

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear SME Parents,

We’re approaching one year since we reintroduced in-person meetings, events, athletic competitions and ceremonies! Some days, it is hard to imagine a socially distanced school with barriers and restrictions; other days it still seems as if we are striving to establish the proverbial new normal and return to long-standing school traditions. As we inch closer to Spring, I wanted to share some important dates and also ask for assistance in helping to run the events. **We are always in need of additional parent and grandparent volunteers.**

March 24 - Mother/Son Dance Party
March 31 - Living Stations, performed by 8th grade in the church @ 1:00 and 7:00
April 27 - Open House and Art Show
April 29 - Meat Raffle
May 4 and 5 - Book Fair
May 5 - Penny Fair

In the upcoming weeks, HSA will be hosting a school-wide meeting inviting ALL parents to attend and be a part of the organization and effort to help support the school. We’ll discuss these events, explain their significance, and share what we need in order to ensure successful events.


Please keep an eye out for this communication and invitation, and have a blessed week.

Mr. Olejniczak

YEARBOOK SALE

Don’t Delay... Order Your SME Yearbook... Today! SME Yearbooks will be on sale until March 22, 2023!

The yearbook is full-color, hardcover and packed with memories of an awesome year!

 All students in PreK3-8th grade will be included in the yearbook.

To order your yearbook visit: <http://www.inter-state.com/order> and enter code: 75214N

Yearbook sales will be **online ONLY** and the cost per book is \$20.

Yearbooks will be distributed in June.

Please direct any questions to Mrs. Pesany-Au at yearbook@smeschool.com

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.

Mega Raffle:
 Tickets Sold to date: 538
 Tickets Available: 712

In Person Event: June 9th
New Venue: St. Mary’s High School

Boxtops 4 Education:
 February Donation: \$6.90
 YTD Donations: 81.20



Year round ways to help:

◇ Boxtops 4 Education - download the app & scan receipts - it’s that easy!
◇ RaiseRight Program
◇ We partner with United Way! You can designate SME as the recipient of your donations.
◇ We participate in the Tops in Education program! Visit topsmarkets.com/education to register your BonusCard and select our school!



MOTHER / SON DANCE




It is not too late to RSVP for our Mother / Son Dance to be held on
Friday, March 24th from 7-9pm

Blue RSVP flyers went home with every boy on Monday.

Tickets are \$12 per person - presale only

Hey Guys! We need your help to ensure the moms have a fun night! Help is needed and from set up & tear down for those that want a quick in and out, or hang out for the evening and assist with some of the fun and games! There is an opportunity just right for you!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544a8ad2ba46-motherson#/>

23-24 TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS



Don’t forget!

Transportation requests for the 2023-2024 school are due on April 1st!
Regardless of your child(ren)’s need for transportation, this step is **required** by every district.

We **do not** process these requests, nor collect completed forms.

Please follow the instructions on your home districts transportation page of their website. Many districts have moved to an online submission process.
If you have any questions: secretary@smeschool.com

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

GERTRUDE HAWK online orders with direct shipping can be placed through 3/23!

Looking ahead...

⇒ Out Of This World Mother/Son Dance on 3/24. Please check out the following sign up for ways to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544a8ad2ba46-motherson#/> Questions? Contact: Mrs. Alicia Sears at aliciarosesears@outlook.com

⇒ Spring Sale Deliveries: Gertrude Hawk orders are estimated to arrive the week of 3/27.

⇒ 4/29 - Meat Raffle - Additional freezer full of meat raffle tickets are available upon request! To order tickets for the main event, see the flyer coming home today!

⇒ 5/5 - Penny Fair - More details to come!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Fri. 3/17 - 10:45 Early Dismissal**, Staff PD, *No Afterschool Care Today!*
- **Wed. 3/22** - Last day to order your Yearbook!
- **Fri. 3/24** - Mother/Son Dance Party 7-9pm
- **Fri. 3/31** - Living Stations 1 & 7pm
- **Mon 4/3-Mon 4/10** - No School Easter Recess
- **Tues. 4/11** - Classes Resume
- **Fri. 4/14** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- **Sat. 4/29** - Meat Raffle
- **Fri. 5/5** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30; Penny Fair



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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



RAISERIGHT

A note from Cindy in the RaiseRight office...

Easter is right around the corner and, as a grandmother, that means filling Easter baskets! I still fill baskets for all my adult children as well! Over the years, the contents have changed but what never goes out of style are gift cards! From Amazon to Zappos and everything in between, everyone loves them no matter their age!

I'm happy to say we have an abundance of cards in stock right in our office. ([RR Order form](#)) There are also cards available on RaiseRight's master brand list ([available here](#)) which can arrive in a week. I would be happy to order anything I have access to for you!

You can reach me by email (raiseright@smeschool.com), by phone (716-683-2112 x132), stopping in to see us (Tuesday 9:00-12:00, Wednesday 12:30-2:30, Friday 8:00am-12:00pm).

I pray everyone has a Blessed Easter and I hope to hear from you soon!

Have a Blessed Day, Cindy Olejniczak



MEGA RAFFLE

When: June 9, 2023 at 6:00PM

Where: St. Mary's High School

Tickets sold to date: 538

Tickets remaining: 712



To Purchase: mail \$100 payment/per ticket to 1 St. Mary's Hill or scan here:

We have sold out 6 of the 7 previous years - be sure to get your tickets soon! Orders are filled once per week. Please be patient if you do not see your ticket come home the day that you send your check in.

Second Early Bird drawing of \$200: Saturday, April 1.

All orders must be received by 4:00PM on Friday, March 31 to be eligible.

Basket Raffle Donations: We have set up an Amazon.com registry under the name [2023 Mega Raffle](#). All items purchased are shipped directly to the school. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, **146** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!! Feel free to get creative with Social Media (posting this great opportunity to Facebook, etc) as well as encouraging multiple people to chip in on one ticket. Every ticket sold gets us closer to our goal and makes sure we have a successful drive! Thank you again for all of your continued support on this important fundraiser.



Volunteer Options: Please scan the QR code to sign up or email us at megaraffle@smeschool.com.

If you are interested in helping out in any other way, especially if you would like to join the committee, please email us!



ATHLETICS

We are already looking to next season! If your child(ren) have any interest in the following sports please complete the applicable interest forms by March 20th:



Track Co-Ed

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeG21ZsSpXe_thryAmOvsb3n32IWCH7bPpVCF2R95REMMQZA/viewform?usp=sf_link



Soccer Co-Ed

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFRfIYs3wJYIWQu4AOersPBFm7TE3A2-Vg-YZVi-hjZwTZA/viewform?usp=sf_link



Softball Girls

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF2FgwLq9XWUyJ7HrS6vHqj6YOPLlxabMhXHESq4i9IyHR1A/viewform?usp=sf_link



Boys Volleyball

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfd1YHULP1dce33m78pDScK4IQ3qAphTUyFAZCoum6X6CITAA/viewform?usp=sf_link

TAX TIME

Have you begun filing your taxes? Is your preparer looking for our Tax ID Number? The directive given to us by the diocese is to *not* release that number.

In its place you can/should indicate **Religious Exemption**. Specific questions can be directed to Mrs. Jezuit: (jezuitn@smeschool.com)



BISON FUND

Committed to its mission of making quality education accessible to all, the BISON Fund average scholarship award will be between \$1,500 and a maximum award of \$2,500 for the 2023-2024 school year.

As we welcome 2023, Bison Fund is currently accepting K-8 pre-applications for funding for the 2023-2024 school year. New families must complete a pre-application form electronically (online) on the Bison Fund website at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The new family deadline is March 15, 2023. Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-application forms. All applicants will be notified of lottery results via email on March 16, 2023.

Current families do not need to fill out a pre-application and will be emailed a link to complete the requalification process.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the BISON fund office at 716-854-0869.



MEAT RAFFLE

Save the date for SME's Meat Raffle: April 29th at 7pm.

Our final dress down day supporting the meat raffle will be on Tues., April 11th. Donations will help purchase items for basket raffles and gift card raffles! So far we've raised \$331, thank you!!

The meat raffle is now accepting volunteers! Please check out the sign up genius to join in the fun: [Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Thank you to those who have gotten into the chest freezer full of meat raffle! This prize will be drawn at the event. No need to be present to win *BUT*... Won't you join us?! Coming home today is a flyer to reserve your table of 8 seats or order individual tickets. Tables will fill up so reserve yours today! If you've never been to a meat raffle, come check out what the exciting fuss is all about!

Individual tickets are \$10 and include beverages (adult & pop), water and a slice of pizza. Outside **SNACKS ONLY** are allowed.

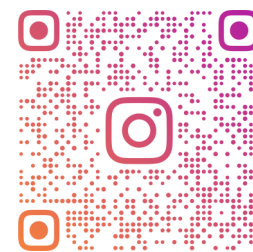
If you would like to make a basket, you can drop it off to SME, attention to Jackie Boundy. What a great way to repurpose those new items you may have sitting around!

If you have any questions, please contact Jackie!

Have you completed and returned your 2023-2024 registration paperwork yet?

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

We're on Instagram!



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8TH GRADE INFO



STAY IN THE KNOW



Make Note: 3/17 10:45 Early Dismissal, Staff PD

Make Note: NO Afterschool Care on Friday 3/17

Save the Date: 3/24 Mother/Son Event

Save the Date: 3/31 Living Stations

Save the Date: 4/27 Art Show & Open House

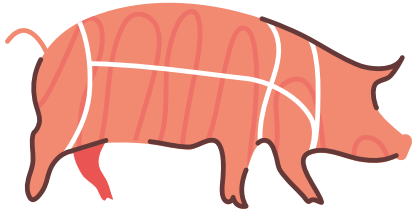
Save the Date: 4/29 Meat Raffle

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY HSA MEAT RAFFLE

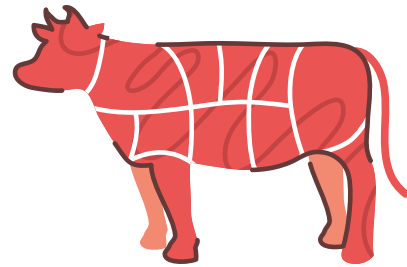
April 29th | Doors Open at 5:30 P.M.|

First Spin is at 7:00 P.M.

2 St.Marys Hill Lancaster, NY



**COST: \$10 A
TICKET**



**RESERVE A TABLE OF
8 FOR \$70**

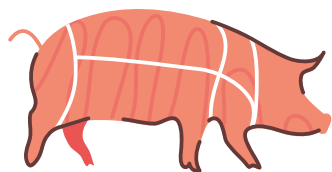
Admission Includes: Beer, Pop, Water, and a Slice of Pizza
Outside Snacks are welcomed, but No Outside Alcohol will
be allowed

Contact Jackie- 716-578-4780

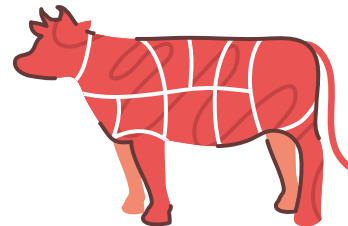
**CHEST
FREEZER
MEAT RAFFLE**

50/50

**BASKET
RAFFLE**



ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY HSA MEAT RAFFLE



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Get your dollar bills and snacks ready! The St. Mary's Home School Association (HSA) is hosting a Meat Raffle on Saturday April 29th, 2023. Doors open at 5:30 and the first spin is at 7:00.

Admission tickets are only \$10 and your ticket includes beer, pop, water and a slice of pizza. You can purchase a reserved table of 8 for \$70. Purchase your tickets early before this event sells out! Please complete the form below to purchase tickets.

If you have any questions contact Jackie Boundy at 716-578-4780

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Jackie Boundy and Kate Olejniczak
Meat Raffle Chairs

Please complete the form below and return to the school office with your money in an envelope marked "Meat Raffle Tickets." Purchased tickets will be sent home with your student.

Meat Raffle Ticket Order Form

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Individual Tickets. _____ or

Reserved Table: _____ (8 Tickets per table)
(# of tables)

Please send tickets home with my student: Name _____ Grade _____