

NEWSNOTE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear Fellow SME Families,

I want to begin by extending a most sincere and warmest thank you to our amazing HSA leadership team and all parents who have already volunteered for our Fall events. It is wonderful to see so many new faces bring a renewed energy and spirit to our school and join more seasoned parent and teacher volunteers, who are equally as excited to expand their team of volunteers. Our annual **My Little Sweetheart Dance** and **Trunk-or-Treat** events are some of our most highly attended events of the year, and I look forward to spending the next two Fridays celebrating the season with so many of you! Below, please find a brief outline of some of what our HSA team and school have planned for all of us:

Friday, October 18 - My Little Sweetheart Dance (6:00-8:00) There is still time to RSVP, as a guest attending with one of our lovely lady students OR you can sign up to volunteer and help distribute snacks, help with a craft, etc. This dance promises to be a fun, adorable evening!

Friday, October 25 - Trunk-or-Treat (6:00-8:00) This has become one of SME’s favorite evenings. You can sign up to participate and pass out treats to our young trick-or-treaters, volunteer to help distribute snacks or beverages, or simply attend and enjoy the festivities! **Please RSVP to secure your spot if you will be decorating a car, as our space is limited.**

Wednesday, November 8 - Veterans Day Prayer Service A newer tradition we have begun @ SME, we invite parents, family members, or friends who have served to join our school community for a prayer service. We play each branch of the military’s official song, which represents the traditions, values and culture of each branch. We pay respect to all who have served and offer prayers - of thanksgiving for all of the sacrifices our servicemen and service-women made, and of petition, that all return home safely. **If you are a veteran or know a veteran who would like to join, please see the RSVP link elsewhere in today’s newsletter.**

I hope to see you at our upcoming events,
Mr. O



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Thurs. 10/17** - School Picture Day
- **Fri. 10/18** - School Picture Day
- **Fri. 10/18** - HSA: My Little Sweetheart Dance 6-8
- **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

FALL PICTURE DAY

Picture days are scheduled for:

Thursday 10/17 & Friday 10/18

[Order Here](#)

Online Order Code is: 88250CF



Thursday 10/17	Friday 10/18
Swierczynski PK3	Swierczynski PK4
Bartkowiak	Roller
Hayden	Marrano
Ogrady	Guenther
Weiss	Lamb
Kieffer	Michalek
Matter	Cooper
6th	Maloney
6th	Zaidel
7th	Any Klds Absent on Thursday
8th	

RED RIBBON NEXT 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.

DAILY WALKER/PARENT PICK UP DISMISSAL

Our afternoon dismissal is running smoothly - thank you to all for making that happen!

A reminder for those who may be new to picking your child up as a walker/parent pick up:

For the safety of our students we **will** ask for identification from any person picking up a student until the time that our dismissal team is familiar with them. We appreciate your cooperation with this and ask that you share this information along with anyone else who you may have picking them up.

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Lancaster, NY 14086

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION

Girl Scout Registration Night
Lancaster Youth Bureau
October 16th, 6pm-7pm

Please RSVP using the (black) QR code for the in-person event. At this event, you'll learn more about the program, find troop options, and register.



If you are unable to join in-person, scan the (blue) QR code to attend one of the virtual open houses that are held via Zoom.

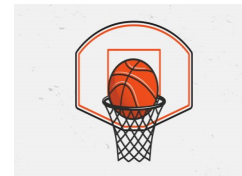


ATHLETICS - BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

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

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](#)

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

My Little Sweetheart Dance

We are so excited to host all the little ladies and their special guests for the My Little Sweetheart Dance, this Friday 10/18 starting at 6pm! If anyone would like to volunteer to help out at the event, scan the QR code to sign up.



Trunk or Treat

Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on Friday 10/25 from 6-8pm. There will be pizza, cider, donuts and activities in the PC--and plenty of treats handed out in the parking lot! This is a free event for the school community, we only ask that each family bring a non-perishable item to donate. 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

Catalogs for this fall fundraiser were sent home along with last week's News & Notes. There's 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 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-parentwear.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 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: Fall Picture Retake Day

Save the Date: 12/5 HSA Merry Moose Shop



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@SME8CHOOL.COM





MY LITTLE SWEETHEART DANCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
6:00P.M. – 8:00P.M.

Dad, grandpa, an uncle or an older
brother are welcome to attend with
their lovely little lady

Cost: \$14 per
person ●

Due by: Morning of ●

Pre-sale only



Pizza & Refreshments

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO

LANCER

CABARET NIGHT

Poetry through Music

THURSDAY | 17 OCT 2024 | 7:00PM

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
GUS GALASSO AUDITORIUM

FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY:

SMALL ENSEMBLES

ST. MARY'S MIXED CHORUS

FEATURED SOLOISTS

PRESENTATION OF:

THE MEREDITH LATOUR PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

\$3 ADMISSION WITH
ONLINE TICKET PURCHASE

\$5 ADMISSION AT THE DOOR





PICTURE DAY IS ALMOST HERE



St. Mary's Elementary School, Picture Days are:

Thursday, Oct 17

Friday, Oct 18

This event's Order Code is 88250CF

Online ordering is available before and after Picture Day. Shipping and handling charges may apply to orders placed after Picture Day.

Thank you for volunteering to be the Picture Day Coordinator! Use the information above and the tools on the website below to promote your school's Picture Day.

[Picture Day Guide Website](#)

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

St Mary's Elementary School - HSA Fundraiser

ORDERS DUE BY:

10/24/2024

REGISTER,
SHARE, &
SHOP @

SHOPFUND.COM



With your help, we will be raising money to reduce the cost of HSA sponsored activities and events. We are asking every family to REGISTER & SHARE with **5 or more supporters** to reach our group goal! We are counting on these funds for the benefit of every child. This funding does not come from other sources.

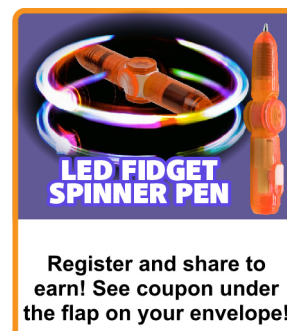
Your participation, at any level WILL make a difference. Thank you for your support!

Make sure to Register and Share to win PRIZES and enter to **WIN A FAMILY TRIP TO DISNEY!**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. REGISTER today at ShopFund.com.
2. SHARE with 5 or more supporters with the online tools.
3. WIN from over \$100,000 in prize giveaways.
4. Make checks payable to: St Mary's Elementary School - Write students name in the memo portion of every check.
5. Do NOT write online orders on your order form.
6. Orders shipped to the school will be available for pick up the week of 12/2. Exact day TBD.

800+ items available online PLUS take your order form to work, practice & other places to raise more!



Questions? Contact Jayne O'Grady at ogradyj@smeschool.com



FAMILY & FRIENDS CAN SUPPORT NATIONWIDE AT **ShopFund.com**

PLUS, REGISTER TO GAIN ACCESS TO THESE FUNDRAISER FEATURES:



Register

AND SHARE TO WIN FROM
\$100,000 IN PRIZES



Track Progress

TRACK SUPPORTERS &
LEADERBOARD STANDING



Share

YOUR FUNDRAISER WITH
FAMILY & FRIENDS NATIONWIDE



Shop

FROM 800+ ITEMS AND
PAY ONLINE

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.

girl scouts
of western new york



Making

New Friends!

Matters

Most.



Be part of a *crew* that *celebrates* you just the way you are.

Girl Scout Registration Night
Lancaster Youth Bureau, 200 Oxford Ave, Lancaster
Wednesday, October 16th, 6:00-7:00 PM



RSVP is kindly requested. RSVP for our IN-PERSON event using above QR code. At these free events, you & your girl are invited to learn more about our program, find troop options and register. Don't forget to invite your friends!



If you aren't able to attend our in-person event, scan here to RSVP to one of our virtual open houses that are held via Zoom

Join Girl Scouts *Today!*



www.gswny.org