sept/Oct. & May/June)	Plus	\$12.99 - \$14.99
Pater Pan Blouses- white	S/S- 5-20	\$7.99
-Grade K-5	L/S- 6-16	\$8.99
Polo Shirts- Embroidered w/ school logo	S/S- Youth- XS- XL	\$14.99
- White/ Navy / Red	S/S- Adult- S-XL	\$16.99
	L/S- Youth- XS- XL	\$15.99
	L/S- Adult- S- XL	\$17.99
Knee sox- white/ navy	All sizes	3 pack for \$6.99
Fleece - Navy with embroidered logo	Youth - XS - L	\$24.99
- Full Zip	Adult - XS - XXL	\$26.99
Description- Boys	Sizes	Price
Pants- Navy or Khaki	4-20	\$11.99 - \$15.99
	Husky	\$13.99 - \$17.99
Shorts - Navy or Khaki	4-20	\$11.99 - \$13.99
	Husky	\$12.99 - \$13.99
Polo Shirts- w/ school logo	S/S- Youth- XS- XL	\$14.99
- White/ Navy / Red	S/S- Adult- S-XL	\$16.99
	L/S- Youth- XS- XL	\$15.99
	L/S- Adult- S- XL	\$17.99
Oxford Cloth Shirts- White	S/S- Youth- 8-20	\$15.99
- Button down collar	L/S- Youth- 8 - 20	\$16.99
Socks - navy or white crew		5 pk / \$7.99
Fleece - Navy with embroidered logo	Youth - XS - L	\$24.99
- Full Zip	Adult - XS - XXL	\$26.99

BEST SUMMER EVER. 2022



**HIGHER
ACHIEVEMENT
PROGRAM**

JULY 5 - JULY 29

*For rising eighth
grade boys*

SPORTS CAMPS

For rising sixth through ninth grade boys

SOCCER

**JULY 5 -
JULY 8**

ROWING

**JUNE 27 - JULY 1
OR
AUGUST 8 - 12**

BASKETBALL

**AUGUST 1 -
AUGUST 4**

LACROSSE

**JULY 26 -
JULY 28**

VOLLEYBALL

**JULY 11 -
JULY 14**

HOCKEY

**JULY 6, 13,
20, 27,
AUGUST 3**

WORKSHOPS

*For rising sixth and seventh
grade boys*

VIDEO GAME DESIGN AND ANIMATION

JULY 11 - 15 OR JULY 18 - 22

ROBOTICS

JULY 11 - 15 OR JULY 18 - 22

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

JULY 25 - JULY 29



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GRADES 4-8*

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SUNDAY, JULY 31ST**

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2912 WILLIAM ST, CHEEKTOWAGA**

PRICE: \$180

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