## NEWSNOTE

ISSUE 3 SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear SME Community,

Next month, St. Mary's Elementary School will launch our new educational program, **EXCEL @ SME**. Every student in the school will be engaged in these clubs, and each teacher will lead her or his own **Ex**periential, **C**ollaborative, and **E**ngaging **L**earning club. Some we are most excited to share with our students include exploring the heroes of Disney movies, Storytelling through Scrapbooking, author studies, Chefs in Training, Engineering Designs, and a History of Music through the Decades!

If you are returning to SME, you can think of this initiative as an evolved, updated form of the STREAM Academies we offered in the past. Rather than recycle the same old, scripted ideas, **EXCEL @ SME** challenges our teachers to craft their own learning clubs and share their passions with the students. Some clubs may be returning - Engineering Design Briefs - but others are brand new - Scrapbooking and Music through the Decades - and explore the arts or multiple literacies in fresh, exciting ways.

This new approach will grow our students closer together. Instead of working only with students from their own grade, our learning clubs will be composed of students from grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Students with similar interests will be able to learn with friends and meet new friends from grades other than their own. This will increase camaraderie between our grade levels.

Additionally, because our **EXCEL @ SME** clubs are created individually by our teachers, the learning will be more authentic and genuine. Our team will be sharing their personal interests with our students in real ways, which will excite our students and allow all to grow as learners. It is our hope that students will continue to see that learning does not just happen by reading a textbook or memorizing notes; learning is a lifelong adventure and can certainly be quite fun and engaging! Our clubs will demonstrate exactly these truths.

To help fund this new venture, we are asking for financial support of our Walk-a-Thon. Previously coined our STREAM Walk-a-Thon, our October 2 trek will raise money to help offset costs associated with our **EXCEL @ SME** initiative. Cooking supplies for our young chefs, scrapbooking materials, and class sets of books for our author studies all carry a financial burden. Your generous support will help grow our program and academic offerings of St. Mary's Elementary School. Thank you for your continued partnership in learning, Mr. Olejniczak

#### BY THE NUMBERS

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

Aug. Donation \$4.30

♦ RaiseRight Program

#### **Upcoming Fundraisers:**

**10/2** - EXCEL Walk-a-Thon

All proceeds benefit EXCEL @ SME

**10/10-10/24:** Hometown Catalog Sale *(HSA Sponsored)* 

#### WALK-A-THON

On Monday October 2nd we will host our annual walk-a-thon to be held on the grounds of SME.

Each oldest/only child received a blue permission & pledge form. This form must be signed and returned by the end of the week in order for your child(ren) to participate. All pledges collected will be used to further our EXCEL initiative here at SME.

#### FALL PICTURE DAYS

Fall picture days are scheduled for:

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

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 and you can order now! <u>inter-state.com/order</u> Our Order Code is 80380VF

Paper orders are also accepted. Forms available upon request to Mrs. Kuhn.

#### HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Scholastic Book Fair was wonderful! All the classrooms have brand new books and a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it a huge success.

Can you believe we have almost made it to the end of September? Now it's time to start thinking about all the October fun we will have.

The next event is a fun time for the girls and their special guy to have a night out together at the Pretty in Pink My Little Sweetheart Dance on Oct. 13th from 6-8. Please fill out the form at the bottom of the flyer and return it by **10/6.** Use the link here to sign up to volunteer at the event. <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DABAF2FABF49-44520940-mylittle">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DABAF2FABF49-44520940-mylittle</a>

We will be sharing information on our Trunk or Treat family fun night soon so start creating your Halloween trunk designs for a spooktacular night of fun!

We are currently sold out of youth small spirit shirts. We are working on getting a new order together so please be patient. If you need a size small spirit shirt, please let <u>HSA</u> know so that we can make sure we purchase enough. If you ordered a small and would like to change to a medium, please let us know that as well.

The October HSA meeting will be Oct. 11th at 6 p.m. in the gym. All parents are welcome to attend and learn about our upcoming events.

#### October Events:

2nd: SME Spirit Shirt Dress Down Day 11th: HSA Meeting in the Gym at 6 p.m. 10th-24th: Hometown Catalog Fundraiser 13th: My Little Sweetheart Dance 27th: Trunk or Treat Family Fun Night

#### **November Events:**

11th: Craft & Vendor Show



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Fri. 9/29 Pillars of SME Dedication Mass, 8:30am
- Mon. 10/2 Walk-a-Thon
- Fri. 10/6 NO SCHOOL, Diocesan PD Day
- Mon. 10/9 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
- Tues. 10/10 School Picture Day Grades Pk3 & K-3, Hometown Catalog Sale Begins
- **Wed. 10/11** School Picture Day Grades Pk4 & 4-8
- Fri. 10/13 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am, My Little Sweetheart Dance 6-8pm
- Tues 10/24 -Hometown Catalog Sale Ends
- Wed. 10/25 Gr 4- 8 Progress Report Upload
- **Fri. 10/27** Trunk or Treat 6-8pm

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#### ST. MARY'S Elementary School

2 St. Mary's Hill Lancaster, NY 14086

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



#### RAISERIGHT



Walk-in office hours: Tuesday 9:00-12:00 Wednesday 12:30-3:30 Friday: 9:30-12:00

For a complete list of participating retailers visit the shop with scrip website: <a href="https://www.raiseright.com/brands">https://www.raiseright.com/brands</a>

Here is a quick link to the order form:

RR Order Form

Reminder: Families earn 100% of rebates up to \$250 and an 80/20 split thereafter.

Creating an online account:
<a href="mailto:RaiseRight.com">RaiseRight.com</a>

SME Enrollment Code: 9A9F4CLA3L66

If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:raiseright@smeschool.com">raiseright@smeschool.com</a>.

Our team is here for you!

#### JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY

JLOC is collecting new or gently used Halloween costumes until Oct. 1. There is a collection bin in the foyer of SME.



#### My Little Sweetheart Dance



Pink invitations went home with all of our lovely young ladies last week. Please return all RSVPs & payment by **Thursday 10/5** as we do not have school on 10/6.



Looking forward to an enchanting evening with our girls and their guys!

# My Little Sweetheart Dance



Friday October I3th 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.



dad, grandpa, uncle or older brother are welcome to accompany their lovely young lady



Cost: \$12 per person
Payment Due: Oct. 6th
Tickets are Pre-Sale Only





#### **ATHLETICS**

If you have any questions regarding the athletic opportunities at SME please contact our new Athletic Director, Mr. Tim Williams (athletics@smeschool.com) or williams@smeschool.com).



### ANGEL CHOIR

All students are invited to join
St. Mary of the Assumption's Angel Choir!
The students will meet from 6-7pm in the church.
See the flyer attached today with all the details.
Interested families can also sign up here:

Angel Choir Sign Up

Any questions please contact Ms. Ross (ross@smeschool.com or andrea@stmarysonthehill.org.)

### SAFETY DRILLS

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



#### Nurse Notes

Nurse Office hours: M-F 9:30am - 1:00pm

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns:

nurse@smeschool.com 716-683-2112 x128 Nurse Dara Sirianni RN, BSN

#### KITCHEN NEWS

Happy Heavenly Birthday Mr. Hunter!

On Friday, 9/29 Mrs. Hunter will be stopping in for a heavenly birthday party in honor of Mr. Hunter.



If you are interested, we will be collecting new cat & dog treats & toys which Mrs. Hunter will bring to the local SPCA.

#### 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) for more information!

## Social Responsibility



### **Spiritual Growth**



Academic Excellence

#### 8TH GRADE INFO

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



https://catholichswny.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.

Students should take the entrance exam at their **1st choice** school. Exam date is 11/18/23.

#### STAY IN THE KNOW

**Save the Date**: 11/9 10:45 Early Dismissal P/T Conferences, No Afterschool care available

**Save the Date**: 11/10 No School Veterans Day

**Save the Date**: 11/11 Craft/ Vendor Fair

**Save the Date**: 11/15 Fall Picture Retake Day

**Save the Date**: 11/17 Grandparents Mass 8:30am

**Save the Date**: 11/27 1:00 Early Dismissal: Staff Development Day

#### ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LANCASTER, NY- "...visible examples of Gospel living."

Oct,

2023

Student lunches are \$3.50, and adult lunches are \$5.50. During this time, we ask that all lunches be prepaid with either cash or check made out to SME, in the exact amount. Any overage will be kept on account. All lunches are comprised of five components; protein, whole grain, vegetables, fruit & milk. In addition to the main entrée, there are three alternate choices offered daily; Julienne Salad, Yogurt Parfait, Sunbutter/Jelly. Milk is \$0.50, and may be prepaid if your student buys milk regularly. Snack will now be served to all grades during lunchtime. No snack is ever purchased on account. Snack money must be presented at point of sale. Snacks are \$0.25-\$0.75. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at <a href="heerdt@smeschool.com">heerdt@smeschool.com</a>. We appreciate your support. Liz Heerdt & Tracy Hadsall

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Lunch = \$3.50 2 Lunches = \$7.00 3 Lunches = \$10.50 4 Lunches = \$14.00 5 Lunches = \$17.50	6 Lunches = \$21.00 7 Lunches = \$24.50 8 Lunches = \$Veggies28.00 9 Lunches = \$31.50 10 Lunches = \$35.00	11 Lunches = \$38.50 12 Lunches = \$42.00 13 Lunches = \$45.50 14 Lunches = \$49.00 15 Lunches = \$52.50	16 Lunches = \$56.00 17 Lunches = \$59.50 18 Lunches = \$63.00 19 Lunches = \$66.50 20 Lunches = \$70.00	21 Lunches = \$73.50 22 Lunches = \$77.00 Cash or Check to SME Change Will Go On Acct
2 Loaded Tator Tots Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk	3 Cheesy Chicken on a Bun Bean Salad Veggies,Fruit & Milk	4 Chicken stir Fry Rice Fruit & Milk	5 Sloppy Joes Veggies Fruit & Milk	6 NO SCHOOL
9 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day	10 Fish Sticks Cole Slaw Veggies , Fruit & Milk	11 Loaded Chicken Nachos Veggie Fruit & Milk	Meatloaf Mashed potatoes Veggies , Fruit & Milk	13 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggies , Fruit & Milk No Alternates Today
16 Chicken Ceasar Salad Veggies Fruit & Milk	17 Chili W/Nachos Veggies Fruit & Milk	18 Buffalo Popcorn Chicken Carrots & Bleu Cheese Veggie, Fruit & Milk	19 Mac and Cheese Tomato Soup Veggies< Fruit & Milk	20 Cheeses & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggies , Fruit & Milk
23 Waffles w/Sausage Tator Tots Veggies, Fruit & Milk	24 Chicken Dinner Stuffing Veggies , Fruit & Milk	25 Beef Tacos Veggies Fruit & Milk	26 Chicken Bacon Ranch Wraps Veggies Fruit & Milk	27 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Veggies ,Fruit 7 Milk
30 Breakfast Burrioto Egg Patty Veggies , Fruit & Milk	31 Happy Halloween Goul-ash Veggies , Fruit & Milk			(menu subject to change)

#### **Prepayment Guidelines for Student Lunches at St Mary's Elementary**

- 1. The upcoming lunch menu is always posted on the SME Website by the last Wednesday of the month. Once you look over the menu, you may decide to prepay for as many or as few lunches as you wish.
- 2. A check or cash may be sent with your child/children in an envelope clearly labeled with 'Name, Amount Enclosed, and Number of Lunches Paying For.'
- 3. The Kitchen will then record how may Prepaid Lunches are available for your student(s), and will be marked accordingly. We will track your account(s) as the lunches are used and the account is depleted.
- 4. Even if the account balance is at zero, no child will ever go without a lunch. A Notice of Account will be sent via e-mail to indicate that the account needs to be replenished.
- 5. We also allow for ala carte milk to be prepaid. We will record and track daily milk purchases, just as we do for lunches. Simply send in a clearly marked envelope with your 'Name, Amount Enclosed, and Number of Milk Purchases Paying For.'
- 6. Any questions regarding the SME Lunch Program, contact us at <a href="heerdt@smeschool.com">heerdt@smeschool.com</a>, or 683-2112 extension 119 during school business hours.

Please note our daily offerings and menu options are subject to change. Our menu has become somewhat more fluid, often changing to accommodate supply chain interruptions and shortages. We have had to make several changes as deliveries have not included what was requested at the beginning of the month, when the menu was created. We do not always know when a manufacturer stops production or drops a product from their line because of demand, or lack thereof. Although these substitutions are made after the menu has been created, the daily offerings are still in keeping with the National School Lunch Program, and adhere to all standards set forth. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at <a href="heerdt@smeschool.com">heerdt@smeschool.com</a>. Thank you for your support of our school lunch program! We love our Customers and appreciate their patience.



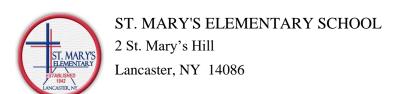
## We will be collecting donations for the SPCA.



On <u>Friday September 29<sup>th</sup></u>, students can bring in the following items to donate:

- Packaged dog/cat treats
- New dog/cat toys

Mrs. Hunter will deliver our donations to the SPCA after school on Friday.



Signature of Parent/Guardian

CHILD'S

NAME

#### STREAM WALK-A-THON PERMISSION/PLEDGE SHEET TO BE HELD OCTOBER 2, 2023

**Date** 

**GRADE** 

I grant permission for my child(ren) to participate in the STREAM Walk-A-Thon on the sidewalks around the property of St. Mary's Elementary School, Lancaster, NY.

#### SIGNED PLEDGE SHEET DUE BACK BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

#### \*\*Pledge Money due back by Monday, OCTOBER 16th, 2023\*\*

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STREAM funds help us to continue to provide creative, hands-on opportunities for all.

## STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO WEAR WEATHER APPROPRIATE **SME APPAREL.**

Please adhere to the uniform guidelines for dress down day bottoms.



PICTURE DAY IS: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 & WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 11, 2023** 

El día de fotos es el:

MARTES, 10 DE OCTUBRE, 2023 & MIÉRCOLES, 11 DE OCTUBRE, 2023

#### **PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AT:**

Las fotos serán tomadas en:

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

QUESTIONS? VISIT INTER-STATE.COM/SUPPORT ¿PREGUNTAS? Visite inter-state.com/support

PACKAGE 1		MOST POPULAR	\$ <b>36.00</b>
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PACKAGE 2:	BEST VALUE \$47.00	PACKAGE 3:	\$ <b>26.00</b>
2-8x10, 4-5x7, 2-3x5,	18-Wallets, 1-Digital Image, 4-2x3 Magnets	1-5x7, 2-3x5, 9-Wallets	
PACKAGE 4:	2-8x10, 2-5x7, 4-3x5	s, 9-Wallets	\$ <b>43.00</b>
PACKAGE 5:	1-8x10, 3-5x7,	5-3x5	\$ <b>39.00</b>
PACKAGE 6:	1-8x10, 2-5x7, 9-	Wallets	\$ <b>33.00</b>
PACKAGE 7:	2-5x7, 2-3x5, 10-	Wallets	\$ <b>30.00</b>
PACKAGE 8:	1-Digital Ima	ge	\$ <b>26.00</b>
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ADD-ON 11:	1-8x10		\$ <b>11.00</b>
ADD-ON 12:	2-5x7		\$ <b>11.00</b>
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ADD-ON 17:	18-1x2 Excha	nge	\$ <b>11.00</b>
ADD-ON 18:	4-2x3 Cling	S	\$ <b>9.00</b>

ADD-ON ITEMS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE WITH THE PURCHASE OF A PACKAGE Los artículos complementarios están disponsibles con la compra de un paquete.



#### **USE ORDER CODE:**

Use el código de pedido:

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INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER



**SELECT YOUR STYLE:** Seleccione su estilo:





ORDER ONLINE TO SEE MORE OPTIONS.

### INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER

























#### **ENHANCEMENTS:** Mejoramientos:

**SOFT-TOUCH** \$3.00 BEFORE



**RE-TOUCH** \$5.00



**ADD NAME** \$3.00



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To order online use the Order Code shown on this flyer. Please make checks payable to: Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co. Total your order and enclose the exact amount in this envelope. Change cannot be made by the school or photographer.

Para realizar pedidos en linea, utilice el Codigo de pedido que se muestra en este folleto. Por favor haga los cheques pagaderos a: Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co. Totalice su pedido y adjunte la cantidad exacta en el sobre. El cambio no puede ser realizado por la escuela o el fotografo.

# SME Parent Shirt Order Form

Student's Name:	
Grade/Teacher:	
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ADULT SMALL:	
ADULT LARGE:	ST MARY'S
ADULT XXL:	ELEMENTARY
Total Number of Shirts:	
PAYMENT ME	THOD:
Cash	Total:
Check	

Thank you for your shirt order. St. Mary's Home School Association

#### Attention all parents/guardians:

Please note that if your child is not feeling well at home we ask you to use your best judgment when determining whether or not to send them to school. Illness can and will spread rapidly among younger students and it is our goal here at SME to take precautions to minimize the instances of these illnesses.

Your student MUST STAY HOME if any of the below items apply. This also applies anytime a student is sent home from the Health Office.

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e. Tylenol, Motrin			my doctor	provided to		
			if needed.	nurse.		

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me in the Health Office.

School Nurse, Dara Sirianni RN, BSN

# St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute 2023-24: Class of 2028 Admission Process

Pete Kennedy '97 – Vice President of Enrollment Management Matt Kwiatkowski – Director of Admissions Margaret Pearson – Admissions & Marketing Manager 716.874.4953 – admissions@sjci.com

#### **Step 1: VISIT CAMPUS**

Our community is happy to provide opportunities for prospective students and their families to visit campus this fall and to select an option that works best for their family. Details and registration information are available at our <u>Admissions Events Page</u>. For questions, concerns, or more information, contact our Admissions Center, at 716.874.4953 or admissions@sjci.com.

#### Step 2: APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

To be considered for admission, prospective freshmen for fall 2024 must do the following:

- 1. Complete an online Application for Admission
- 2. Sit for the Entrance & Scholarship Exam on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. A completed Application for Admission serves as registration for the Entrance & Scholarship Exam.
- 3. Provide the Admissions Office copies of final academic transcripts, or reports cards, from grades 6 and 7, along with the first 8th grade report.
- 4. Schedule an Applicant Family Interview by contacting the Admissions Office at 716.874.4953. The interview is optional but provides an excellent opportunity for the Admissions Committee to determine how St. Joe's can best serve a student.

#### **Step 3: ENTRANCE EXAM PREP COURSE**

Let the faculty of the premier college preparatory school in Western New York prepare you for the Catholic High School Scholarship & Entrance Exam. Open to boys in grades 7 & 8, our triedand-true methods will have you feeling your best come exam day.

Registration is open at St. Joe's Entrance Exam Prep Course

Four consecutive Saturday mornings October 21 – November 11

#### Step 4: SCHOLARSHIP AND ENTRANCE EXAM

Prospective members of the Class of 2028 must take the Scholarship and Entrance Exam held on *Saturday, November 18 at 8:30 a.m.* at St. Joe's.

#### Step 5: ADMISSION DECISION NOTIFICATION

Notification of acceptance & merit-based awards will be mailed to students on **January 18**, **2024**. Notification of any need-based awards, along with instructions concerning enrollment, will be mailed to parents also on 1/18/24.

#### Step 6: ENROLLMENT

To enroll an accepted student in the St. Joe's Class of 2028 parents will complete our online enrollment process, select a payment plan, electronically agree to our tuition contract and pay the \$525 deposit via credit card. Specific instructions will be shared with parents upon acceptance.