

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear St. Mary's Elementary School Families,

Welcome to another wonderful year here at St. Mary's! To begin, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was able to attend our Welcome Back to School Bash a couple of weeks ago. It was so much fun to see so many new and returning faces and families. Events such as the welcome back picnic will continue to help grow our SME community closer together as we evolve and expand our school and various programs. Please read through this entire newsletter for information on our HSA, athletic offerings, and other school happenings.

Before briefly outlining some of this year's school goals, I wanted to take a moment to take a peek back at our recent past.

At our Pre-K and Kindergarten graduation ceremonies last year, I suggested to our parents and guests that the world would be a better place if us grownups acted as adults the way we were taught to act as young people, way back in pre-K and Kindergarten.

Sometimes the simplest actions we can take throughout the day have the strongest impact on those around us; sharing, cleaning up our messes, choosing kindness, and sticking together certainly help all of us navigate our way through life.

Later, we said our 'see you later's' to our graduating 8th grade class of 2022. My final request of the students I taught for three years was simple: I challenged them to go out and change the world.

They will.

We've used these comments from last year's closing ceremonies as a catalyst for continued change in our school and community. Our teachers and staff are committed to sharing their time and talents with each other and our students. As we all grow professionally, our students will grow in leaps and bounds, in many ways. No one is without flaws. As a school, it is a goal of ours to communicate effectively as we work through and resolve conflicts. In this way, we will clean up our metaphorical messes. Next, another goal of our staff is to teach people and not students. This year, our teachers are putting an added emphasis on Social Emotional Learning, incorporating the tenants of SEL into their curriculum. At its easiest, life is hard. At SME, we will never lose sight of the people who fill our classrooms. All of these goals will help our entire SME community grow closer together.

We prioritize helping others, communicating, and accountability, all in the effort of enabling our students to grow into the best versions of themselves. As we accomplish our school goals and grow our community, we will evolve SME and equip all of our students to change their worlds for the better.

And they will.

Welcome to St. Mary's,
Mr. Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/29 - Meet the Teacher Night
- 9/28-9/29 - Book Fair
- 10/3 - STREAM Walk-a-Thon
- 10/7 - NO SCHOOL: Diocesan PD Day
- 10/10 - NO SCHOOL: Indigenous People 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 - Guys & Dolls event 6-9:00
- 10/23-10/28 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/28 - Trunk or Treat 6-8pm
- 11/10 10:45 Early Dismissal P/T Conf.
- 11/12 Vendor & Craft Fair

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) Third quarter profits were \$75.37!
- ◇ RaiseRight Program



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.

Inter-State Photography has shifted to online ordering! A link to order will be shared as soon as we receive it.

EXTRA, EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

*With the start of a new year,
there is much to share!*

Please take a moment to go through today's Communication Packet as you don't want to miss a thing!

A quick scroll through your electronic version is also recommended each week as we may attach information electronically rather than printing (to save as many trees as possible!).



HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Active involvement of all of our families is necessary to keep school expenses to a minimum, encourage community involvement, and assure continued success of our school.

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

If you are interested in joining the HSA team please contact MaggieAnn Kramer (HSASecretary@smechool.com)!

Here is a snapshot of what is in store this fall...

September:

- Room Parents established
- Great Lakes Coffee Fundraiser (9/28-10/13)
- Meet The Teacher Night (which will incorporate our Scholastic Book Fair) 9/29

October:

- Hart & Home catalog fundraiser (dates TBD)
- Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser
- Father / Daughter Night / Guys & Dolls event for the girls and their favorite guy 10/14
- Trunk or Treat Night 10/28 6-8pm
- Red Ribbon Week 10/23-10/28

November:

- Craft & Vendor Fair 11/12 (see flyer attached)

Room Parents - If you are interested in being a room parent for your child's class, assisting in a variety of ways throughout the school year, please contact hsa@smechool.com. Please indicate your child(ren)'s grade & teacher. Room parents will meet briefly during our Meet The Teacher Night on 9/29.

Scholastic Book Fair 9/28-9/29- Chairperson: Jenny Sparmo (jennifersparmo@gmail.com) Volunteers are needed for set up on Tuesday night 9/27, Wednesday 9/28 & Thursday 9/29 during the day and during Meet the Teacher Night. If you are interested in lending a helping hand please contact Jenny directly.

A letter is attached electronically today with all the details of the fair! We will once again be utilizing the eWallet program to make shopping a breeze for the students!

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



RAISERIGHT

Welcome to the 2022/2023 school year! Our tuition reimbursement program, RaiseRight, is in the process of transitioning to a new coordinator as well as a few other changes.

Gift cards will still be available in the Rectory, Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:00, through Friday, September 30th. On Monday, October 3rd, the program will be returning to the school. Please stay tuned for updated information as it becomes available.

Each family will receive an information packet about the program with their oldest or only child today. After reviewing it, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. The brown envelope 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 use the RaiseRight app on your mobile device, please email raiserright@smeschool.com to receive the enrollment code.

There is a locked box in the church foyer and you may use the secure lockbox near our main door #1 to drop off orders whenever it is convenient for you!

If you have any questions, please email raiserright@smeschool.com.

Thank you for your support of the RaiseRight program!



ATHLETICS

Hello SME Families,

My name is Bailey Dolegowski and I am the physical education/health teacher and our school's athletic director. This year, one of our goals is to build our athletic program and increase parental involvement. The diocese is offering a lot of great athletic programs, and it would be great for our families and students to take advantage of them! With that being said, I am looking for volunteers to help with our athletics program here @ SME.

We need parents to assist with fundraisers to raise money so that we can participate in these programs, as well as make improvements in the school. Specifically, we would like to install padding/mats for the stage and a bottle filler for the water fountains. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help, with the goal of establishing a sports boosters program, please email me @ athletics@smeschool.com.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Miss Dolegowski

Diocesan Sport Opportunities:

- ◇ There is a diocese wide golf tournament taking place October 12th. The tournament is open to all students who have experience and their own equipment. If anyone is interested in signing up, please email athletics@smeschool.com by September 26th and I would be happy to register your child.
- ◇ There is a diocese wide kickball tournament taking place October 15th. The tournament is open to 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grade students. We will need enough students to form a team. If anyone is interested in signing up, please email athletics@smeschool.com by September 28th. If there is enough interest I will send out an email with more information!

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.

JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY

JOIN THE JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY
NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY OCTOBER 16th, 1-3 PM
ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

The Junior Ladies of Charity are accepting new members! Young ladies between 6th grade and senior high school are welcome to join. If you would like to join other girls from our area and make difference in our community, consider coming to our next meeting!

Meetings are held one Sunday a month in St. Mary's Parish Center.

The girls work on service projects & plan volunteer opportunities that take them out into the WNY community including places such as Symphony Manor on Broadway, Response to Love Center, Gerard Place, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, Ladies of Charity Center & St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center.

KITCHEN NEWS

Attached electronically today is a copy of the application for Free & Reduced lunches. If you would like to apply, please complete and return the application to the attention of our Kitchen.

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 menu.

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.

8TH GRADE INFO

If your child plans on attending a catholic high school next year you will need to complete the online application:

https://catholicshwny.smapply.io/prog/application_for_admission_grade_9/

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 take a scroll through our electronic version of the NewsNote for information & flyers from area high schools.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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

We are looking to add a volunteer to our lunch monitor crew. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com) for more information!

SAFETY DRILLS

As is required by law, we will be participating in both fire & lockdown drills while the weather cooperates.



We will work to ensure that the students are able to vacate the building in a quick & safe manner while still observing COVID gathering recommendations.

PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal accounts have been created for all new families Kindergarten - Grade 8.

Please refer to the email you received and follow the directions within it.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nancy Jezuit whose contact information is also included in that email.

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

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have seen an increase in the number of students at SME with severe life threatening allergies. Strict avoidance is the only way to prevent a severe allergic reaction. Starting February 28, 2022, for the safety of all students here, there will no longer be any outside treats brought into the classrooms.

We want all students here to feel safe and have fun during class parties. Please remember there are other ways to celebrate birthdays and holidays with non-food items.

If you would like your child to celebrate his/her birthday while at school, please contact the school or your child's teacher. The school cafeteria has allergy safe treats available for purchase.

I ask that we work together to protect these children and provide our students at SME a safe learning environment.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! Please call the Health Office if you have any questions!

Tara Salge, RN, BSN
716-683-2112 ext 128
nurse@smeschool.com



Dear Parents and Families:

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Hosted by our staff, this event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school.

After missing out on many beloved traditions, our fall Book Fair will be a familiar, welcome, and safe event for our students. Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from Wednesday September 28th to Thursday September 29th during the school day and during Meet the Teacher night.

Our Book Fair offers **eWallet**, a safe and secure alternative to cash. Simply create a free account to add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute so your child can select their own books. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online or to fund a future eWallet.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping.
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmaryselemschlancaster>

We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your child there!

Happy reading,
Mr. Olejniczak
Principal
St. Mary's Elementary School

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Help make our Book Fair

the best ever!

#ScholasticBookFairs



Contact Jenny Sparmo to be added to our awesome Book Crew!

jennifersparmo@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed for set up on
Tuesday night 9/27
Wednesday 9/28
Thursday 9/29 during the day and during
Meet the Teacher Night.

If you are interested in lending a helping hand or have any questions, please contact Jenny directly.

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIRS

CONVENIENT, CASH-FREE SHOPPING WITH eWALLET!

It's Book Fair Time! This year, say hello to **eWALLET!** Empower students to choose their own books and check out with their very own digital payment account. Book Fair eWallet can be used at the Fair or online. And any leftover funds can be saved for future Fairs! Win-Win!



CREATE ACCOUNT



ADD FUNDS

and/or



SHARE WITH
FAMILY & FRIENDS



SHOP

Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started.
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmaryselemschlancaster>

Date Withdrew _____

F ___ R ___ D ___

2022-2023 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below**. Call **716-683-2112 Ext.119**, if you need help. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

Return Completed Applications to: **St Mary's Elementary**
2 St Mary's Hill
Lancaster, NY 14086

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

| Student Name | School | Grade/Teacher | Foster Child | Homeless Migrant, Runaway |
|--------------|--------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. **Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.**

Name: _____ CASE #: _____

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

| Name of household member | Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i> | Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i> | Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i> | Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i> | No Income |
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-____-____

I do not have a SS#

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#) or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island White

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
 Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

SNAP/TANF/Foster

Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____

Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to _____. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is not needed. Call the school if you need help: _____. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs **PART 4** if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. **If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.**
- (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
program_intake@usda.gov

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FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number: This must be the complete valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number.

Foster Child: A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

Household: A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

Adult Family Members: All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

Financially Independent: A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household. Separate economic units in the same residence are characterized by prorating expenses and by economic independence from one another.

Current Gross Income: Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

Examples of gross income are:

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income – gross sales minus expenses only – not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____



St. Mary's High School

Lancaster, NY



Open House

Thurs. Sept. 29 • 5-8 pm

Fri. Sept. 30 • 5-7 pm

Register at smhlancers.org



As the fastest-growing private high school in Western New York, St. Mary's has seen a surge in enrollment over the past five years thanks to an innovative curriculum, inclusive of the Lancer Life Curriculum and the formation of The Academies at St. Mary's High School. St. Mary's has been experiencing incredible momentum that has filled our school with the best students and families.

Pair these academic pursuits with our stellar athletic and performing arts programs and an atmosphere that's just fun to be a part of, and you have the perfect recipe to make students actually want to come to school every day. There is no better time to be a Lancer.

We can't wait to show you why St. Mary's is such a special place to be at this year's Open House, Thursday, September 29th and Friday, September 30th.



**Scan here to
register to
join us!**



**ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
LANCASTER, NY**

142 Laverack Ave. Lancaster, NY 14086

NEW this year!

The Academies at St. Mary's High School

Focused courses of study, similar to a college major, that allow students to dive deeper into one of ten areas of interest. Students will hear from acclaimed guest speakers, take field trips, and learn course-specific material to determine if their "major" is a good fit before applying to universities across the country.

Learn more at smhlancers.org

Diocesan Golf Tournament

Wednesday, October 12, 2022



This free tournament is open to all students **with experience and their own equipment.**
(Participation is based on experience, not grade level.)

Grover Cleveland Golf Course
12pm, 9 Holes