

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

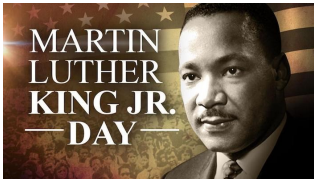
Dear SME Families,

In accordance with one of our major goals of the year and in the effort to grow our partnership with students and parents, St. Mary's Elementary School has revised our policy regarding academic eligibility due to student performance. Our new policy reads:

A student whose academic performance indicates serious deficiencies will be placed on academic probation. Students on academic probation will have their progress monitored three times, in two week blocks, making for a total probation period of six weeks. At the end of each two week period, the student's teacher(s) will complete a progress monitoring assessment. This assessment will be used to determine whether the student is making adequate progress in the areas in which he or she was struggling. If the student is making positive progress, he or she will be allowed to continue to participate in sports and extracurriculars. However, if the student fails to present positive progress, he or she will not be allowed to participate in any sport or extra-curricular activity including, but not limited to, clubs, a school musical, school dances at SME and other schools, or academic competitions for the upcoming two week probation block. Students who fail one check in period are still eligible to be reinstated at the next two week check-in. The principal has the final determination of lost privileges.

Our new policy allows the student the opportunity to demonstrate assertiveness, accountability, and perseverance, while simultaneously not preventing him or her from developing other talents and socializing with friends outside of the classroom. We feel strongly that this updated policy is student-centered, considers the personhood of the student, and will encourage our students to grow in independence and maturity as they reach their academic potential.

Have a terrific week,  
Mr. Olejniczak



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/13 - 10:45 Early Dismissal, Staff PD
- 1/16 - NO SCHOOL, MLK Jr. Day
- 1/19 - Afterschool Care ends @ 5:00 today!
- 1/19 - Pre-K & Kinder Open House 6-7:30.
- 1/20 - NJHS Induction Mass, 8:30
- 1/30 - 2/3 - Catholic Schools Week
- 2/1 - Progress Report Upload
- 2/3 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- 2/7 - Open House 6:00 -8pm
- 2/20-2/24 - NO SCHOOL: Mid Winter Recess



## BY THE NUMBERS

### RaiseRight:

Sales office open for walk-ins every:  
Tuesday 9:00-12:00  
Wednesday 12:30-2:30  
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

The office is located within the Faith Formation office in the school building. Please come to our main door #1 to be buzzed in.

### 12 Days of Christmas Raffle:

Total Sales: \$30,485  
Expenses: (\$11,884.43)  
Total Profit: \$18,600.57

### Year round ways to help:

- ◇ Boxtops 4 Education
- ◇ Amazon Smile (search for St. Mary of the Assumption) November Deposit: \$86.05
- ◇ RaiseRight Program



## PARENT T-SHIRTS

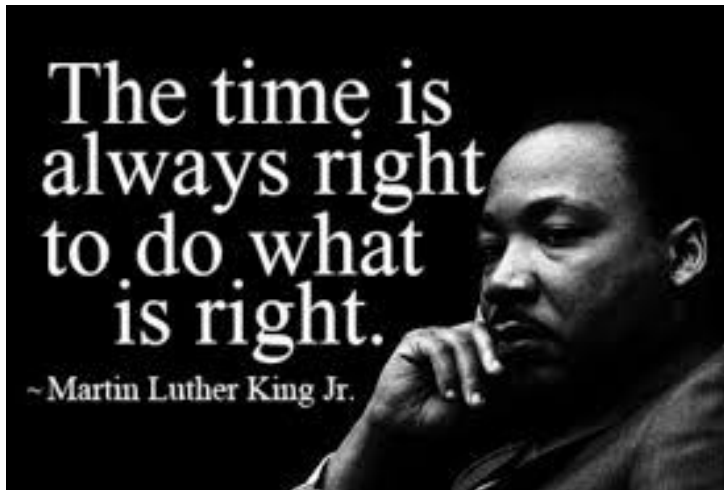
SME Parent T-Shirts are available for purchase anytime!



Shirts are \$10.00 and can be ordered here:  
<https://forms.gle/ozf8ihiapbUkd2Lw5>

Also available anytime:  
Car Magnets & Shirt Patches for \$1 each.

Please send payments Attn: Mrs. Kuhn  
**Orders will be distributed upon receipt of payment.**



## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to the 12 Days of Christmas Raffle Winners:

12/25 \$100- No. 7555	12/26 \$150- No. 5799	12/27 \$200- No. 1602
12/28 \$250- No. 4985	12/29 \$300- No. 0719	12/30 \$350- No. 4161
12/31 \$400- No. 5668	1/1 \$450- No. 4693	1/2 \$500- No. 4875
1/3 \$1,000- No. 8277	1/4 \$2,500- No. 8601	1/5 \$5,000- No. 1693

### Fundraiser re-cap:

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Thank you to Jenny Sparmo & Amanda Barton for chairing this fundraiser for our school & parish!

## HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Looking ahead...

Keep your eye on the NewsNote for more details as the events draw near!

- ~~2/10 - Loaded Lumber / Paint Night Event - Cancelled~~
- February (dates TBD): Spring Chocolate Sale
- 3/24 - Mother/Son Event
- April - Meat Raffle
- 5/5 - Penny Fair

thanks  
for your  
support

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Lancaster, NY 14086

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UPON THIS HILL,  
WE DO GOD'S WILL



## COVID TEST KITS

While we have not seen an uptick in Covid cases here at SME, we do have a surplus supply of Covid-19 test kits.

If you would like test kits to be sent home with your child, please email Mrs. Kuhn.

## RAISERIGHT

RaiseRight walk-in office hours are Tuesday from 9-12, Wednesday from 12:30-2:30 & Friday from 8-12. The brown envelope that you received in September is what you can use to send your orders in to school with your child, and what your gift cards will be sent home to you in.

To expand our selling hours we could use a few more volunteers! If you are interested in learning more about that, please email [raiseright@smeschool.com](mailto:raiseright@smeschool.com).

**To use the RaiseRight app on your mobile device, please email [raiseright@smeschool.com](mailto:raiseright@smeschool.com) to receive the enrollment code.**

If you have any questions, please email [raiseright@smeschool.com](mailto:raiseright@smeschool.com). We thank you for your support of the RaiseRight Program!

## REGISTRATION

Re-Registration is just around the corner! Once ready, packets will go home with our students ahead of being available to the public so keep your eye out!



## MEGA RAFFLE

The Mega Raffle is our largest fundraiser, and so extremely vital to the financial success of St. Mary's.

To ensure that the event is a success, and to welcome back our guests who have missed the live event the past 3 years, we are in need of additional committee members to help with the planning. Please see below for some of the help that is needed. Thank you to those that have already reached out to help!

As stated in the registration packet, fundraising participation is expected of each family, including the responsibility to sell or purchase two Mega Raffle tickets. Information on how to purchase and sell tickets went home last week. A copy of the flyer is also available on our websites fundraising tab: Mega Raffle.

To purchase tickets online visit:

[https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?pagetoken=7ba81d41402f74cc31af21acb9c7acea459a7913](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?pagetoken=7ba81d41402f74cc31af21acb9c7acea459a7913)

*If you have any questions, or would like to join our committee, please email us at: [megaraffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaraffle@smeschool.com)*

The following are some event areas where help is needed:

- ⇒ Bar (4-8 ppl): reach out to vendors for donations, order the beer/wine/cups, brew the coffee, serve drinks during the event
- ⇒ Decorations (1-2 ppl): order & pick up balloons, assist with set-up the night before the event, wash tablecloths after the event
- ⇒ Food/drinks (1-2 ppl): order pizza, pick up pop, make sure cups/plates/napkins are available/ordered
- ⇒ Raffle baskets/donations (1-4 ppl): reach out to businesses for donations, assist with basket assembly for the event, sell tickets during the event

Mega Raffle - LIVE & In Person!  
Friday, June 9th  
New Venue: St. Mary's High School



## PRE-K & KINDER. OPEN HOUSE

Who do you know that has kids that would love our Pre-K or Kindergarten programs? Spread the word that SME is the place to be & that we've got an open house coming up next week!



### ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 19TH-6:00-7:30 PM

2 St. Mary's Hill,  
Lancaster, NY  
14086

716-683-2112  
[smeschool.com](http://smeschool.com)



REGISTER FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

## EXCUSES

Please remember to send in an excuse note upon the return of your child's absence.



## CALENDAR REMINDERS

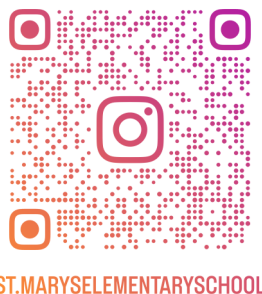
**Friday 1/13** is a **10:45** Early Dismissal with **NO** afterschool care available.

**Monday 1/16** there is **NO SCHOOL** in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr day.

**Thursday 1/19** Afterschool Care will end at **5:00** to prepare for open house

Please be sure to mark those dates accordingly and plan appropriately for any end of day pick ups.

We're on Instagram!



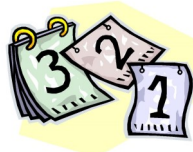
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## COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION

Our Faith Formation program is partnering with Colvin's Cleaners COATS FOR KIDS program. They extend an invitation to the SME families to join in giving the gift of warmth to our community as well!

There will be 2 collection bins located in the school building & 1 bin in the back of the church from January 5-19th. We invite you to donate coats, hats, scarves, gloves, & boots for youth and/or adults.

## CALENDAR CLUB



Did the end of the year sneak up on you and you missed your chance to order a calendar?

Fear not! There are a small number of calendars left and are available first come first serve!

For a \$20 donation you have the chance to win every day of the year!

The order form can be found here:

<https://www.smeschool.com/documents/2022-2023/Calendars/10-19%20NN%20Add%20On%20-%20Calendar%20Club%20Flyer.pdf>

Questions: [calendarclub@smeschool.com](mailto:calendarclub@smeschool.com)

A list of winning numbers is posted on our website's NewsNote tab by month.

You can reach  
Nurse Dara Sirianni, RN at:  
[nurse@smeschool.com](mailto:nurse@smeschool.com)  
716-683-2112 x128  
Health Office Hours  
9:30am-1:00pm

## UNIFORM UPDATE

The following adjustment has been made to our uniform policy:

**Leggings:** Leggings are allowed to be worn on dress down days in conjunction with a long t-shirt that covers the bottom.

## 8TH GRADE INFO

Did you know that you can drop off your cans & bottles to any Cash for Cans location and they can be donated to our 8th grade class?!

No need to wait for them to be processed, just tape a big paper on it that they are for St. Mary's Elementary - Lancaster (2112) and drop them off by their donation bin!



## STAY IN THE KNOW



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**Make Note:** 1/16 No School: MLK Jr. Day

**Save the Date :** 2/10 Paint Night event

**Save the Date :** 3/24 Mother/Son Event