

NEWSNOTE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

St. Mary’s Families,

Thanks to all who attended our SME Art Show and Battle of the Books competitions. May 1st was a wonderful evening for St. Mary’s and a celebration of our students’ creativity and virtuosity. We are proud to display handiwork from every one of our students.

Congratulations to ALL students who participated in the Battle of the Books competition and undertook reading extra books that were not part of ELA class. And, a special congrats to the winning teams that remembered those books best. Great job, everyone!

We are just one week away from this year’s musical, *The Aristocats!* Please consider attending and supporting our young thespians and our growing Arts program. Our shows promise to be adorably memorable!

Over the next month, our team hopes to inform everyone about our largest fundraising event of the year - Mega Raffle 2025. The evening of June 6 will be a fun-filled party and a celebration of our school. We are raising funds to update SME’s technology offerings and our Arts Program, and we guarantee that 100% of the proceeds of our event stay in the school to build our programs. By June 6, we all will able to answer the question, “What is Mega Raffle?”

Have a great week,
Mr. O



- **Fri. 5/9** - May Crowning Mass, 8:30am & Penny Fair
- **Tues. 5/13** - NYS Math Testing
- **Wed 5/14** - NYS Math Testing
- **Fri. 5/16** - Hope Ribbon Mass, 8:30am
- **Fri. 5/23** - No School
- **Mon. 5/26** - No School
- **Tues. 5/27** - Color Run, 5:30pm
- **Wed. 6/4** - CW Awards Mass, Spring Concert at 9:45am
- **Thurs. 6/5** - Pre-K Moving Up Day
- **Fri. 6/6** - Pre-School Graduation Day, Mega Raffle at 7pm
- **Mon. - Thurs. 6/9-6/12** Final Exams
- **Wed. 6/11** - Kindergarten Graduation, 9am
- **Fri. 6/13** - School Picnic
- **Wed. 6/18** - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- **Thurs. 6/19** - No School: Juneteenth
- **Fri. 6/20** - 8th Grade

STREAM FLOWER SALE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our STREAM flower sale!

Delivery will be
Thursday, May 8th
at the Parish Center
Doors.



COLOR RUN VOLUNTEERS

Our Color Run event will be a fun-filled event designed to promote wellness, community spirit and of course a splash of color all while helping our STREAM program.

To make this event a success, we are looking for volunteers to help us out.

If interested, please use the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAEAA23A6F5C70-56582581-color#/>



HSA

Penny Fair

Our annual Penny Fair will be held this Friday 5/9, following the May Crowning Mass! There will be several games of chance for the students to play, as well as everyone’s favorite tradition, CAKE WALK!

Students in grades 1-8 will attend the Penny Fair during the school day. Kindergarten and Pre-K families are invited to attend with their student in the evening from 5:30p-7:30pm. There will be pizza, pop, and snacks available for purchase in the evening hours, so come hungry!

The cost is \$5 per student (payment was due by 5/5). Volunteers are needed for set up and to facilitate the games during the day, as well as to contribute donations for the Cake Walk prizes. If you are available to help, please sign up for one of the available slots using the Penny Fair Cheddar Up link (hit “continue” button to view the sign-ups).

<https://penny-fair-2025.cheddarup.com>

Penny Fair Class Schedule				
Friday	Period	Start Time	End Time	Class
05.09.2025	1HR	7:40	8:16	-----
	2	8:18	9:37	
	3	9:39	10:12	Lamb
	4	10:14	10:47	Maloney
	5	10:49	11:22	Michalek
	6	11:24	11:57	Teichmann/Cooper
	7	11:59	12:32	Matter; Grimm/Kieffer
	8	12:34	1:07	Zaidel
	9	1:09		Middle School
	10		2:09	
	11	2:11	2:20	-----

June HSA Events - Save the Dates!

Mega Raffle: 6/6
School Picnic: 6/13

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SPIRIT WEAR

Please use the link below to complete your purchase:

<https://sme-spirit-wear.cheddarup.com>

Once the payment is received, I will send the shirts home with your student or contact you to arrange pick up later this week/early next week.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Uniforms will be available for ordering on a monthly basis! All orders placed within the month-long period will be processed by All-Stars.

Please click the link below to place your order :)

<https://all-stars.printavo.com/merch/stmary-smonthly>

MEGA RAFFLE

What would you do with \$35,000??

Buy your Mega ticket for your chance to find out!

When: June 6, 2025 at 7:00PM

Where: St. Mary's High School

The top prize is \$35,000 with 13 other prizes to win.

Cost: \$100.00 a ticket which includes two guests.

Purchase tickets at the link below!

<https://mega-raffle-2025.cheddarup.com>



MAY CROWNING

Students are encouraged to bring a cut flower to Friday's May Crowning Prayer Service & a small towel to sit on.



YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

- ⇒ 8th Grade - Thursday, May 29th
- ⇒ Kindergarten - 7th Grade - Friday, May 30th
- ⇒ Pre K 3 & Pre K 4 - Friday, May 30th or the week of June 2nd



PRE-K MOVING UP & GRADUATION CEREMONIES

PreK 3 - June 5th

Ms. Bartkowiak's class 9:30a-10:15a
Ms. Swierczynski's class 10:30a-11:15a
Ms. Hayden's class 11:30a-12:15p

PreK 4 - June 6th

Ms. Swierczynski's class 9:30a-10:15a
Mrs. Roller's class 10:30a-11:15a
Ms. Weiss' class 11:30a-12:15p
Mrs. O'Grady's class 12:30p-1:15p

Kindergarten - June 11th

Mrs. Guenther & Mrs. Marrano's classes at 9am

SCHOOL PLAY - *THE ARISTOCATS*

We are thrilled to announce that St. Mary's Elementary will be proudly presenting

Disney's **The Aristocats !**

Join us for a delightful rendition of this beloved classic that promises fun and entertainment for the whole family.

Showtimes:

May 16th at 7 PM
May 17th at 11 AM & 2 PM

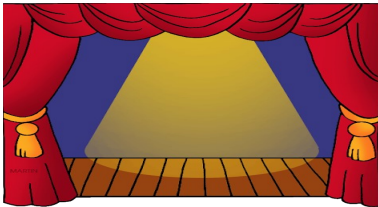
Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance, so make sure to arrive early to grab your seats!

Ticket Information:

Adults: \$8
Kids: \$5

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door (cash or check only), so don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to support our talented students and enjoy a fantastic show!

We look forward to seeing you there for an unforgettable experience filled with laughter and joy!



SWIM TEAM

SME is looking to see if we can field our own swim team next year!

Please fill out the following interest form so we can determine if we can have our own team, or if we need to merge with a closer school.

<https://forms.gle/hcUTnhAKFYXhu3hjZ>



HOPE RIBBON

Hope Ribbon is a special day for our 8th graders. While at mass, *Hope Ribbons* are blessed and pinned onto the 8th grade students' shoulder by a person who is important to them in any/many ways.

Hope Ribbons are worn for the rest of the school year as a reminder of their years at SME and as symbols of hope as they look forward to their graduation and future.

Save the Date!

Friday, May 16th at 8:30am

Reception to follow in the PC

RAISE RIGHT

Updated Office Hours:

Monday 12p-2:15p
Tuesday 9a-12p
Wednesday 12p-2:15p

All online and school orders will be checked on Fridays and go home on Monday if inventory allows.

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

Our team is here for you!



COLOR RUN

Tuesday May 27, 2025

5:30Pm

6PM Run Start

**Food Trucks and
Music on site**

**This is a school
fundraiser**

Pledge forms to follow

St. Mary's Elementary Presents:

Disney

THE ARISTOCATS

KIDS

Showtimes:

May 16th @ 7pm

May 17th @ 11am & 2pm

**** Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance ****



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Music & Lyrics by

Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman,
Al Rinker and Floyd Huddleston, Terry Gilkyson

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by
Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by Michael Bernard

Based on the 1970 Disney film The Aristocats

Disney's The Aristocats KIDS is
presented through special
arrangement with and all authorized
materials are supplied by

Music Theatre International, New
York, NY

212-541-4684 mtishows.com

Afterschool News

This Month In After School

We have officially made it to the final month and a half of the school year. Make sure as the school year wraps up you check the lost and found to make sure your kid has no clothes or belongings left behind, we wouldn't want them to forget it and have it left here over the summer! Speaking of the summer, make sure to check out our summercare program and sign up for your kid or kids if you have not already. Our summer care program runs Monday through Friday, June 23rd to August 15th. Hours are from 7 in the morning to 6 in the evening and we have flexible scheduling. It isn't too late to sign up so do it now before you forget! We've had such an amazing time this year expanding the after-school program and adding more activities to make it more enjoyable for your kids and hope to see many of you return for summercare and next year in afterschool care!



Afterschool Activities Dates and Times Reminder:

Running club is every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 - 3:15

Play Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 - 3:30

Garden Club (K-2nd) is every Wednesday from 2:30 - 3:15

Garden Club (3rd and up) is every Friday from 2:30 - 3:15



UPCOMING

May 1st and 2nd: No afterschool care

May 23rd: MEMORIAL DAY - No school

May 26th: MEMORIAL DAY - No school

June 6th: Prek moving up and graduation day

June 6th: Mega Raffle @ 7pm

June 11th: Kindergarten graduation

June 18th: Last Day of School grades 1-8

June 19th: NO SCHOOL - Juneteenth

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May
2025

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. 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 Acct
			1 Chicken Patty On a Bun Veggies, Fruit & Milk	2 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
5 Beef & Cheese Burrito Veggies, Fruit & Milk	6 Open Chicken Pot Pie Over Mashed Potatoes Veggies, Fruit & Milk	7 Goulash Veggies, Fruit & Milk	8 Chicken Caesar Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk	9 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
12 Breakfast Sandwich (Egg, Sausage, Cheese) Veggies, Fruit & Milk	13 Chicken Alfredo Veggies, Fruit & Milk	14 Hot Dogs Veggies, Fruit & Milk	15 Popcorn Chicken Veggies, Fruit & Milk	16 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
19 Pancakes & Egg Patty Veggies, Fruit & Milk	20 Nachos Supreme Veggies, Fruit & Milk	21 Chicken Salad Wraps Veggies, Fruit & Milk	22 Sloppy Joes Veggies, Fruit & Milk	23 NO SCHOOL
26 NO SCHOOL	27 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Veggies, Fruit & Milk	28 Shepherd's Pie Veggies, Fruit & Milk	29 Chicken Souvlaki Bowl Veggies, Fruit & Milk	30 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk