NEWSNOTE

NOVEMBER 20,2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings, SME

Some odds and ends as we approach the holiday season:

- Many thanks to Miss Sullivan and her team for planning and coordinating another wonderful Grandparents Mass. This special recognition of our grandparents, which has grown considerably over the past few years, is always one of my favorite annual events.
- Though they are unnerving for some, our school will begin having **Lockdown Drills.** They are mandatory and must be completed every year. If you feel that it would help to discuss with your son or daughter at home, please do so and communicate that these drills are just practice.
- To parents dropping off children at the front door: Please use the car drop-off line. Trying to begin a second line or using the bus lane causes confusion and compromises our safety procedures. Mr. Kerns, Ms. McKay and I sometimes are asked to help or pulled away to tend to other responsibilities, which makes it that much more important for all drivers to follow our drop-off rules. No one wants anybody hurt or struck by a vehicle. Let's continue to be safe.
- Thank you to those who donated Christmas trees! We had a 'treemendous' response and actually do not have anymore room to store any additional trees. Thanks for helping us decorate for the Christmas season!!
- Some teams are still finalizing their game schedule, but our basketball season is off to a fast and strong start. Thanks so much to all who volunteered to coach or help coach. Another representation of the impressive growth of our school: we have eight basketball teams and nearly 100 students playing basketball for SME this winter!
- One very important final note: In response to communication with parents, students, and our teachers, we have decided to allow students the option of wearing gym clothes to school on days they have physical education class. If your son or daughter would still like to change from their traditional uniform into gym clothes, they still may. However, students will not be required to change their clothing for gym class. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Blessings, Mr. O

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
 - October Donation \$18.20
- ♦ RaiseRight
- ♦ Tops in Education Program

FINANCES

We are excited to share that our new email contact will be available to assist you with any inquiries.

Please direct all further questions/ concerns regarding financial services to the email below:

finances@smeschool.com

Thank you!



FIRST RECONCILIATION ENROLLMENT MASS

On Sunday, November 17th at the Noon Mass, we acknowledged and celebrated our youth and their families who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Penance & Reconciliation for the first time using a Rite of Enrollment. 64 students from St. Mary's Faith Formation program and St. Mary's Elementary School are preparing to receive this sacrament for the first time. Fr. Bart Lipiec led us in worship, blessed the children, and led us in prayer for the families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation unites us with Jesus Christ and one another. Our Reconciliation Quilt is a community patchwork that celebrates connections and the presence of God's life in us. Please pray for the children and their families as they continue with their preparation.

Oh, Holy Spirit, you have blessed our parish family with the gift of these children and their parents. Help them all with your grace, to prepare themselves to confess their sins for the first time. Help their parents deepen their own relationship with you and the Church. And help us as a parish community to embrace and support this formation process. Make us good examples of faith and open our hearts to welcome them all. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen!

HSA

Merry Moose

Our annual Merry Moose Market will be happening on Thursday 12/5 (during the school day and in the evening from 5-7pm) and Friday 12/6 (9am-1pm). Our Pre-K students will require an adult to shop with them. Envelopes will be going home the first week of December, so be on the lookout for those!

We are still collecting gift tags, tissue paper, and gift bags. Any donations can be dropped off in the main office.

If you are interested in volunteering to help out during the event, please sign up here: https://2024-sme-hsa-merry-moose-volunteers.cheddarup.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.





- Wed. Fri. 11/27-11/29 - NO School: Thanksgiving Recess
- Mon. 12/2 1pm
 EARLY DISMISSAL;
 NO AFTERSCHOOL
 CARE
- Wed. 12/4 Fall Picture Retake Day
- Thurs. 12/5 HSA Merry Moose Shop
- Fri. 12/6 Christian Witness Mass 8:30am
- Fri. 12/6 NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE
- **Fri. 12/13** Living Nativity 6pm
- **Sat. 12/14** HSA Breakfast with Santa
- Mon. 12/23 1/3
 Christmas Recess
- Mon. 1/6 School Resumes
- Fri. 1/10 Christian Witness Mass @ 8:30am
- Thurs. 1/16 Pre-K & Kindergarten Open House 6-7:30am
- Mon. 1/20 NO School: M.L.K Day
- Fri. 1/24 NJHS Induction Mass 8:30am

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



FALL PORTRAIT RETAKES

Picture Retake Day is Wed. 12/4

If you have not ordered pictures for your child(ren), you can still do so by clicking the "order here" link below:

Order Here

Our online Order Code is 88250CF

*If you would like your child(ren) picture retaken, your original package must be brought in with them.

That is their ticket to sit*



UNIFORM ORDERS

Uniforms will be available for ordering on a monthly basis starting on 11/1 through 12/1 and each month thereafter. All orders placed within the month-long period will be processed by All-Stars on 12/2. Orders will be ready for shipping/pickup by 12/20 at the very latest! Please click the link below to place your order:)



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

RAISERIGHT



OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 9-12 Wednesday 12-3 Friday 9:30-12

Have you begun making your list and checking it twice?

There are just over **4 weeks left** to place your RaiseRight orders to ensure delivery for Christmas!

You are going to buy that gift anyway, why not give yourself the gift of a rebate on your tuition while you're at it?! Using RaiseRight cards to do your shopping is like the gift that keeps on giving!

With RaiseRights extensive list of vendors the possibilities are endless!



The last day to order to guarantee
Christmas delivery is December 18th!
Last day for order pick is December 20th!

FROM THE ART ROOM

Hello SME Families,

Coming home this week will be your child's custom catalog for the Square1Art fundraiser and FREE stickers!

Get a head start on your holiday shopping, and start ordering keepsakes and gifts featuring your child's Art online.

Simply search for your child's art using <u>ArtSearch</u>, and enter state, school name, and your student's name, your student's art and code will appear, and you may order!

Or use this direct link:

https://shop.square1art.com/shop
and the Art Access Code found on the front of your child's custom catalog.

Order by: 12/4/2024 (Free Shipping on orders before deadline)
All orders ship directly to your home.

Thank you for supporting the Visual Arts at St. Mary's Elementary!



12 Days of Christmas

Get your tickets for the 12 days of Christmas you sure don't want to miss this. We have lots of prizes which make fun surprises, but you've gotta be in it to win it! Additional tickets are available by request in the school office.

Thank you & Good Luck!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Season's Greetings, SME Families!

Mark your calendars, because Santa Claus is coming to ... SME!!!

Our annual Breakfast with Santa event will take place on December 14th in the Parish Center. Doors will open at 8:00 am, and we'll be serving breakfast until 11:00 am. Our pancake breakfast will also come with breakfast sausages and your choice of beverage - coffee, juice, milk. Our guests will also have the opportunity to decorate cookies. Of course, Santa will be joining us from 8:30-10:30 for all picture opportunities and to visit with kiddos, as they share their wish lists with him.

Please keep an eye out for an active cheddar-up link to purchase your tickets! If you're interested in volunteering, please utilize the link below to sign up! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CABAA28A3F4C25-53262042-breakfast#/

If you cannot volunteer, please consider donating unfrosted cookies, frosting, or sprinkles to help our HSA keep costs down.

Looking forward to seeing you and celebrating the holiday season with our SME School Family.

Merry Christmas,



Calendar Club



We will once again run the Calendar Club fundraiser for the 2025 calendar year.
With 365 days of prizes there is over \$10,000 to be won!

Upon the receipt of your \$25 donation, your name and number will be registered for all drawings for the year 2025. Winning numbers will be physically drawn monthly at St. Mary's and will be published monthly on the parish & school websites.

8TH GRADE INFO

High School Entrance Exam Reminder!!

Remember that the HSPT exam is coming up fast on November 23.

If you have not registered for the exam, please do so ASAP. The exam is taken at your first choice high school.

BEST WISHES AS YOU STUDY AND PREPARE!!

St. Mary's High School Lancaster, NY



Take the Next Steps!

Entrance Exam Review Classes

Nov. 6th-8th from 4-6 p.m.

Entrance Exam

Nov. 23rd from 8-11 a.m.



Register at smhlancers.org or scan the code

Schedule a Shadow Pay!

Contact Andrea Prabik at adrabik@smhlancers.org.





The 2024-25 SKI NY Free for Kids Passport Program Is Here!

The SKI NY Passport Program-Kids Ski Free is back for the 2024-25 Season! New this year is the program is good for 3rd, 4th and now 5th graders too! Also more ski areas are accepting it during holiday periods!

The SKI NY Free for Kids Passport program is valid seven days a week (except where noted on our participating ski area list below) except for holiday periods at certain ski areas as noted. See our participation list down below for details.

Holiday Periods are:

Christmas week (12/26/24-1/1/25) MLK Weekend(1/18 - 1/20/25) President's week (2/15 - 2/23/25)

St. Mary's Elementary RaiseRight Order Form - Lancaster, NY

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Shop Rite \$25 / \$100 4%	 	\$	Burger King \$10 / \$25	6%		\$
Tops Markets \$10 5.50%	 	\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10 / \$25	6%		\$
Tops Markets \$25 5.50%	<u> </u>	\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$5 / \$10			\$
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Tops Markets \$100 5.50%		\$	Domino's \$10 / \$25	3%		\$
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Bob Evans \$10 / \$25 10%		\$	Moe's Southwest Grill \$25	8%		\$
Carraba's Italian Grill \$25 / \$50 10%		\$	Panera Bread \$10 / \$25 / \$50	6%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25 5%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25 / \$50 11%		\$	Quoba Mexican Grill \$25	8%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$10 / \$25 8%		\$	Sonic \$10 / \$25	7%		<u> \$</u>
Denny's \$10 7%		\$	Starbucks \$10 / \$25 / \$50	8%		\$
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IHOP \$25 8%		\$	Wendy's \$10	5%	·	\$
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American Eagle \$25	10%				
Big Lots! \$25 / \$100	4%				
Carter's \$25	10%				
Children's Place \$25	12%				
DSW \$25 / \$100	8%				
Express \$25	10%				
Famous Footwear \$25	8%				
Five Below \$25	2.5%				
Gap / Old Navy \$25 / \$100	14%				
JCPenney \$25 / \$100	5%				
Journeys \$25	10%				
Kohl's (SME) \$10 / \$25/ \$100	5%				
L.L.Bean \$25 / \$100	16%	<u> </u>			
Lands' End \$25 / \$100	15%				
Macy's \$25 / \$100	10%		†		
Meijer \$50	3%				
New York Store \$25	4%				
Nordstrom Rack \$25	4%				
T.J.Maxx/Marshalls \$25 / \$100	7%				
Talbots \$25	13%				
Target \$10 / \$25	2.50%				
Target \$50 / \$100 / \$100	2.50%				
Walmart \$25 / \$50	2.50%				
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Amazon.com \$10 / \$25 / \$100	1.70%				
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Overstock.com \$25	8%	1			
Shutterfly \$25	9%	1			
Wayfair \$100	6%		1		
Zappos.com \$25 / \$100	8%				
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Fowler's Chocolates \$20	40%				
Hallmark \$25	4%				
Happy Moments \$25	8%	5			
Jo-Ann Fabric	6%				
Michaels \$25	4%				
PetSmart \$25	5%	6			
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CVS Pharmacy \$25 / \$100	6%		
Great Clips \$25	8%		
Rite Aid \$25 / \$100	4%		
Sally Beauty \$25	12%		
Sephora \$25	5%		
ULTA \$25	6%		
Walgreens \$25 / \$100	5%		
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Crate and Barrel \$25	8%		
Home Depot \$25 / \$100	4%		
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Lowe's \$25 / \$100	4%		
Lowe's \$500 / \$1000	4%		
Menards \$25	3%		
Pottery Barn \$25 / \$100	8%		
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AMC Theatres \$25	8%		
AMC Theatre Single Ticket \$12	10%		
Barnes&Noble \$10 / \$25 / \$100	8%		
Dave & Buster's \$25	13%		
Fandango \$25	4%		
Regal \$10 / \$25	11%		
Simply Certificates \$10 / \$25	10%		
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Universal P	repaid Car	ds	
American Express	1.25%		
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\$50 / \$100 / \$200			
Visa Gift Card	1.25%		
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Cascading Card File \$3.00	25%		
Southwest \$250 / \$500	4%		
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Write In Orders

Any retailers on www.raise right.com that are not shown on this form can be added in this section.

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Resources

School website: www.smeschool.com

Parish website: www.stmarysonthehill.org



BOX TOPICS

Easy ways to make a difference for your school.





BONUS OFFERS

Offers are valid in a single transaction between 11/01/2024-11/30/2024



Buy 3, Earn 6 on participating Nature Vally products*



Buy 3, Earn 6 on participating Betty Crocker baking products*



Buy 3, Earn 6 on participating Totino's products*



Buy 2, Earn 4 on participating Cinnamon Toast Crunch products*



Buy 2, Earn 4 on participating Pillsbury crescent products*

*Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.



THE BIGGEST COOKING DAY OF THE YEAR IS ALMOST HERE!

Take it easy in the kitchen and make family-favorite dishes with Box Tops delicious, timesaving products.

See participating products at btfe.com/products



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During November 1 -30, 2024, you'll earn **50 Bonus Box Tops (\$5)** by connecting your Box Tops and Walmart accounts for the first time. It only takes a few minutes and it's easy.

Learn more at BTFE.com/Walmart

3 EASY WAYS TO EARN FOR OUR SCHOOL



SCANQualifying receipts in the app



SUBMITQualifying digital receipts in the app



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Your Walmart and Box Tops accounts

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