

NEWSNOTE

NOVEMBER 6,



FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Greetings, SME Parents,

As **Friday’s Parent-Teacher Conference Day** approaches, I wanted to share some thoughts that could help to make our meetings as productive as possible. While our teachers are experts in education and their content material, **no one knows more about your children than you**, the parents and guardians. During Parent-Teacher conferences, it is just as important for parents to communicate with teachers as it is for teachers to communicate with parents. Through dialogue and listening to one another, we will be able to build those bridges between our school and homes and partner with one another, enabling our students to work towards their potential.

It is helpful for the school to be aware of health conditions that may affect behavior and concentration. Additionally, if your family is going through a major change that could affect your child - even if they appear to be well adjusted - we encourage you to reach out to our teachers. Finally, sharing information such as personality traits, potential behavior issues, strengths and weaknesses, special interests and learning styles will help our team work with your son or daughter to the best of our abilities.

In closing, I would like to remind all of our families that **our school has taken intentional steps to continue to build on the strength of our academic programs**. You may want to ask your son’s or daughter’s teacher about our new reading program and ask how your child is faring with the Amplify reading program. Additionally, our students in grades 1-8 have licenses and access to the IXL Mathematics program. You may want to check in with your child’s Math teacher to ask how they are maximizing use of this resource and ask how you can support use of this resource at home.

I look forward to seeing many parents in our school on Friday, and appreciate the collaboration of all involved - our amazing staff and team of teachers and all of our wonderful SME families - so that we are enabling our students to do their very best in all they do.

Mr. Olejniczak



- **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
- **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



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

FINANCES

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your patience and understanding during this transition period as we welcome a new staff member to our team, Mrs. Light. We appreciate your flexibility and support as we make a few changes to our financial processes.

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

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday 11/8 from 12:00- 5:50pm. Parent/Teacher conferences are **not** mandatory. Timeslots are limited, therefore, we ask that you only sign up if there is a pressing need for a conference with your child’s teacher. There are no conferences for Pre-k. If you would like to meet with your child's pre-k teacher, please contact them directly to coordinate a meeting.

Links: [Elementary \(Gr K-2\) Conference Sign Up](#)
[Elementary \(Gr 3-5\) Conference Sign up](#)
[Middle School \(Gr. 6-8\) Conference Sign Up](#)
[Specials \(Art, PE, Music\) Conference Sign UP](#)

HSA

SME Craft Show
Get a jump on your holiday shopping and come join us for the SME Fall Craft Show this 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.

We are looking for volunteers! This is a great opportunity for kids who may need service hours. If you would like to help out at the event, please use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0544A8AD2BA46-52078022-fall>

Donations of Holiday Items
Christmas is just around the corner and we're starting to think about all of our holiday festivities! Our annual Merry Moose Market will be held in early December and we would greatly appreciate donations of gift tags, tissue paper, and gift bags (keep in mind that many of the items are smaller gifts--ornaments, keychains, mugs, etc.).

We are also in need of artificial Christmas trees to decorate the PC for the holidays. If anyone has a tree they are looking to get rid of, we would love to take it off your hands! Please contact hsa@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.



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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



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, please contact me! If available, I can order them for you! Or you can go online to find a master order form there.

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 raiseright@smeschool.com or call me at (716) 683-2112 ext. 132.

Cindy Olejniczak

AFTERSCHOOL CARE UPDATES



AFTERSCHOOL CARE SCHEDULE UPDATE:

On Monday, **December 2nd & Friday, December 6th** there will be **NO** Afterschool Care available as our staff will have a meeting immediately afterschool.

Thank you for your understanding.

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>

MY LITTLE SWEETHEART PHOTOS

Photos from the Sweetheart dance are now available!

Please visit the link below to find photos of your little sweethearts:

<https://KellyTanskiPhotography.pixieset.com>

A special thank you to Mrs. Tanski for capturing this beautiful event! We appreciate all your hard work in capturing these special moments between our students and their loved ones!



FALL PORTRAIT RETAKES 12/4

Picture Retake Day is Wed. 12/4

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

[Order Here](#)

Our online Order Code is 88250CF



VETERANS DAY PRAYER

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](#)

HALLOWEEN FUN



GRANDPARENTS MASS

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](#)



8TH GRADE INFO



St. Mary's 8th Grade Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia Sale!!

To bring a little warmth into your home this Christmas season, the 8th grade students will be selling fresh cut wreaths and locally grown poinsettias. Proceeds will help fund the 8th grade field trip and cover graduation costs. Thank you for your support!



STAY IN THE KNOW

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NOTES FROM THE NURSE



Dara Sirianni RN, BSN

November 2024

Vision & Hearing Screens

Vision & Hearing screenings are nearing completion.

You will receive a notification of referral if one is needed for your child.

Physicals

Thank you for continuing to send in your child's physical examination forms.

If your student wishes to participate in sports this year please submit an updated physical if you have not done so already.

Illnesses

Cold and flu season is upon us. Please remember viruses can and will spread quickly to school age children. Please do your part to minimize the spread of these illnesses by:

*1- Staying home when you are not feeling well
(refer to handouts I need to stay home if for reference)*

2- Getting plenty of rest

3- Eating a balanced diet

4- Drinking more water

5- Avoiding crowded areas

6- Covering coughs/sneezes

7- Washing hands frequently or using sanitizer

8- Getting your annual Flu vaccine

Contact Information

Dara Sirianni RN, BSN
Office Hours- 9:30-1
phone- (716)683-2112 ext 128
fax- (716) 683-2134
email- nurse@smeschool.com

Menstrual Products in Schools

New York State recently amended the law regarding menstrual products in schools. Free products are available in the Health Office at all times and no student needs to ask for them.

The current guidelines can be found at
<https://www.schoolhealthny.com/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceId=190&ViewID=7b97f7ed-8e5e-4120-848f-68b4987d588f&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=8931&PageID=126>



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 Day!

Contact Andrea Drabik at adrabik@smhlancers.org.

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November
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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 Next
				1 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
4 French Toast Sticks Egg Patty Veggies, Fruit & Milk	5 Buffalo Popcorn Chicken Veggies, Fruit & Milk	6 Cheeseburgers Veggies, Fruit & Milk	7 Cheese Raviolis Veggies, Fruit & Milk	8 Early Dismissal No Lunch Service
11 No School	12 Meatball Bomber Veggies, Fruit & Milk	13 Homemade Mac & Cheese Veggies, Fruit & Milk	14 Chicken Caesar Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk	15 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
18 Sausage, Egg & Cheese On English Muffin Veggies, Fruit & Milk	19 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Veggies, Fruit & Milk	20 Sloppy Joes Veggies, Fruit & Milk	21 Turkey Dinner Veggies, Fruit & Milk	22 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
25 Chicken Salad Wraps Veggies, Fruit & Milk	26 Beef Taco Bowl Veggies, Fruit & Milk	27 Thanksgiving Recess NO SCHOOL	28 Thanksgiving Recess NO SCHOOL	29 Thanksgiving Recess NO SCHOOL



BOX TOPICS

Easy ways to make a difference for your school.

NOVEMBER
2024 EDITION

BONUS OFFERS

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



Buy 3, Earn 6
on participating
Nature Valley
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!

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THIS MONTH ONLY!

CONNECT AND EARN

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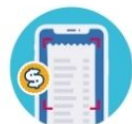
BONUS BOX TOPS

WALMART CONNECTED ACCOUNTS

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



SCAN

Qualifying receipts
in the app



SUBMIT

Qualifying digital
receipts in the app



CONNECT

Your Walmart and
Box Tops accounts

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TOGETHER ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
& ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY PRESENT



CHRISTMAS NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE

DEC 12TH

5 - 8 P M

**LIVE MUSIC
SHOPPING PERKS
DRINK SPECIALS
FOOD TRUCKS**

**GUEST APPEARANCE BY
SANTA & MRS. CLAUS**

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