

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear SME Families,

As our older students prepare for Final Exams Week, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some healthy study habits. While studying, it is important to prioritize sleep and rest. We can only work best when we are properly rested and not overtasked. It is also helpful to consume a healthy diet. Unhealthy foods and snacks prevent us from working and concentrating at an optimal level. Finally, continuing to live an active lifestyle that includes exercise and a change of scenery may help students as they prepare for their final exams. Most importantly, though, is to not stress out too much about final exams. They are single assessments given at fixed moments in time, and not high-stakes tests that define our students.

Some important days and times to remember:

- June 10 - 10:45 Dismissal, No Afterschool Care Available
- June 20 - No School in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday
- June 21 - 1:00 Dismissal; School Picnic 8:30-12:30
- June 22 - Pre-K4, Kindergarten, 8th Grade Graduation Day

Have a wonderful week,
Mr. Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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



BY THE NUMBERS

RaiseRight:
From 5/24- 6/6/22 the RaiseRight rebate profit earned towards tuition was **\$558.17**.
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: \$17,906.00
June Sales to date: \$7,485.00
Annual Rebate Profit to Date (3/15 - 6/6/22): \$2,965.18

CANDY BAR SALE:
Chocolate bars are just \$1.
Initial Order: \$7200.00
(Deficit)/Profit: (\$110.00)
Order Anytime:
<https://forms.gle/vfLmhrHoEG2PL8oG9>

MEGA RAFFLE:
Totals as of 6/8
Total tickets Sold: 801
Tickets Left: 449
Sold by SME Families: 270

DINNER FUNDRAISERS:
Save the date
Chipotle: Profit information forthcoming
Panera Results: \$128.24! Thank you!!
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 takes place this Friday, June 10th, and the virtual drawing can be viewed at 6:00pm on the parish website: www.stmarysonthehill.org.
801 tickets have been sold as of June 6th, and there are still plenty of chances to get into the drawing, with 449 tickets remaining.
Tickets must be purchased by 3:00pm on Friday, June 10th.
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, and as part of the tuition agreement, each family is asked to sell or purchase at least two tickets. So far, **270** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by 85 of the 186 current school families; a percentage of 46%. We thank you for your support and encourage the other 101 families to meet their commitment soon.

6th grade won the ice cream contest and the winners of the ride to school on a fire truck have been contacted.

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.

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!

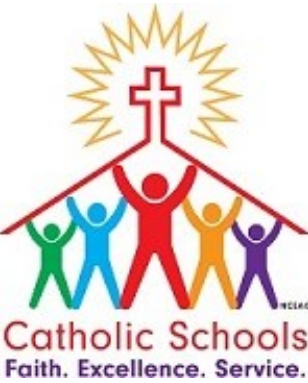
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HSA

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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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 last order date of the school year is next 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 an 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 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!

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!

CHIAVETTA'S BBQ FUNDRAISER

St. Mary's Home School Association is hosting a drive-thru Chia-vetta'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.

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 re-quest 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.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



From July - May the total rebate earned for St. Mary's was \$31.50.

Last month the donation earned was just \$2.50 but the sky is the limit!

All we need is for our families to download the Box Tops for Education App and scan those grocery receipts (or show your kids how)!

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.



SMHS BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

The next open gym opportunity for girls in grades 6-8 will be Sunday, June 12th from 6-8pm.

Questions/Contact: Coach Peter, SMHS JV Basketball Coach
pnlfloor@yahoo.com

8TH GRADE



Have a safe
& enjoyable
time on your
fieldtrip
Friday!



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!

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 6/10 - 10:45
Early Dismissal

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

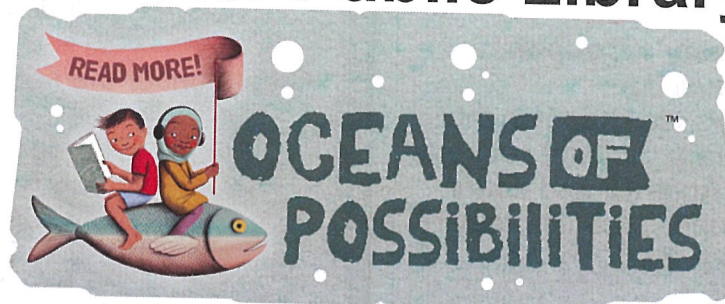
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Early Dismissal, Picnic

Save the Date: 6/22 Gradua-
tion Ceremonies

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

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Lancaster Public Library



Summer 2022

Registration required: www.bit.ly/lancasterlibrary or call 716-683-1120
Registration begins Monday, June 6 for all programs

Summer Kick-off Party

Thursday, June 30, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Families are invited to celebrate summer with hands-on crafts, sand art, sensory activities, popcorn, and a fishing game. Taco Dragon from *Dragons Love Tacos* will appear. Glenn Colton will perform. For all ages.

Reading Logs

June 23 - August 31

Kids: Read 10 books, color in a reading log and turn it in for a prize. Ages 17 and under.

Teens & Adults: Grab a BINGO board and read. Turn in your card at the info desk and you'll be entered into a drawing to win a Fitbit.

Reading Raffle: 4 BIG prizes

June 1 - August 18

Kids 12 and under receive 1 raffle ticket for every 5 print books checked out. Teens 13-17 receive 1 raffle ticket for every 3 print books checked out. Prizes include a tent, telescope, splash pad, and LEGOs. Bring your checkout receipt to the desk to receive a ticket. Prizes are funded by contributions from our generous donors.

Chicken BBQ

Sunday, July 17, noon until sold out

BW's Chicken BBQ: \$13. Take out only. Chicken dinner includes potato salad, coleslaw, roll with butter, and a cookie.

Location: Parking lot behind the library. All proceeds to help keep the library open on Sundays during the school year. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lancaster Public Library.

Family Shows *All ages*

Circus for All: Thursday, July 7 at 1:00 p.m.

In this performance-based program, circus artist Benjamin Berry will share his expertise of prop-based circus arts.

A Magic Show with Cris Johnson: Thursday, July 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Cris Johnson will perform a fun magic show themed "An Ocean of Possibilities".

Splish Splash (Oceans of Fun): Thursday, July 21 at 1:00 p.m.

The Wondermakers present interactive folk tales from around the world.

Albright-Knox Art Truck: Thursday, July 28, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (In parking lot)

The Art Truck is a mobile center for hands-on art making that brings art activities for everyone.

BubbleMania! Thursday, July 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Doug Rougeux will present an interactive family friendly pop music concert with soap bubbles.

In Jest Comedy Variety Show with Nels Ross: Thursday, August 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Experience one-of-a-kind, knock-your-socks off comedy, juggling, and stunts.

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center: Thursday, August 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Talk on the Wild Side, a program with featuring 6 animal ambassadors.

Nan Hoffman and Joe Tumino: Thursday, August 18 at 1:00 p.m.

A family concert celebrating our connection to the gifts of water.

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LIBRARY
716-683-1120
www.BuffaloLib.org

Hours:
Mon. 10-6
Tues-Thurs. 10-9
Fri.-Sat. 10-5

Kids Programs

Scavenger Hunt: Frosty's Coupons

July 1 - August 31

Find a coupon for Frosty's Ice Cream in the children's section of the library. Several coupons will be hidden each day. Ages 12 and under. One coupon per child. Coupons are courtesy of the Leary family.

Drop-In LEGO

Fridays, July 8 - August 12, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

No need to bring your bricks, just bring your imagination and create! No registration required. For ages 5 and up.

Summer Time Crafts with the Lancaster Youth Bureau

Wednesdays, July 13 & August 17

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Create fun crafts. For ages 5-12.

LEGO Club

Saturdays, July 16 & August 13

10:30 - 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us for LEGO Club and build your own creation. For ages 6-12.

Paws for Love: Read to a Dog

Mondays, July 18 & August 15

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Pick out a book and practice reading out loud to a therapy dog. For ages 4 and up. Call or stop in to sign-up for a 15 minute reading session.

Kidding Around Yoga

Mondays, July 25 & August 22

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy yoga poses, fun music, storytelling, yoga games, and a very special guided relaxation time. For ages 3-6.

Botanical Gardens Terrarium Workshop

Monday, August 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Each child will learn about what plants need to grow while creating the perfect habitat for a tropical plant they can take home. Ages 6-12.

What Does a Mayor Do?

Monday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meet the Village of Lancaster Mayor, Lynne Ruda, and learn about her job. Ages 6-12.

Adult programs

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Monday, July 11, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive ability and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Presented by the WNY Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Local Author Visit: Isaiah Rashad II

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Join Isaiah as he discusses his newest book. Isaiah is a former gang member, who rose to become a US Army Soldier-Gulf War Veteran, and Police Officer, turned author.

Wednesday Crafternoons

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Create under the sea themed crafts. Ages 5-12.

Theme for each week:

July 6 - Terrariums

July 13 - DIY Bubbles

July 20 - Sharks

July 27 - Ocean

August 3 - Mermaid

August 10 - Boats and boat race

August 17 - Pirates

August 24 - Dolphins

Makerspace Thursdays

July 7 & 21 and August 4 & 18

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us for hands-on STEM activities. Ages 6-12.

Young Adult Programs

Painting with Friends

Tuesday, July 12, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Learn to paint a shark silhouette painting. Ages 12-17.

Escape Room

Tuesday, July 26, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Solve puzzles and clues to escape a room in the library before time runs out! Ages 12-17.

Comic Book Club

Tuesday, August 9, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Comic book club is the place for kids who love to read, draw, write, and learn about new comics or graphic novels. Ages 8-14.

Computer Coach

Tuesdays, July 12, 19 & 26

August 9, 16, 23, & 30

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

A staff member can assist adults with computer related topics in a free, one-on-one session. Stop in or call to sign up.

Storytimes

Tuesdays:

Preschool (Ages 3-5)

July 12 - August 16, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Toddler (Ages 2-3)

July 12 - August 16, 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fridays:

Lapsit (Ages 3-23 months)

July 15 - August 12, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Family (Ages 6 and under)

July 15 - August 12, 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.