

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear SME Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed a happy holiday weekend with loved ones! Sharing meals with family, participating in annual traditions, and just enjoying some down time away from the normal hustle and bustle are true blessings.

We have made slight adjustments to our upcoming Christian Witness masses: Friday, December 2 will still be a Christian Witness Mass. We'll recognize the October recipients who embodied the characteristic of empathy. However, we have made December 16th a Christian Witness Mass, as well. On the 16th, our school will award students who display the characteristic of joy.

In Philemon, we read about the power of love refreshing the hearts of others, and of the joy this conversion brings. In Romans, Paul writes of the kingdom of God, and how the kingdom is composed of righteousness, peace, and joy. And in Proverbs 15, we learn the importance of our words and how appropriate communication can bring joy to the lives of others. Our students truly bring joy to all of us here at SME. They make our days better. We're recognizing students who use the power of their words for good, to bring goodness and joy to other people.

As we journey through another Advent season, let us not lose sight of the true reason for the season. Let us not be diverted by unimportant, unfulfilling distractions that prevent us from true joy.

Mr. Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/30 - Merry Moose Set up @ 3
- 12/1-2 - Merry Moose Holiday Shop
- 12/2 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30 (October recipients)
- 12/8 - Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:30
- 12/9 - No Mass today, **NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE**
- 12/16 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30 (November recipients), **Living Nativity** 7:00pm in the Gym, **NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE**
- 12/26 - 1/2 - **NO SCHOOL**, Christmas Recess
- 1/6 - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30 (December recipients)
- 1/13 - 10:45 **Early Dismissal, Staff PD**
- 1/16 - **NO SCHOOL**

MERRY MOOSE

Who is ready for some Christmas shopping? Merry Moose starts tomorrow and will be open Friday December 2nd too. Please see the attached schedule for what time your child's class will be coming to shop! PreK students will not be coming as a class, but can come with a caregiver during their time.



The items at the holiday shop range in price from \$1.25 to \$6.75. Please fill out your child's holiday envelope for the shop that came home today.

The shop still needs a few more volunteers to set up today at 3 p.m. and for Thursday and Friday.
Volunteer Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/Jx4wxAFuAaRzTZhM9>

Please send in any donations of gift bags, tissue paper and gift tags tomorrow.

Thank you for making Merry Moose a memorable day for our children!
If you have any questions please contact Jenny at jennifersparmo@gmail.com

BY THE NUMBERS

RaiseRight:

Sales office open for walk-ins every:

NEW! 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.

Little Caesars (HSA):

Profit: \$1542.00

Heart & Home (HSA):

Profit: \$2029.80

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.

Living Nativity - **Update:** We will host our annual depiction of the Living Nativity on Friday, December 16th at 7:00pm in the school gym.
All families are invited as all of our classes will partake in this special event.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Save The Date! Breakfast with Santa, Saturday December 11th, 9-11am!

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/zk5U1egwuKskiF4t8>

Those interested in helping can sign up here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4SLyQ9HWee3v9-tRkBAkl0nmqfVJufzYLwU3vHytCRk-jQ/viewform>



SME GEAR ONLINE STORE

The SME Gear store closes today 11/30! Items will be ready for shipping on 12/16.

If you have a special pick up request, please contact Mrs. Kuhn to arrange that.

Online Store Link: <https://all-stars.printavo.com/merch/stmarysmerchstore>

Open: 11/16 - 11/30/22

Ships: 12/16

We also have SME baseball hats available via cash & carry.

Cash & Carry Gear Store: <https://forms.gle/jHfsmzSQBZNNjgNr5>

Hats are first come first serve and will be released upon payment received.

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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.

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 next planning meeting will be via Zoom in January.

If you would like to be added to the meeting, or would like more information, please email me garaffle@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

Do you have a middle or high school student in need of volunteer hours?

If so, they can earn them helping us prepare the Mega Raffle mailing on Wednesday, December 7th from 2:30-5:00 in the Gathering Room (Room 140).

Email me garaffle@smeschool.com if your child can help.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE SCHEDULE UPDATES

Due to various Staff & School events there will be **NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE** available on the following dates:

Friday 12/9 & Friday 12/16

Please be sure to make arrangements for your children to be picked up or take the bus home that day.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

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 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 raiserright@smeschool.com.

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

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

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY

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If so, they can earn them helping us prepare the Mega Raffle mailing on Wednesday, December 7th from 2:30-5:00 in the Gathering Room (Room 140).

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12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Get your tickets for the 12 days of Christmas you sure don't want to miss this. We have lots of prizes which make fun surprises, but you've gotta be in it to win it!

Additional tickets are available by request in the school office.

Thank you & good luck!



BILLS DRESS DOWN DAYS

The Athletics department will be hosting Bills themed dress down days on the following dates:

Thursday 12/15 & Thursday 1/5.

For a minimum donation of \$1/day students can be a part of the fandomium! Funds raised will benefit the athletics program.

Students choosing not to participate are expected to be in their regular school uniform.



NURSE NOTES

A few reminders as we close out November...

- Physicals are required for students in PreK, K, 1, 3, 5 & 7. As well as annually for those wishing to participate in sports. I am still missing quite a few. Please remember to have physical forms sent in to the health office ASAP.
- Health Office updates will be sent home this week, these are to be completed annually for every student.
- Please send in extra clothes for your younger students. If your child has an accident at school and doesn't have extras we will provide them with some. Unfortunately, our stash of extra supplies is running low. So please remember to wash and return anything your student need borrows.
- Vision and hearing screenings have begun and are going well. You will be notified if a referral is needed. Please reach out with any questions/concerns.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH: JESSE TREE SIGN-UP

Please click the link to sign up your children/teens to participate in our Jesse Tree Ornament procession & ornament hanging at our Masses during Advent. You can sign up your children/teens for multiple Masses if you wish.

We need 7 ornament hangers for each of the 4 Masses during the 4 weeks of Advent. **Please be advised that your children/teens will need to be at Mass 10 minutes early in order to participate. The ushers will find a replacement if you are not at church 10 minutes early.**

Thank you for your understanding and for your participation!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8A72EA4F9C52-advent>

If you want to learn more about the Jesse Tree Advent tradition and to share this with your children click here: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/the-jesse-tree/>

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 on the NewsNote tab of the website to reserve yours today!



NURSE NOTES

You can reach Nurse Dara Sirianni, RN at:

nurse@smeschool.com
716-683-2112 x128

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

8TH GRADE INFO

Thank you to those that participated in the 8th grade Poinsettia & Wreath Fundraiser.



thank you

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date : 12/16
Living Nativity 7pm in the Church

Make Note: 12/9 No Afterschool Care

Make Note: 1/13 10:45 Early Dismissal, Staff Development

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

Make Note:



Merry Moose Schedule

Date : Thursday December 1st

8:18 am- Kindergarten

8:59 am- 1st Grade

9:38 am- 2nd Grade- Miss Rogalski & Mrs. Lamb's Classes

10:56 am- 3rd Grade

11:35 am- 6th Grade

12:14 pm- 4th Grade- Mrs. Cooper's & Mrs. Michalek's Class

1:32pm- PreK Classes



Date : Friday December 2nd

The Merry Moose Shop will open after mass.

9:38 am- 5th Grade

10:17 am- 7th Grade

10:56 am- 8th Grade

1:00 pm- PreK Classes





BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

*Pancakes, Sausages &
Beverages
\$10 a person*



**Sat., Dec. 10th, 9-11am
SME Parish Center**



FROM DECEMBER
19th TO 23rd



St. Mary's Elementary School

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY:

Dress in Grinch Green or as the Grinch

TUESDAY:

Wear your Christmas PJ's

WEDNESDAY:

Dress as an Elf, Reindeer or Santa

THURSDAY:

Ugly Sweater/Shirt Day

FRIDAY:

Dress in Christmas Colors

We hope everyone will participate in the special dress down days during this week. If you choose not to dress in the Christmas attire during this week, you must wear your school uniform.

**No rips or tears in clothing

St. Mary's Nights in the Village

December

8th & 15th

5-9 pm

Shop local!

Support our neighbors in the Village of Lancaster

along Central Ave. & West Main St.

December 15th

SMHS Christmas Show at the Lancaster Opera House &
Meet Santa Claus

Featuring

3D Comics · 3 Dog Barber · 716 Athletics · 716 Dance Lab · Black Sheep & Co.

Bloomsbury Toy Shoppe · Broadway Deli · Dark Forest Chocolate

From the Attic · Furry Friends · Gabrielle's Bakery · Gilded Maple

Josie's on Central · Juls & Jane · Lancaster Coffee Co. · Lilly Belle Meads

Long Weekend · Precious Cargo Plant Shop · Purely Pets

Skoob's Village Grille · Symposium Wine Bar · The Bathe Store

The New York Store · TLL Brewing · Twin Village Music · Valint's Meats

West Main Jewelers · Whole Fitness & Wellness · WNY Music Academy

