

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear SME Families -

More than just a generic Student of the Month award, we at SME recognize students who exemplify certain qualities and serve as role models for others with a Christian Witness Award. For the month of September, teachers identified students who personified the quality of welcoming. With so many new faces in our school, we felt that it was appropriate to shine light on students who made the extra effort to treat newcomers with warmth, welcoming, and a sense of belonging and inclusivity.

This month, we will emphasize the characteristic of empathy. Empathy is the ability to sense and understand what others may be feeling; empathy is feeling *with* others, and not feeling *for* them. In his letter to the Romans, Paul urged us to be happy with those who are happy and to weep with those who weep, and in Galatians, we are reminded that we should share in each other’s burdens. When we live with empathy, we recognize the struggle of others and do not try to minimize their feelings or position. When we are empathetic, I feel that we are living our faith.

All of our teachers will continue to discuss this important quality in their classrooms, having age and developmentally appropriate conversations. Modeling emotionally mature qualities will help all members of our SME community grow, as our students gain understanding and learn lessons that transcend academic knowledge. It would be fantastic if you considered discussing empathy at home, as we continue to work together as partners in your child’s education.

Have a wonderful week, and I hope to see everyone on October 28th, at our Trunk or Treat event. It promises to be a ‘spooktacular’ time!

Mr. Olejniczak



- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- **10/23-10/28** Red Ribbon Week
 - **10/28** - Trunk or Treat 6-8pm
 - **11/1** - All Saints Day Mass, 8:30am
 - **11/3** - Bills Dress Down Day \$1
 - **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
 - **11/17** - Bills Dress Down Day \$1
 - **11/22** - Fall Picture Retake Day
 - **11/23-11/25** - Thanksgiving Recess
 - **11/28 - 1:00 Early Dismissal**, Staff PD
 - **12/15 & 1/5** - Bills Dress Down Days \$1

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 again today!

- Monday** - Wear as much RED as you can!
- Tuesday** - Check yourself and wear plaid/checkered clothes!
- Wednesday** - Too bright for drugs wear neon colors!
- Thursday** - Team up against drugs & wear sports apparel!
- Friday** - Lets scare off drugs & wear Halloween t-shirts/sweatshirts/socks/hats (no masks or costumes)

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.

BY THE NUMBERS

RaiseRight:
Sales office open for walk-ins every:
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.

Orders submitted with your child will be processed on Wednesday’s.

Great Lakes Coffee (HSA):
Profit: \$725.00

- 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 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.

BASKETBALL

The last day to sign up for basketball is next Wednesday, 10/26!
If you have not yet, please complete the following google form:
<https://forms.gle/VeYVpFR3zBrQHAGB6>

Any/all further information will be sent out by Miss Dolegowski.
If you have any questions please contact her directly:
athletics@smeschool.com



HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Great Lakes Coffee: Distribution day is tomorrow, 10/20. If you prefer that your order **NOT** go home with your child for their regular dismissal, please contact Mrs. Kuhn to make alternate arrangements.

Heart & Home Holiday Gift Fundraiser: One week to go! Orders are due on 10/26. Orders will be ready for distribution before 12/5. Keep your eye on the NewsNote as we will update as we are informed. A big thank you to those GOAT students who have already earned their 4 goats! Keep up the good work! Check out the prize sheet in the selling packet for all the details!

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser: Sale starts today & runs through 10/28. Order pick up will be the week of 11/14. We will update with the specific date as soon as it is established.

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...

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| October:
Heart & Home Holiday Gift Fundraiser ends 10/26
Trunk or Treat Night 10/28 6-8pm
Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser begins today! | November:
Craft & Vendor Fair 11/12 (9-3)
<i>Middle school students interested in earning service hours can sign up to assist via a link next week.</i> |
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Can you post/share our vendor fair flyer?
Hard copies are available in the school office by request!

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Lancaster, NY 14086

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



RAISERIGHT

RaiseRight walk-in office hours are each Wednesday from 12:30-2:30 & Friday from 8:00-12:00.

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.

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>

At this time, each family should have returned the handbook sign off page.

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

We appreciate the teamwork it takes between the home and school to ensure that expectations are met across the board.

FROM THE ART ROOM

Square1Art: All students (PreK through grade 8) have been busy completing their one-of-a-kind artwork to be used with the Square1Art program. Square1Art is a fundraiser, founded by a Teacher, where families can order their child's artwork reproduced on useful and personalized keepsakes. St. Mary's Elementary School has partnered with Square1Art so every student feels like an accomplished artist while raising funds to offset the cost of ART materials for Grades PreK3-8th Grade.

NEW THIS YEAR: Square1Art will produce a Custom catalog with FREE, Fun-Restickable stickers- featuring your child's masterpiece. One large sticker on the front and four on the back. All students receive stickers regardless of purchase. All orders are made online. All orders ship to home. (The ship to school option is no longer available.)

More information on this program will be coming home soon.

Any questions or concerns please contact me at pesanyau@smeschool.com

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!

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

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.

NURSE NOTES

You can reach
Nurse Dara Sirianni, RN at:

nurse@smeschool.com
716-683-2112 x128

Health Office Hours
9:30am-1:00pm

MEGA RAFFLE

The Mega Raffle will be held on Friday, June 9th and is LIVE & IN PERSON!! 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.

The committee will be meeting via Zoom on
Tuesday, November 8th at 3:30PM.

If you would like to be added to the meeting, or would like more information, please email megaraffle@smeschool.com.

Help is needed in the following areas:

- ♦ Bankers (2 ppl): sit in a secure room and handle the money
- ♦ Bar (4-8 ppl): reach out to vendors for donations, order the beer/wine/cups, brew 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

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

We will be hosting conferences on Thursday, November 10th following our early dismissal @ 10:45. Conferences are available via zoom or in person.

We will announce how sign ups will be coordinated in early November.

Please note that conferences are not mandatory. This is the time to address any concerns that may have come up.

CALENDAR CLUB



We will once again run the Calendar Club fundraiser for the 2023 calendar year.

With 365 days of prizes there is over \$10,000 to be won!

Upon the receipt of your \$20 donation, your name and number will be registered for all drawings for the year 2023. Winning numbers will be physically drawn monthly at St. Mary's Rectory and will be published monthly on the parish & school websites.

Please see the order form attached electronically to reserve yours today!



8TH GRADE INFO

Catholic HS Applications: Be sure to print and sign the confirmation email you receive upon completion and submit to the main office.



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.

8th Graders will host their Poinsettia Fundraiser once again this year. Poinsettias are from Mitchell Farms & Wreaths can be ordered and picked up from Kate's Country Cousins on Broadway. A copy of the order form will be attached electronically next week with orders due on 11/7. Orders will be available for pick up on Tuesday, November 29th. We thank you in advance for your support of our 8th grade class.

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



St. Mary's Elementary

Presents...

Our Little Caesars® Fundraiser!

It's **Pizza! Pizza!**® time! Time for you, your friends, and your family to get your Little Caesars® Pizza, Breads and Cookies! Have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or entertaining! Buy several items and stock your freezers! We are asking everyone to sell **10** items to reach our goal. Thanks!

***** Just in Time for the Holidays *****

St. Mary's makes \$6 profit on each order placed, and proceeds help our Home School Association fund events for our school

There are 2 ways to submit your order.

1. **Turn in your completed order form and payment to your fundraising chairperson:** Collect payment at the time you take orders. Please make checks payable to **St. Mary's Elementary**. Fill out the top portion of your order form with your name and the best contact phone number (cell phones preferred).

OR

2. **Pay for your order at PizzaKit.com.** You will have the option to pay via credit card for your entire brochure order, or just for your personal purchase.

Place your orders online and pay by credit card.



- Go to [PizzaKit.com](https://www.pizzakit.com)
- Click on '**Products**', then click on '**Shop**'
- Select **Ship My Order to the Group**
- Enter **Fundraiser ID # "415928"**
- Follow prompts to create your User ID
- **Do not submit these orders on any Order Form you turn in to your chairperson.**
- **Online ordering questions?** Call Little Caesars Customer Care Team at (888) 452-5487 from 8:30am – 8:00pm EST

When: **10/19 - 10/28/2022**

Order form and payment due.
Be sure your order form is correctly tallied!
Double check all rows and columns.
Late orders will **NOT** be accepted.

Week of 11/14/2022

Pick Up of Order. Date and time will be communicated after our final order is placed. Watch for announcements.

Questions: Please feel free to email Jayne O'Grady at ogradyj@smeschool.com with any questions.

Thank you for your support and participation!



2023 Calendar Club

Sponsored by



St. Mary of the Assumption Parish & St. Mary's Elementary School

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

*365 days of prizes!
Over \$10,000 to be won!*

1. Upon receipt of your \$20.00 donation, your name and number will be registered for all drawings for the year 2023. Winning numbers will be physically drawn monthly at St. Mary's Rectory and will be published monthly on the parish and school websites: stmarysonthehill.org and smeschool.com
2. All winnings will be determined by the amount of money indicated on each day of the calendar.
3. All calendars not sold and returned by December 31, 2022 become the property of St. Mary's.
4. All winnings are paid at the beginning of the following month.

***Please return the completed stub below with your donation of \$20.00 per calendar.
All questions may be directed to Joe Magiera at calendarclub@smeschool.com or (716) 473-7112.***

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please select delivery method:

_____ Rectory Pick Up

_____ Mail (Please consider including an additional \$1.20 to cover postage expenses).

_____ Send with St. Mary's student (child/teacher): _____

_____ Email digital copy (please provide email address above)

Return this stub with check payable to
St. Mary's to:

St. Mary's Elementary School
Attn: Calendar Club
1 St. Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086

If you would like to request a specific number,
please list your preferences here. Requests are
filled on a first come, first served basis, and run
from **0001-1000**.

1. _____

4. _____

2. _____

5. _____

3. _____

6. _____



St. Mary's Elementary

Red Ribbon Week

October 24th - 28th 2022



BE HAPPY. BE BRAVE. BE DRUG FREE!

Monday, Oct. 24th

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. 26th

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. 27th

"Let's Team Up Against Drugs!"



Wear your favorite Sports Jersey or Team Gear!.

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears)

Tuesday, Oct. 25th

"Check Yourself"

Wear Checkered/Plaid

Jeans are allowed (free of rips/tears)



Friday, Oct. 28th

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.

Please join us for our

Halloween Trunk or Treat



DECORATE YOUR TRUNKS AND COME
FOR TREATS

October 28, 2022

6:00-8:00pm

Pizza, Drinks and Pumpkin decorating in
the Parish Center

Admission: 1 non-perishable food item



ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

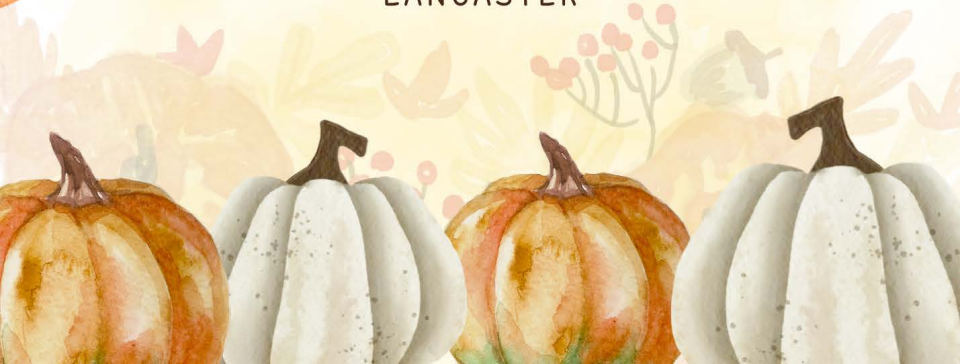
FALL CRAFT VENDOR SHOW

OVER 45 VENDORS
AND JOE'S FOOD
CART

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

9:00AM - 3:00PM

2 ST. MARYS HILL,
LANCASTER



You are cordially invited to attend the
2022 Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo

BLUE MASS



*A Mass for Law Enforcement,
Fire and Emergency Service Personnel
who serve in the eight counties
of the Diocese of Buffalo*

*Allegany · Cattaraugus · Chautauqua · Erie
Genesee · Niagara · Orleans · Wyoming*

Family and Friends Welcome!

**Sunday, November 6, 2022
at 10:30 AM**

Saint Joseph Cathedral
50 Franklin Street | Buffalo, New York 14202

Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher, Fifteenth Bishop of Buffalo
Principal Celebrant and Homilist

All are encouraged to attend in uniform.

For more information, please contact:

Rev. Seán Paul Fleming
Cathedral Rector
(716) 854-5855
cathedral@buffalodiocese.org



THE DIOCESE
of
BUFFALO



St. Mary's High School
Lancaster, NY

HSPT Entrance Exam

Review Classes: Nov. 2nd-4th
Exam: Nov. 19th

Register for the review classes
and/or Entrance Exam at
smhlancers.org



Start Your High School
Journey Here!



St. Mary's High School offers a comprehensive **three-day review course - November 2nd to November 4th from 4 to 6 p.m.** - to prepare students for the HSPT High School Entrance Exam. Learn strategies and tips to earn your highest score!

The **Entrance Exam** itself then takes place on **Saturday, November 19th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Students must sign up to take the exam at St. Mary's in order to be considered for one of our dozens of scholarships.

We can't wait to help you along your journey to becoming a member of the St. Mary's High School Class of 2027!

**Scan the code
to register!**



94.67
**Average Student
Athlete GPA**

462
**Students
Enrolled**

\$14 million
**Scholarships
Awarded to the
Class of 2022**

90%
**of Students Earn
Scholarships or
Financial Aid**



ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
LANCASTER, NY

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