

NEWSNOTE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear SME Families,

As we journey through fall and near more SME community events, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to our team of volunteers who make so much of what St. Mary’s offers possible. So many fellow fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and family friends were able to enjoy the most special evening with our little sweethearts last Friday because of the efforts and leadership of the My Little Sweetheart Dance chairs, Mrs. Brueggeman and Mrs. Gwarek. They and their host of parent volunteers helped all of us make memories and enjoy an adorable evening! To all who helped, thank you!

Additionally, I am excited to share that I have met with Mrs. Nichols, who will be serving as our new HSA President. Mrs. Nichols and I had the most productive conversation about where we are as a school and school community and where can head, due to the renewed excitement and commitment of our HSA leadership team. As we continue through the year, we hope to expand and evolve some traditional HSA events, to better meet the needs of our students and school families.

I also want to thank all who volunteered to coach or help in any way with our fall sports teams. St. Mary’s participated in Boys Baseball, Girls Volleyball, Swim, and Bowling so far this year! Without you, we would not be able to field teams or offer these opportunities for our student athletes. Thank you.

As we transition into our winter sports season and fully embrace our full slate of Kindergarten - grade 8 basketball teams, I want to thank all coaches and volunteers for their cooperation as we work together to schedule practices and games for all of our teams. In the very near future, Mrs. Boundy will be hosting an informational meeting for all basketball coaches. Please make the effort to attend this meeting, so that we all remain on the same page and are able to field teams for all students who are looking to play basketball for SME this winter.

Have a wonderful week, and I look forward to another terrific Trunk-or-Treat event this Friday!

Mr. Olejniczak



- **Fri. 10/25** - HSA: Trunk-or Treat 6-8pm
- **Fri. 11/1** - All Saints Day Mass, 8:30
- **Wed. 11/6** - Pre-K Town Hall Meeting 5:30pm
- **Fri. 11/8** - Veterans Day Prayer Service 8:30am
- **Fri. 11/8 - 10:45am** **Early Dismissal:** P/T Conference Day
- **Sat. 11/9** - HSA Craft & Vendor Fair
- **Mon. 11/11** - NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day
- **Fri. 11/15** - Christian Witness & Grandparents Mass 8:30am
- **Wed. - Fri. 11/27-11/29** - NO School: Thanksgiving Recess

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  
*September Donation \$15.50*
- ◇ RaiseRight
- ◇ Tops in Education Program  
*Details included today*

HIRING/VOLUNTEER

Interested in becoming a volunteer or staff member?

We are looking for anyone interested in volunteering during the lunch hour and/or afterschool care program hours.

If you are interested, please let us know!

Feel free to call/email our secretary for more information!  
secretary@smeschool.com

TRUNK OR TREAT

**Friday 10/25 from 6p-8p**

Pizza, Cider, Donuts & activities in the PC!

Event is **FREE** for the community, we only ask that each family bring a *non-perishable item to donate*. All proceeds will benefit the Lancaster Youth Bureau!



RED RIBBON WEEK



- MONDAY:** Wear **Red**
- TUESDAY:** Wear your shades
- WEDNESDAY:** Wear your clothes backward
- THURSDAY:** Wear **Orange**
- FRIDAY:** SME Attire

We encourage all of our students to join in the fun, however, if your child choses not to participate on any given day they are expected to arrive in their school uniform. Follow dress down rules for pants.

UPDATED DISMISSAL CHANGES

In the efforts of being as efficient and safe as possible, we are requesting that parents/guardians communicate changes to pickup to the office and home-room teachers **prior** to 1pm, so that we can ensure students are dismissed as they should.

In the event there is an emergency change in a students dismissal **after** 1pm, please contact the school directly **by phone** to notify our secretary.

We appreciate your cooperation with this! Thank you!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

PRINCIPALS DESK	1
Trunk or Treat	1
BY THE NUMBERS	1
RED RIBBON	1
Dismissal Change	1
Hiring/Volunteer	1
Grandparents	2
Athletics	2
HSA	2
Raiseright	2
Veterans	2
Stay in the Know	2



## ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 St. Mary's Hill  
Lancaster, NY 14086

Phone: 716-683-2112  
Fax: 716-683-2134  
www.smeschool.com



UPON THIS HILL,  
WE DO GOD'S WILL



## GRANDPARENTS MASS 11/15

On Friday, Nov. 15th we invite our grandparents to join us for a special Mass.

We ask that you please complete this quick interest form with the number of grandparents attending as well as the student(s) name(s) so that we can begin our planning. Visit the link below:

[Grandparents Mass 11/15/24 - Interest Form](#)

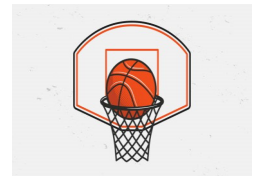


## ATHLETICS - BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

The last day to register your child(ren) for Basketball will be **October 23rd**. Games will be starting mid-November.

<https://forms.gle/611zKmx368q9iN6S9>

Please fill out the form and get your paperwork in so teams can be assigned.



## AFTERSCHOOL CARE SCHEDULE UPDATE:



On Monday, December 2nd there will be **NO** Afterschool Care available as our staff will have a meeting immediately afterschool. Thank you for your understanding.



## Social Responsibility



## Spiritual Growth



## Academic Excellence

## HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### My Little Sweetheart Dance

Thank you to everyone who helped make the dance such a fun and memorable night for our girls! A special thanks goes out to Artistic Audio Entertainment, Folga Cookies & Kelly Tanski Photography. Photos from the event will be shared in a future edition of the News & Notes!

### Trunk or Treat

Time to break out the costumes and get those trunks ready! Our annual Trunk or Treat will be this Friday (10/25) from 6-8pm! There will be pizza, cider, donuts and activities in the PC. This is a free event for the school community, we only ask that each family bring a non-perishable item to donate. **If you plan to pass out candy, you can park and start decorating your trunk anytime after 5pm!**

Click on the link below to let us know how many people will be attending, sign up to pass out candy, or volunteer:

<https://tinyurl.com/smetrunkortreat>

### Gnome for the Holidays Fundraiser

"Gnome for the Holidays" is in full swing, with lots of snacks, sweet treats, wrapping paper, decorations and kitchen gadgets available to purchase. This fundraiser goes until 10/24. Thank you for your support!

### SME Craft Show

Get a jump on your holiday shopping and come join us for the SME Fall Craft Show on Saturday 11/9 from 9am-3pm! Admission is free. In addition to nearly 80 vendors, there will be food trucks, a basket raffle, 50/50, and a bake sale to raise money for the 8th grade class trip! If you would like to help out at the event, please reach out to [craftshow@smeschool.com](mailto:craftshow@smeschool.com).

### SME Parent Wear

Show your SME pride with SME Parent t-shirts. Each T-shirt is \$10. Adult sizes small through 2XL available. Sizes are limited to available inventory. Order using the following link: <https://sme-parent-wear.cheddarup.com>

### SME Spirit Wear

Need SME Spirit Wear? We've got you covered! Each t-shirt is \$15, youth and adult sizes are available. Scan the QR code to order.



## RAISERIGHT

**Tuesday 9-12**  
**Wednesday 12-3**  
**Friday 9:30-12**

We have updated our order form to include cards we carry in stock and removed others. If there is something you want, but don't see it, please contact me! If available, I can order them for you! Or you can go online to find a master order form there. I will also be in office on Monday completing paperwork and ordering so you can also reach me on that day as well. I am sorry to say **Tim Horton** cards are **still unavailable** for ordering.

If there is anything I can do for you, please email me at [raiserright@smeschool.com](mailto:raiserright@smeschool.com) or call me at (716) 683-2112 ext. 132. I will answer emails within 24 hours and voice messages on my next day in.

Cindy Olejniczak  
RaiseRight Coordinator



## VETERANS DAY PRAYER SERVICE - 11/8

Dear SME families,

We are planning to host a Veteran's Day prayer service to honor the veterans for our parish and school community on Nov. 8. The service will be at 8:30am in the church, and it will be followed by a reception at the school. We are inviting all veterans from families as well as active duty service men and women and any guests they would like to bring to be present. We are also hoping that we can gather some veteran volunteers to visit some of our classrooms and talk about their experiences in the military with our school students. If you would like to attend the event, please fill out the Google Form in the attached link to RSVP.

We look forward to honoring our veterans!

[Veterans Day Prayer Service RSVP](#)

## STAY IN THE KNOW

**Save the Date:** 11/9 HSA Craft & Vendor Fair

**Make Note:** 11/11 No School - Veterans Day

**Save the Date:** 11/15 Christian Witness & Grandparents Mass, 8:30am

**Save the Date:** 11/27-29 Thanksgiving Recess

**Make Note:** 12/4 Fall Picture Retake Day

**Save the Date:** 12/5 HSA Merry Moose Shop



ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY

# *Red Ribbon Week*

*(October 21st - October 25th)*



**YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE / BE DRUG & BULLY FREE!**

---

**10/21- DRESS IN RED**  
**KICK OFF RED RIBBON WEEK**

**10/22 - DRESS LIKE A MOVIE STAR/ROCK STAR**  
**SHOW YOU'RE "TOO COOL" FOR DRUGS THAT YOU**  
**HAVE TO WEAR SHADES**

**10/23 - WEAR YOUR CLOTHES BACKWARD**  
**TURN YOUR BACK TO BULLYING AND DRUGS**

**10/24 - DRESS IN ORANGE FROM HEAD TO TOE**  
**PROMOTING ANTI-BULLYING \*OR\***  
**SHOW YOU'RE SUPPORT THAT WE'RE A BULLY FREE ZONE**

**10/25 - WEAR YOUR SME ATTIRE**  
**SHOW YOU'RE PART OF THE TEAM @ SME**

**NON-RIPPED JEANS CAN BE WORN**



Please join us for our

# Halloween Trunk or Treat



DECORATE YOUR TRUNKS AND COME  
FOR TREATS

October 25, 2024

6:00-8:00pm

Pizza, drinks and activities in the Parish  
Center

Admission: 1 non-perishable food item





ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY

FALL CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

9:00AM – 3:00PM

---


BASKET RAFFLE | FOOD | 50/50

ENJOY OUR CRAFT SHOW WITH FREE ADMISSION

2 ST. MARY'S HILL, LANCASTER, NY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

[CRAFTSHOW@SMESCHOOL.COM](mailto:CRAFTSHOW@SMESCHOOL.COM)





Our Lady of Pompeii's

# *Spaghetti Dinner*



**Sunday, November 3rd, 2024**

Dine-In starts at 12noon-4pm

Take-Out begins at 11:30am

**Adults:\$13.00**

**Seniors & Children \$11.00**

Tickets available in the Parish Office.

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

October  
2024

Student lunches are \$3.75, 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; Turkey Sandwich, Yogurt Parfait, or Sun Butter/Jelly Sandwich. 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 \$0.50-\$1.00.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [heerdt@smeschool.com](mailto:heerdt@smeschool.com). We appreciate your support. Liz Heerdt & Tracy Hadsall (menu subject to change)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Lunch = \$3.75 2 Lunches = \$7.50 3 Lunches = \$11.25 4 Lunches = \$15.00 5 Lunches = \$18.75	6 Lunches = \$22.50 7 Lunches = \$26.25 8 Lunches = \$30.00 9 Lunches = \$33.75 10 Lunches = \$37.50	11 Lunches = \$41.25 12 Lunches = \$45.00 13 Lunches = \$48.75 14 Lunches = \$52.50 15 Lunches = \$56.25	16 Lunches = \$60.00 17 Lunches = \$63.75 18 Lunches = \$67.50 19 Lunches = \$71.25 20 Lunches = \$75.00	21 Lunches = \$78.75 22 Lunches = \$82.50  Cash or Check to SME Change Will Go On Next
	1 Pulled Pork Sandwich Veggies, Fruit & Milk	2 Pasta w/ Meatballs Veggies, Fruit & Milk	3 Beef Crumble Over Mashed Potatoes Veggies, Fruit & Milk	4 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
7 French Toast Sticks Egg Patty Veggies, Fruit & Milk	8 Beef & Cheese Burrito Veggies, Fruit & Milk	9 Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk	10 Chicken Alfredo Veggies, Fruit & Milk	11 No School
14 No School	15 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Veggies, Fruit & Milk	16 Chicken Dinner w/ Mashed Potatoes Veggies, Fruit & Milk	17 Hot Dogs Veggies, Fruit & Milk	18 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
21 Pancakes & Sausage Veggies, Fruit & Milk	22 Chili with A Biscuit Veggies, Fruit & Milk	23 Breaded Chicken Patty On A Roll Veggies, Fruit & Milk	24 Chicken Caesar Salad Breadstick Veggies, Fruit & Milk	25 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
28 Chicken Souvlaki Bowl Veggies, Fruit & Milk	29 Nachos Supreme Veggies, Fruit & Milk	30 Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Veggies, Fruit & Milk	31 Ghoulish Goulash Vampire Veggies, Freaky Fruit & Monster Milk	