

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear SME Parents,

Thank you so much for attending our annual Meet the Teacher Night! I’m always humbled, excited, and energized when we are able to meet with such a large group of parents. I hope everyone can feel the excitement and energy in our building, and that our parent group shares in our school’s optimistic view of the future of St. Mary’s.

I also want to extend my deepest gratitude for those who have volunteered to help out with our parent-school organization, the HSA. Though we have some events in place, others are on the calendar but not yet fully planned. If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, please reach out and let us know.

Additionally, thank you to those who met with Miss Dolegowski and have offered your time, support, and ideas to our sports booster group.

As we continue to work together, we will collectively be able to enrich our students’ educational experience and offer SME students the best school experience possible.

Have a wonderful week,

Mr. Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **10/7 - NO SCHOOL:**
Diocesan PD Day
- **10/10 - NO SCHOOL:**
Columbus Day
- **10/11** - School Picture Day (*Pre-K 3 & Grades 3-8*)
- **10/12** - School Picture Day (*Pre-K 4 & Grades K-2*)
- **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
- **11/10 10:45 Early Dismissal** P/T Conf.
- **11/11 NO SCHOOL:**
Veterans Day
- **11/12** Vendor & Craft Fair 9-3:00

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Thank you to the families who pick up their children at the end of the day with your patience as we get 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.

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

FALL PICTURE DAY

Fall picture day is scheduled for:

Tues. 10/11 for Pre-K 3 & Grades 3-8
Wed. 10/12 for Pre-K 4 & Grades K-2

Students are allowed to dress up on picture day, but should always adhere to the dress code outlined in the uniform policy. All students will be photographed as these are the photos used in the yearbook.

Inter-State Photography has shifted to online ordering! Payment is still accepted by check as well with the order form coming home today with every student.

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 come home with students who need to collect any donations. We ask that they are submitted by 10/14.

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 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.



Craft & Vendor Fair 11/12 - *Would you share our Facebook Event on your page to spread the word?*

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

October:
Great Lakes Coffee Fundraiser ends on 10/13
Hart & Home catalog fundraiser (dates TBD)
Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser (dates TBD)
My Little Sweetheart Event 10/14 7:00
Trunk or Treat Night 10/28 6-8pm
Red Ribbon Week 10/23-10/28

November:

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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 team work 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.

HSA- GREAT LAKES COFFEE FUNDRAISER

Our Great Lakes Coffee fundraiser ends next Thursday, 10/13.

There is a flyer attached electronically again today with all the details on how to shop, an easy way to snap a screenshot to share with family & friends with a quick text or share on Facebook! Thanks to those who already have!

Please be sure to indicate the first and last name of the child they are supporting when orders are placed to ensure proper distribution. Orders cannot be shipped directly. Out of town family & friends will need to coordinate with you a time to visit and get their order from you.

Here is a quick link to the fundraiser section (be sure to select St. Mary's Elementary): <https://www.greatlakesfundraisers.com/>
The password is SCHOOL (all caps).

MY LITTLE SWEETHEART EVENT

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>



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.

ATHLETICS

Is your child (Kinder - Gr8) interested in basketball?

Complete this google form to let Miss Dolegowski know:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUllvlfQ+C_n0M2_wTBpNodtHY7yDrrZP_gtyqOVgBJm_ng/viewform?usp=sf_link

This is the same form that was available via the QR code at Meet the Teacher night.

Congratulations to the Jacus family who were the winners of the Bills Little People raffled off during Meet the Teacher Night!



NURSE NOTES

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.

Nurse Tara is no longer our full time nurse. Nurse Dara will be helping out in the meantime. Please continue to use the nurse@smeschool.com email address for any concerns. The nurse phone extension remains 128.

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.

CALLING INTO SME

Please be sure to call the schools absentee line or email your child's teacher (& copy Mrs. Kuhn) if they will be out for the day. This call/email is a notification of the absence. We still require an excuse note to be submitted upon your child's return to school.

Note that there is unfortunately no fun (or excruciating) hold music. It will be quiet and then beep, giving you the feeling that you've been cut off, but we assure you that has not happened. The system generated voice attendant will tell you there is no one available to take your call. Voicemails left are received by Mrs. Kuhn and the teachers and nurse are made aware of the absence.

8TH GRADE INFO



Don't forget: There is an 8th grade zoom meeting this evening @ 7. Ms. Sullivan will be talking about all things 8th Grade. The link was sent out early last week.

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



Save the Date: 10/7 No School

Save the Date: 10/10 No School

Save the Date: 10/11 & 10/12
School Picture Days

Save the Date: 10/26 K-8 Progress
Report Upload

Save the Date: 11/10 10:45 Early
Dismissal P/T Conferences

Save the Date: 11/11 No School
Veterans Day

World Class Taekwondo is coming to

St. Mary's Elementary!

Special After School Program starts October 17th!

What is the World Class Taekwondo After School Program all about?

This unique course known as World Class Kids is a 5-session character development program that incorporates physical exercise with life skill lessons. Open to students grades K-8, this innovative series of classes is designed to not only introduce your child to basic martial arts, but to also improve concentration, listening skills, cooperation, and courtesy. It will benefit your child at home, at school, and in team sports. The Black Belt instructors from Master Chong's World Class Taekwondo have volunteered their time to teach the World Class Kids programs at dozens of area schools during the past two decades. At this point, we are proud to say there are literally thousands of World Class Kids alumni.

How does it benefit my school?

The instructors and materials required to run the World Class Kids Program will be donated by World Class Taekwondo as part of our commitment to helping local children in our community. The registration fee of \$20 will be donated directly to St. Mary's Elementary.



Registration is fast and easy!

Visit

<https://buffalotkd.com/worldclasskids/>

Questions? Contact program coordinator
Jenna Chapman at 656-7300.

Class #1

FOCUS

Class #2

RESPECT

Class #3

SELF-CONTROL

Class #4

PERSEVERANCE

Class #5

GRADUATION!

at our Taekwondo Center. See details below.

Where: St. Mary's Elementary Gym

When: October 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th

Time: After school from 2:30-3:15 pm

Class #5 Graduation: A special graduation ceremony will be held on **Saturday, October 29th** at our Taekwondo center at 4905 Transit Rd, Depew, NY 14043 (behind Napa Auto Parts). Graduation time is 2:30pm.

Note: Students will need to arrange their own transportation home following each after school class.

This is the only time World Class Kids will be offered at St. Mary's Elementary this year!

Don't miss out, register today!



AMHERST
833-9100

EAST AMHERST
688-6868

HAMBURG
646-6600

LANCASTER
656-7300

ORCHARD PARK
677-0123

www.buffaloTKD.com



Fundraiser Instructions



- Go to greatlakescoffeeroasters.com
- Click on the "Fundraising" tab
- Click on "Active Fundraisers"
- Click on "St. Mary's Elementary"
- The password is SCHOOL (must be in all caps)
- Select the item(s) you would like to purchase
- Each item requires the customer to input the student receiving credit for the sale (first and last name)
- During checkout select "Fundraiser" as the shipping option .
We DO NOT ship fundraiser orders
- Fundraiser runs 9/28-10/13

Item Details

- Each bag of coffee is one pound and comes ground
- Single serve cups come in 24 count bags

GREAT LAKES COFFEE ROASTERS
84 AERO DRIVE
SUITE 3
BUFFALO, NY 14225
716.508.2285

My Little Sweetheart Dance

Friday, October 14th, 2022

7pm-9pm

Dad, Grandpa, Uncle and Older Brothers are
welcome to come with their lovely little lady guest!

Semi-
Formal
Attire

\$12 per person

Payment Due: Thurs. October 6th

PRE-SALE ONLY

Please return Attn: Jayne O'Grady

Pizza and refreshments will be served



Total Number Attending:



Amount Enclosed:



*Please Return Money and Order Form In a Labeled Envelope
Addressed to:
Jayne O'Grady/ Child's Name*

Attending (First/Last Name):

Student: _____

Guest: _____

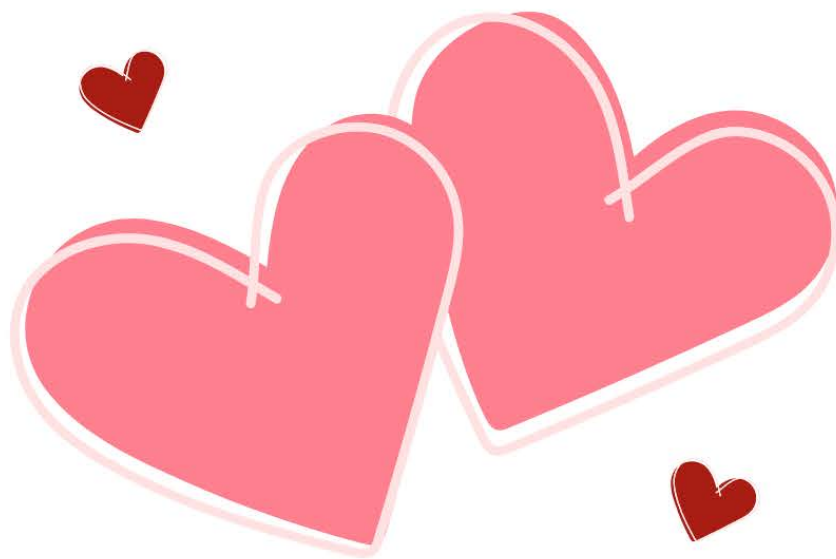
Student: _____

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Guest: _____

LITTLE
Sweetheart
DANCE ON OCT. 14TH



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR
SET UP- DURING THE DANCE -
AND CLEAN UP**

Please sign up here:
[https://forms.gle/kpvuUHvXShd
G4vGKA](https://forms.gle/kpvuUHvXShdG4vGKA)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE PAGE – COMPLETE AND RETURN TO SCHOOL:

I have read the 2022-2023 St. Mary's Elementary School Parent/Student Handbook.
I understand and agree to follow all policies and procedures as stated within this document.

Family Name: _____

Parent Signatures

Date

I understand the policies outlined in the 2022-2023 Parent/Student Handbook. I agree to follow all policies and procedures as stated within this document.

Student Signature

Date

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FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE OFFICE
NO LATER THAN 9/30/22