

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Hello SME Families -

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some additional information about upcoming SME events, in order to explain what the events are and why we host them. I'm also encouraging all families to attend and participate in these community-building events!

**My Little Sweetheart Dance: October 14 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.** Dads, uncles, grandfathers, etc. have the opportunity to attend an SME dance with our female students. Each attending couple will have their picture taken by a photographer and will receive a URL to access their photo. Refreshments (pizza and drinks) will be served at this semi-formal event. Most of our parent volunteers for the evening are moms and teachers, which helps bring together our families and our school family.

**Trunk Or Treat: October 28th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.** This is another school event that is free to attend! We are inviting families to join and build our Halloween celebration. Interested families are invited to decorate their cars / trunks / their opened back hatches and pass out candy to our trunk-or-treaters as our DJ helps to create a festive atmosphere. For the cars: Halloween decorations and themes are encouraged, but please nothing too scary, as we do have a good number of 3 and 4 year old students (and some younger siblings) who will be joining us in the fun. In addition to the 'trunk-or-treating,' where students can walk from decorated trunk to decorated trunk for candy that participants may pass out, the school will also have in-door offerings in our Parish Center. We'll have seasonal treats, Halloween-themed activities, a movie, and games for the children to play. While the event is free to all who attend, we are asking that each family bring a non-perishable food item to donate, which we will be sending to a local food bank.

**St. Mary's Fall and Craft Vendor Show: November 12th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Another event that is free to attend! We have officially sold out of tables to rent and will be hosting nearly 50 different vendors! Local crafters, artisans, and salespeople have agreed to join us here @ SME to build our local craft show. A major goal of this event is to build community and bring together our SME families. While we are hosting the event @ St. Mary's, all tables will be run by friends outside of our school walls. Growing our school and building relationships with our community at large will help all involved, as it demonstrates to our students their place and the school's place in WNY outside the confines of SME.

I hope to see you at one or all of these events, as we continue to spread the good news of SME and celebrate some of what we offer here at St. Mary's.

Mr. Olejniczak



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **10/14** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- **10/14** - My Little Sweetheart Event 7-9
- **10/23-10/28** Red Ribbon Week
- **10/28** - Trunk or Treat 6-8pm
- **11/1** - All Saints Day Mass, 8:30am
- **11/4** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- **11/10 - 10:45 Early Dismissal** P/T Conf.
- **11/11 - NO SCHOOL:** Veterans Day
- **11/12** - Vendor & Craft Fair 9-3:00
- **11/22** - Fall Picture Retake Day
- **11/23-11/25** - Thanksgiving Recess
- **11/28 - 1:00 Early Dismissal,** Staff PD

## MY LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE



On Friday, October 14th we invite all the little ladies and a special guy in their life to our My Little Sweetheart Event. The fun begins @ 7!

We could still use some help to make the night special! Ladies, if you are able to assist in any way (set up / during / clean up) please complete the following google form: <https://forms.gle/kpvuUHvXShdG4vGKA>

## BY THE NUMBERS

In this section we will talk about the numbers of our fundraisers; the good, the bad and the most up to date as possible!

We offer a wide variety of opportunities to support SME and will be changing things up this year with our offerings.

We understand that every fundraiser will not be for everyone, but we do appreciate any & all support you can give!

Year round ways to help:

- ◇ Boxtops 4 Education
- ◇ Amazon Smile (search for St. Mary of the Assumption)
- ◇ RaiseRight Program



## PARENT T-SHIRTS

SME Parent T-Shirts which were available during our Back to School Bash & Meet the Teacher Night 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

## STREAM WALK-A-THON

Our STREAM Walk-a-Thon was a great success!

Prepaid donations are currently being processed. A copy of the pledge form will be coming home today with students who need to collect any donations.

We ask that all donations are submitted by 10/20.

All pledge money will be utilized to further grow the STREAM supplies & academy kits as well as funding STREAM field trips & transportation.

## HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Great Lakes Coffee Fundraiser ends tomorrow!

<https://www.greatlakesfundraisers.com/>

The password is SCHOOL (all caps).

The *Cherrydale* Hart & Home fundraiser begins today. You are able to register online to access the sales materials and share with family & friends: It's as simple as 1, 2, 3!

1. Register TONIGHT at <https://www.shopfund.com/>
2. Share custom student support links with family & friends.
3. Student Goal: 5 Online Supporters.

REGISTER-SHARE-WIN: Sharing gets you tickets for chances to win over \$100,000 in instant prizes.

Again, *We understand that every fundraiser will not be for everyone, but we do appreciate any & all support you can give!*

The Home School Association (our PTA) is a vital group of volunteers who work to ensure the positive growth of our school community. The HSA team will host a variety of events & fundraisers throughout the school year. Please keep your eye on the NewsNote, opportunities to help throughout the year will be noted here. There will be options of behind the scenes work as well as in-house hands on jobs.



Here is a snapshot of what is left this fall...

**October:**

Hart & Home catalog fundraiser 10/12-10/26

My Little Sweetheart Event 10/14 7:00

Trunk or Treat Night 10/28 6-8pm

Red Ribbon Week 10/23-10/28

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser (dates TBD)

*Don't forget about our Craft & Vendor Fair on 11/12!*

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UPON THIS HILL,  
WE DO GOD'S WILL



## RAISERIGHT

The training of the new coordinators is going well, and we hope to have a more regular schedule available soon. We want to thank everyone for their patience as we find the best way to keep this vital program running for our families!

Great news!! Gift cards are now available in the school. The new RaiseRight office is located in the Faith Formation office. Please stay tuned for the weekly selling schedule. In the meantime, orders can be sent in to school with your student(s), left in the locked boxes in the school foyer or the back of the church, or in the locked box outside of the school by door #1.

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.

We are still in need of volunteers to sell gift cards during the school day. If you are interested in learning more about that, please email raiseright@smeschool.com.

**To use the RaiseRight app on your mobile device, please email raiseright@smeschool.com to receive the enrollment code.**

If you have any questions, please email raiseright@smeschool.com. We thank you for your support of the RaiseRight Program!

## HANDBOOK / UNIFORM POLICY

Our Handbook has been uploaded to the SME website and is accessible here:

<https://www.smeschool.com/documents/2022-2023/SME%20ParentStudent%20Handbook%202022.pdf>

The last page was sent home to sign off on reviewing this document last week & attached electronically today. We appreciate the teamwork it takes between the home and school to ensure that expectations are met across the board.

The handbook & uniform policy are always available on our school website.

## RED RIBBON WEEK

We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week 10/24 - 10/28/22! We've got some fun themed attire days planned. Check out the flyer attached electronically today!

Monday 10/24 - Wear as much RED as you can!

Tuesday 10/25 - Check yourself and wear plaid/checkered clothes!

Wednesday 10/26 - Too bright for drugs! Wear neon colors!

Thursday 10/27 - Team up against drugs & wear your favorite sports apparel!

Friday 10/28 - Lets scare off drugs & wear Halloween t-shirts/sweatshirts/socks/hats (no masks)

Students are allowed to wear jeans this week free of rips/tears. Students not interested in participating in the themed attire days are expected to wear their school uniform.

## SAVE THE DATE: TRUNK OR TREAT!



Calling all Ghouls and Goblins!  
Come on by our Trunk or Treat on 10/28 from 6-8!  
We will have pizza & drinks, pumpkin decorating & more!  
Stay tuned for more details!

## NURSE NOTES

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Dara Sirianni RN will be staying with us for the school year! Please continue to use the nurse@smeschool.com email address as it now belongs to her. The phone extension remains 128.

As cold and flu season arrives, please work on proper hand-washing/sneezing/tissue use with your children so that we can all do our best to stop the spread of germs. All new students, PreK,K,1,3,5,7 need current physicals. Any student participating in sports needs a physical yearly, regardless of their current grade. Physicals are current for one year from the exam date. If your child is needing any medications at school, a current order is needed for the school year 2022-2023.

## KITCHEN NEWS

The application for Free & Reduced lunches was included with the electronic version of the 9/14 NewsNote. This form is available for submission at any time throughout the school year should you have a change in your circumstance. A link is on the Lunch Menu tab.

The monthly lunch menu is always posted to our school website and parent portal.

Prepayment is encouraged. A handy cost calculator is at the top of the September & October menus.

If you are interested in celebrating your child's birthday, a birthday treat order form is available on the lunch menu tab of the school website.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Are you a parent / grandparent with a few hours to spare during the lunch hour?

We are looking to add volunteers to our lunch monitor crew. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com) and your information will be shared with Mrs. Regina to coordinate with you.

## DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Thank you to the families who pick up their children at the end of the day with your patience as we got through our first month!

We are happy to say that faces and names are registering with our dismissal team and things are very efficient!

That being said, students who are not picked up by 2:35pm will be sent to our Afterschool Care program.

Students can be picked up at door #6 by the stop sign leaving the property.

Afterschool Care fees are billed bi-weekly.



## 8TH GRADE INFO



Please be sure to print and sign the confirmation email you receive upon completion and submit to the main office. Without this signed document, we are unable to submit a copy of your child's 1st report card to their 1st & 2nd choice catholic high schools.

Please note: The confirmation email says that you are automatically signed up to take the placement exam at your first choice high school. I encourage you to follow up with your first choice school to ensure you are on their list.

## STAY IN THE KNOW



**Make Note:** 10/26 K-8 Progress Report Upload

**Save the Date :** Trunk or Treat 10/28

**Make Note:** 11/10 10:45 Early Dismissal P/T Conferences

**Make Note:** 11/11 No School Veterans Day

**Make Note:** 11/22 (all grades) Fall Picture Retake Day



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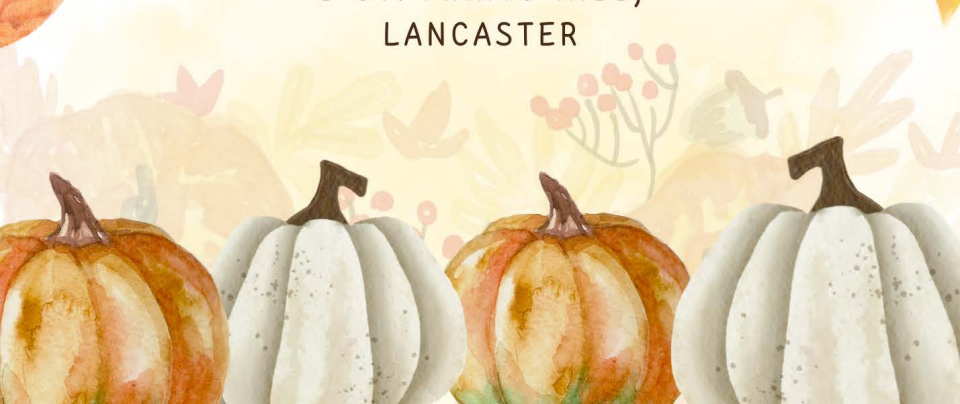
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OVER 45 VENDORS  
AND JOE'S FOOD  
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

9:00AM - 3:00PM

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St. Mary's Elementary

Red Ribbon Week

October 24th - 28th 2022



**BE HAPPY. BE BRAVE. BE DRUG FREE!**

**Monday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Proud to be DRUG Free!

To kick off Red Ribbon Week, wear as much **RED** as you can! (no hair dye)

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears).

**Wednesday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**

I am too **BRIGHT** for Drugs!



Please wear a neon shirt/sweatshirt and you may wear sunglasses too!

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears)



**Thursday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>**

"Let's Team Up Against Drugs!"



Wear your favorite Sports Jersey or Team Gear!.

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears)

**Tuesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**

"Check Yourself"

Wear Checkered/Plaid

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears)



**Friday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Drugs are Scary, so let's **SCARE** off Drugs!!



Today please wear a Halloween T-shirt/sweatshirt, Halloween socks and or Hat (no face masks).

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears)



Please remember: If you do not want to participate in the themed attire days you are expected to wear your school uniform.

# ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY

## HSA HOLIDAY GIFT FUNDRAISER

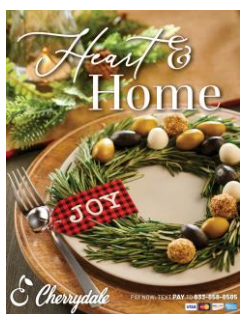
Dear Parent or Guardian,

**With your help, we will be raising money for the benefit of EVERY student. This funding does not come from other sources so your participation, at any level, is appreciated.** Thank you for your support!

We are asking **EVERY Family to Participate.** We will reach our goal when every student **Registers and Shares the Fundraiser with 10 or more supporters and Sells At Least 8 Items.** Please register your student at [www.FundPrizes.com](http://www.FundPrizes.com)

**PLEASE SELL A MINIMUM OF 8 ITEMS AND WE WILL HIT OUR GOAL!**

Money raised through this fundraiser goes towards HSA sponsored Events and Activities!



**Paper order form available, however, online selling is preferred.**

**Checks Payable to: St. Mary's Elementary School HSA**

Write the students name in the memo portion of the check.

**Ship to home or ship to school option available online.**



**Delivery planned for the week of 12/5 or sooner – Exact day TBD**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OCT. 9	10	11	12 Heart & Home Holiday Sale Kick-Off!	13 Register & Share At FundPrizes.com	14	15
16	17 Register & Share At FundPrizes.com	18	19 Register & Share At FundPrizes.com	20	21 LAST WEEKEND TO SELL!	22
23	24 Follow Up with friends and Family.	25	26 ALL MONEY & ORDERS DUE!	27	28	29

# FUNDRAISER REWARDS

Step 1

**REGISTER & SHARE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN @ FUNDPRIZES.COM**

Over \$100,000 in prize giveaways!



**IMPORTANT: Complete all fields when registering.**



**REGISTER AND SHARE** our fundraiser with at least 10 people for a Popper Wristband **AND** to Participate in a Dress Down Day!



**CHECK OUT THE PRIZE FLYER! PRIZES ARE CUMULATIVE - THE MORE YOU SELL THE MORE YOU EARN!**

LED Hover Board  
OR \$100 Cash



Apple Watch 3  
OR \$150 Cash



Oculus Quest 2  
OR \$200 Cash



**SELL 20  
ITEMS  
TO BE**



Principal  
for a  
Day



Questions? Contact Mrs. O'Grady at [ogradyj@smeschool.com](mailto:ogradyj@smeschool.com).

Thank you for your support! Together we can make a difference!