

NEWSNOTE



FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear SME Families,

Welcome back! Personally, I am very much looking forward to the next couple of months, when we will **enjoy seven consecutive five day weeks**. Some continuity, consistency in scheduling, and the reliability of routine will help all of us teach, support, and serve our students.

Spring and graduation picture days create an interesting time here at the school. As some of our parent volunteers are preparing to once again begin moderating their extracurricular clubs, our students are sitting for this upcoming spring’s yearbook photos. Similarly, as we progress through the opening stages of registration, our future graduates are posing for their final photos with their graduation caps and gowns. We are certainly in a season of renewal, change, and growth!

I hope to see many of you at **this Friday’s Meat Raffle**. The event has SOLD OUT! Thanks to all for supporting our school; I certainly look forward to another fun event with our SME family and friends. Please remember, **the event is at St. Mary’s High School**.

**Next week is Read Across America Week**. Please see the attached flyer for each day’s theme. This is always a fun week for our students.

Mr. O



- **Wed. 2/26**- Spring/ Club/Sport Picture Day
- **Thurs. 2/27**- K & Grade 8 Graduation Picture Day
- **Fri. 2/28** - Meat Raffle 6pm-10pm
- **Wed. 3/5** - Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30am
- **Fri. 3/7** - Christian Witness Mass @ 8:30am
- **Fri. 4/4** - Christian Witness Mass @ 8:30am
- **Tues. 4/8** - NYS ELA Testing
- **Wed. 4/9** - NYS ELA Testing
- **Mon. 4/14 - 4/21**: Easter Recess NO SCHOOL
- **Thurs. 5/1** - ART Show & Book Fair, 6pm-8pm
- **Fri. 5/2** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- **Tues. 5/6** - NYS Science Testing

SPRING PHOTOS

Picture day is here!

**THURSDAY 2/27/25 - Cap & Gown Photos for Pre-K 4, Kinder, and 8th Grade**

Cap/Gown will be supplied by Interstate Company  
Everyone's (pre-k 4, Kinder, and 8th grade) photograph will be taken. A proof will be sent home with an order form, so you can preview the pose(s) before you purchase.

\*\*\*If your child will not be here on Wednesday, they will have the opportunity to take a Spring photo on Thursday if one was purchased. Please notify their homeroom teacher if this is your situation.

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!



REGISTRATION/TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS



A flyer with area transportation department links has been attached to this NewsNote!  
All transportation requests should be submitted to your districts transportation department directly and are **due 4/1!**

In addition, a gentle reminder about the registration applications that are still pending. As we approach the deadline, we kindly ask that you submit your applications as soon as possible to ensure that that your child’s enrollment is secured.

HSA

Upcoming HSA Meetings

Interested in learning more about HSA and the events we have planned for this spring? Join us for a meeting!

March 5th (5:30-6:30pm in the Gym)  
April 2nd (5:30-6:30pm in the Gathering Room)  
May 7th (5:30-6:30pm in the Gathering Room)

Spring HSA Events - Save the Dates!

Meat Raffle: 2/28  
Spring Book Fair: 5/1 & 5/2  
Penny Fair: 5/9  
Mega Raffle: 6/6  
School Picnic: 6/13

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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## 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.

## DATE KNIGHT PHOTOS

### Date Knight Dance Photos

Photos from the Date Knight Dance are now available! Please visit the following link to view:

<https://kellytanskiphotography.pixieset.com/2025smemothersondance/>

Thank you to Kelly Tanski for capturing these special moments between our students and their loved ones!

## SPRING BOWLING LEAGUE



The Spring Bowling League will be held on **Tuesdays from 3:30 -5:00 PM** at **Abbott Lanes**  
[1840 Abbott Rd, Lackawanna, NY 14218](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Abbott+Lanes+Bowling+Center/@42.9144444,-79.2166667,15z)

Dates: **March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st.**

The Championship match will be held on **Saturday, April 5th @ Classic Lanes**  
1840 Military Road, Kenmore, NY

\*Championship is limited to grades 5/6 and 7/8\*

## 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>



Please fill out this interest form if your child is interested in Bowling. Open from Pre K-8th graders.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwbpC717->

## NURSES MESSAGE

Please take a moment to review this months Nurse Notes attached electronically today!

## YEARBOOKS

***Don't Delay... Order Your SME Yearbook Today!***

SME is growing and so is the yearbook...  
The yearbook is now 44 pages of full-color!

- ◇ On Sale from **February 1 - March 8, 2025.**
- ◇ Yearbook Sales will be online ONLY. **Cost: \$20**
- ◇ All SME students in PreK3-8th grade will be included in the yearbook
- ◇ Yearbooks will be distributed in June

Please direct any questions to Mrs. Pesany-Au at [yearbook@smeschool.com](mailto:yearbook@smeschool.com)

**To order a yearbook visit:**  
**[www.inter-state.com/order](http://www.inter-state.com/order)**  
enter code: **92391T**  
***Or use the QR Code on the attached flyer***

## READ ACROSS AMERICA

As part of our celebration of Read Across America Week from **March 3rd - March 7th**, we're excited to announce our daily dress down themes! This is a great opportunity to show our love for reading while having some fun with our outfits!

*Click on the link below if you'd like to sign up to volunteer..*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4FADAD2BA0F94-55335403-read>

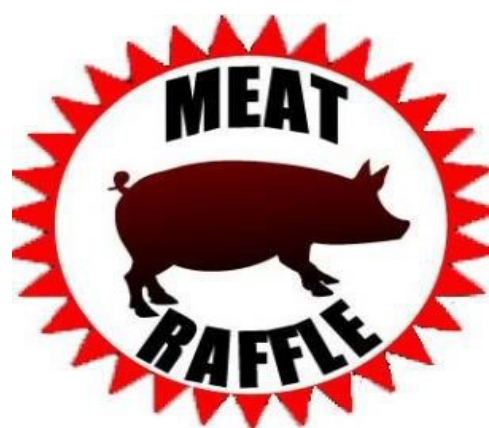
## MEAT RAFFLE

Get your cooler, snacks and dollar bills ready! It's **MEAT RAFFLE** time!

Join us **FEBRUARY 28 at 5:30pm** at **ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL** for our annual SME meat raffle!

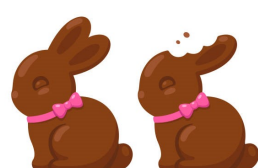
Looking for a way to get involved and help make this event great? We are looking for donations, basket raffle donations, and volunteers! See the sign up genius link below for more info on how you can help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CABAA28A3F4C25-54293551-meat#/>



## FOWLER'S CHOCOLATE

Information regarding our Fowler's Chocolate fundraiser was distributed to families via email on 2/10. This fundraiser will run from 2/12 through 3/19. It's the perfect opportunity to indulge in some sweet treats while supporting a great cause! Questions? Contact Mrs. Light at [alight@smeschool.com](mailto:alight@smeschool.com)



## 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 [raiseright@smeschool.com](mailto:raiseright@smeschool.com).

Our team is here for you!

# Read Across

## America

March 3-7, 2025



### Tuesday

**Cozy Up To a Good Book**

Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite book(s) to read!



### Thursday

**Thank Goodness It's New York Day!**

Wear anything that reminds you of our great state!



### Notes

Jeans may be worn on these days.  
Students not wanting to participate should wear their uniform.

### Monday

**We Positively Love Books!**  
Wear a shirt with a positive message!



### Wednesday

**Oh! The Places You'll Go!**  
Wear a vacation destination or college jersey, sweatshirt, or t-shirt



### Friday

**Freedom Friday**  
Pretend like it's the 4th of July and dress in your red, white, and blue!



# Read Across America

## March 3-7, 2025

### Read Across America Challenge

We challenge you to read as much as you can! Picture books, graphic novels, audio books, a chapter from your favorite chapter book, anything that will spark your imagination! Listening to your teacher or family member read a story also counts! Each time you read a new book this week, we challenge you to write/draw about it. Submit it to the main office and you'll be entered to win a prize!

### Special Guest Readers

Teachers will be reaching out to see if parents and/or other guest readers want to and come read their classes this week at times that are most convenient for you and them. If you or someone you know would like to come in and read to your child's class, please let your child's teacher know.

### Author Visits

We will be having local authors visit us each day this week!

### Book Swap

We will be having a book swap this year! Every student who wants to participate, please bring in a new or gently used book to swap. They will receive a ticket for each book brought in and they will be able to visit the book swap area to pick different books!

### Conversation Heart Guessing Jar

Guess how many hearts are in the jar during lunch on Monday. The winner will be announced Tuesday during morning announcements.

### Book Character Scavenger Hunt

Will be done at the convenience of the teacher on Thursday. Teachers will get prizes counted out for all students. There will be all sorts of book characters hidden throughout the hallways in our school.



# Jennifer Subjeck-Fedus is coming to read to your child's school

## ★ The Adventures of Spiki & Alien ★

Please email your order by **March 1st** to:

Jennifer@spikiandalien.com

Jennifer will bring your order to the school.

**VENMO- @Jenny-Fedus**

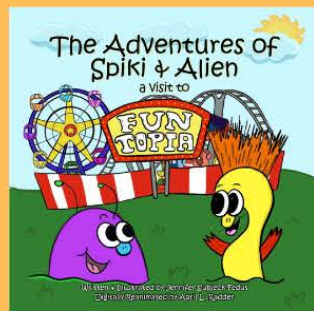
**PAYPAL- @JSubjeck**

Individual books \$12.99 each. (2) or more \$10.00 each. Stuffies \$25/pair or \$20/pair with the purchase of (2) or more books! (Hardcover books are an additional \$5.00/ea.) Please specify when placing your order.

### BOOK #1



### BOOK #2



### BOOK #3



### STUFFIES



**For more information on Jennifer please visit her website at [www.spikiandalien.com](http://www.spikiandalien.com)**



**Author Background:** Jennifer's creative journey began at age 9 when she first drew Spiki, followed by Alien a year later. She has illustrated their adventures ever since, bringing them to life in her children's book series. Her dream became reality with the release of the first book in 2022, the second in 2023, and now the third book in 2024! Jennifer envisions an ongoing series filled with friendship, kindness, and fun adventures. Stay tuned for more exciting stories with Spiki & Alien!

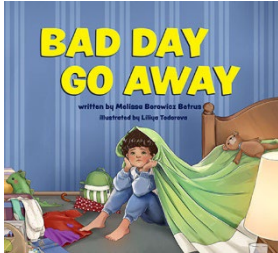


Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am very excited to be doing an author visit at your child's school on March 4, 2025, as part of Read Across America Week. I am a native Western New Yorker and the author of the book *Bad Day Go Away*. It is my hope that my visit will encourage a love of reading and writing in the students.



## About the Book



When a young boy wakes up feeling grumpy, everything seems to go wrong. Getting dressed turns into an extra tough task, and breakfast becomes a big mess. Nothing at all seems like it will go right, and his grumpy feelings get bigger. What can he do with this not-so-good mood and a day that already seems ruined?

Find out what happens when someone steps in and shares something special that just might make his bad day go away.

You can preview the book at <https://www.brothermockingbird.net/bad-day-go-away>.

If you are interested in ordering an autographed copy of the book for your child, please fill out the form below and have them return it to the teacher with \$10 cash. You can also pay me through Venmo by scanning the QR code below or sending payment to @AuthorMBetrus. If paying by Venmo, please include a note with your name and the name of the child to whom the book should be personalized.

Thank you!

Author Melissa Betrus

@AuthorMBetrus



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Please Return by Thursday, February 27.

### Book Order Form

*Bad Day Go Away* by Melissa Borowicz Betrus

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

| Title                  | Price<br>(includes tax) | # of Copies | Personalize Book To |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| <i>Bad Day Go Away</i> | X \$10.00               |             |                     |

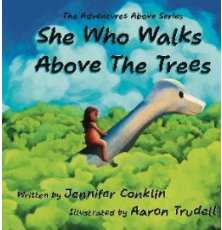
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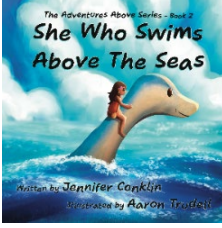
Thank you!  
email: [wordy38@yahoo.com](mailto:wordy38@yahoo.com)

# Jennifer Conklin Author, LLC

## Book Preorder Form

**St. Mary's Elementary School – Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

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|  | <p>Children's Book: <b><u>She Who Walks Above The Trees-Book 1</u></b><br/> <i>Age Range: Birth-age 9 or 10</i><br/>         The forest adventures of a human girl and her Brachiosaurus best friend.</p> | <p><b>Price per signed book:</b><br/><br/> <b>\$14.00</b></p> | <p><b>Qty wanted:</b><br/><br/>         _____</p> | <p><b>Total Price:</b><br/><br/>         \$ _____</p> |
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|  | <p>Children's Book: <b><u>She Who Swims Above The Seas- Book 2</u></b><br/> <i>Age Range: Birth-age 9 or 10</i><br/>         The adventure continues across the sea with two best friends Anya &amp; Breck.</p> | <p><b>Price per signed book:</b><br/><br/> <b>\$14.00</b></p> | <p><b>Qty wanted:</b><br/><br/>         _____</p> | <p><b>Total Price:</b><br/><br/>         \$ _____</p> |
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| <p><b>*Cash or Check made out to: Jennifer Conklin</b></p> | <p><b>Total all books ordered: \$</b> _____</p> |
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| <p><b>Student Name:</b></p> | <p><b>Classroom Teacher:</b></p> |
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# HOLIDAY CANDY FUNDRAISING



**School Name: St. Mary's Lancaster HSA**

**School ID: FC21**

**School Goal: \$5,000**

**Start Date: Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**

**End Date: March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**(\*Fundraiser closes at midnight on last day/no late orders accepted)**

**Dear Parents and Students:** We are pleased to offer Fowler's Chocolates as our spring fundraiser.

Fowler's has added some new delicious chocolate goodies, candy treats and adorable stuffed animals all perfect for filling up an Easter basket.

All orders are placed online through a computer by going to [shop.fowlersfundraising.com](http://shop.fowlersfundraising.com) or on the mobile phone app **MyFundR Fundraising** using your child's unique SELLER ID LINK.

This Fundraiser will ship directly to the customer's home to the school (this option is chosen by the customer). Fowler's will begin shipping orders out between March 24th and April 5th via USPS for those that choose to ship directly to their residence, and to schools between March 17<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>.

There is no money to collect as all orders are processed with a credit card.

**Parents or students must register for an online account to obtain your unique SELLER ID LINK.**

How to register your child on a computer:

1. Open your browser to [shop.fowlersfundraising.com](http://shop.fowlersfundraising.com)
2. Sign up for your account using the SCHOOL ID shown at the top of this letter
3. You will be sent an email with your child's unique SELLER ID # and a LINK.
4. Share your child's SELLER ID LINK through emails, texts, and social media with family and friends. This is how they will get to the website to place orders.

How to register your child on a smart phone:

1. Go to the APP Store and download the **MyFundR Fundraising** mobile app on to your phone, or simply scan the QR code to the right.
2. Sign up for your account using the SCHOOL ID shown at the top of this letter
3. You can now place orders or share the catalog right from your smart phone with your unique SELLER ID LINK
4. Your family and friends can order chocolate from the link you provide.

**Missing/Broken/Incorrect Chocolate:**

- Any Chocolate item that is missing, broken or incorrect should be notified to your fundraising school administrator with 3 days of the Ship to School orders. For Ship to Home orders, any chocolate that is missing, broken or incorrect will need to be notified to [dan@fowlerschocolates.com](mailto:dan@fowlerschocolates.com) no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**How the Fundraiser helps your School and your Students:**

- Our Fundraiser will be given a percentage of the revenue that is sold. We can earn anywhere from 15% to 40% of the total revenue sold, depending on what tier we hit. Our goal (above) is what we are aiming to accomplish this year so we can continue to bring funds into our school! Thank you for your support!



If there are any questions or concerns regarding the website or your order, please contact:

[dan@fowlerschocolates.com](mailto:dan@fowlerschocolates.com)



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# Spring Fundraising 2025

QUITE POSSIBLY, THE BEST CHOCOLATE YOU'VE EVER TASTED.





# Sweet Bunnies...of Spring!

**Graham Bunny**  
Milk | 16 oz. Hollow | \$27.00



**Peanut Butter Rabbits**  
Milk | 6 oz. | \$12.50



**Derek Bunny**  
Milk | 8 oz. Hollow | \$15.00



**Lil Evie Bunny**  
Milk | 8 oz. Hollow | \$15.00



**Boy Bunny**  
Milk | 4 oz. Solid | \$8.50



**Girl Bunny**  
Milk | 4 oz. Solid | \$8.50



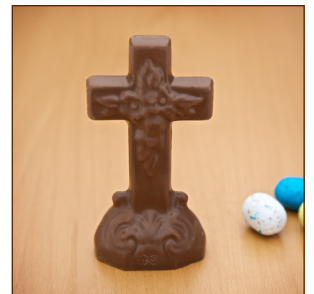
**Vail Bunny**  
Milk | 4 oz. Solid | \$8.50



**Easter Minikins**  
Milk | Dark | Orange | White  
8 oz. | \$16.00



**Flo Bunny**  
Milk | 10 oz. Solid | \$19.00



**Cross**  
Milk | Dark | White  
3 oz. Solid | \$7.00

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# Basket Delights



**Katie Kitty**

Milk | Dark | White  
4 oz. Solid | \$10.50



**Happy Easter Bar-6pk**

Milk | 13.5 oz. | \$17.00



**Bunny Pops-Solid 6pk**

Milk | 6 oz. | \$13.50



**Dalmation 2-pack**

Milk | 2 oz. | \$5.00



**Unicorn 2-pack**

Milk | 2 oz. | \$5.00



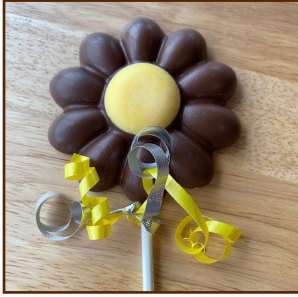
**Butterfly 2-pack**

Milk | 2 oz. | \$5.00



**Chocolate Foiled Eggs**

Milk | 12 oz. | \$15.50



**Daisy Sucker 2-Pack**

Milk | 3 oz. | \$6.00



**Emoji Foiled Balls**

Milk | 8 oz. | \$15.00



**Rabbit Sucker**

Milk | 2.5 oz. | \$6.00



**Dancer**

Milk | Dark | White  
3 oz. Solid | \$7.00



**Stegosaurus**

Milk | 3 oz. Solid | \$7.00

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# Share...and Enjoy!



## Premium Bars - 6 bars (1 each)

Milk | Dark | Almond | Crisped Rice  
Caramel Peanut Butter  
13.5 oz. | \$17.00



Opal Rainbow Bunny  
\$12.00



Shelly Robin Egg  
\$12.00



Clover Bunny  
\$12.00



Flopsy Buffalo  
\$14.00



Bunny/Chick Gummies  
Fruit/Sugar-Coated  
8 oz. | \$7.50



Butterfly Gummies  
Fruit | 8 oz. | \$7.50



Candy Building Blocks  
Ass'd. | 4 oz. | \$6.00



Jelly Beans  
Ass'd. Fruit | 12 oz. | \$7.00



Malted Eggs  
Assorted | 8 oz. | \$10.00



Roch Candy Swizzle  
Ass'd. | .75 oz. | \$6.00

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# Favorites of Buffalo

Only from Fowler's...  
your hometown candy  
maker since 1910.



## Sponge Candy

Milk | Dark | Orange | 1 lb. | **\$31.50**  
Milk | Dark | Orange | 8 oz. | **\$17.50**



## Sponge Candy Mixed

Milk and Dark  
12 oz. | **\$28.00**



## Sponge Candy Bar

Milk | 11.25 oz.  
5 pack | **\$16.00**



## Mini Buffalos

Milk | Dark | Orange | White  
Dark Mint | 8 oz. | **\$15.75**



## BuffaloOreos

Milk w/Dark | 8 oz. | **\$18.50**



## Truffaloes®

Milk/Hazelnut & Dark/Raspberry  
6 oz. | **\$12.00**



## Pizza & Wings

Milk/White | 9 oz. | **\$19.50**

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# Anytime Favorites

## Sea Salt Caramels

Milk | Dark | 8 oz. | \$20.00



## Peanut Butter Truffles

Milk | 8 oz. | \$20.00



## Pecan Caramel Clusters

Milk | Dark | 7 oz. | \$20.00



## Peanut Clusters

Milk | Dark | 8 oz. | \$18.50



## Coconut Clusters

Milk | Dark | 8 oz. | \$18.50



## Raisin Clusters

Milk | Dark | 8 oz. | \$18.50



## Almond Butter Crunch

Milk | Dark | 8 oz. | \$20.00



## Decadent Delight

Caramel Corn, Nuts, Milk, Dark, White | 14 oz. | \$18.50



## Chocolate Covered Popcorn

Milk | 7 oz. | \$15.00

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# Fowler's means fundraising success!

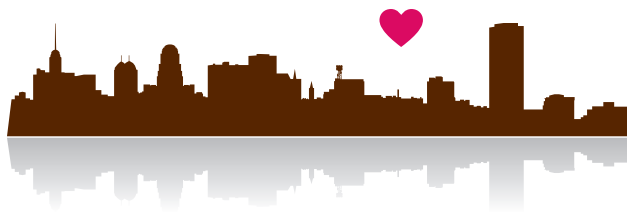
## Buffalo's locally owned premium chocolatier

Thank you for supporting the organization that shared this catalog with you. Your purchase makes all the difference in helping them achieve their goals and aspirations for the year, and helps out a vital part of the Buffalo community.

Fowler's Chocolates is a name that means superior chocolate. We are a Buffalo based, family run business that has been a part of this community since 1910. We've helped organizations meet and exceed their fundraising goals with our delicious products for over thirty years. We offer multiple fundraising options for schools, leagues, clubs and non-profits.

We now offer an online fundraising program with direct to home shipping or ship to school. This means no more forms to collect and no more door to door sales, it is a streamlined ordering process and is less work for schools and organizations. These changes to our program are focused on helping your organization raise money for what's most important and reducing your workload while continuing to provide the best quality chocolates your community has come to expect year after year.

## Thank You!



Ted Marks, President

### Fowler's Chocolates

100 River Rock Drive | Buffalo, NY  
716.877.9983

[www.FowlersChocolates.com](http://www.FowlersChocolates.com)

## Find a Fowler's Store Near You

### BUFFALO

Headquarters and Factory Store  
100 River Rock Drive "Sweet" 102  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
716-877-9983

### EAST AURORA\*

671 Main Street  
East Aurora, NY 14052  
716.655.9915

### CHEEKTOWAGA\*

2563 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
716.668.2113

### TONAWANDA\*

2468 Niagara Falls Blvd.  
Tonawanda, NY 14150  
716-694-4314

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Hamburg, NY 14075  
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*Photos are for descriptive purposes only; product and packaging may vary slightly, but the content will be every bit as delicious!*





## Quick Guide to Fowler's Spring Fundraising Program

To Register or Login go to [www.shop.fowlersfundraising.com](http://www.shop.fowlersfundraising.com)



### How do we sell?

#### Online Only

- Sellers will share a link to our selling site through our app or computer.
- Sellers can share the link via text, email, or on social media.

### Profit %

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| \$1500-\$2499*  | 15% |
| \$2500-\$3749*  | 30% |
| \$3750-\$4999*  | 35% |
| \$5000 or more* | 40% |

\*Includes chocolate and magazine sales.

\*Donations do not count toward minimum order.

\*Minimum order of \$1500 is required to qualify for fundraising benefits.

### How do we take orders?

- All orders are placed online at [www.shop.fowlersfundraising.com](http://www.shop.fowlersfundraising.com) OR through our app.
- Yeah!! No more order forms!
- All payments will be on credit/debit cards.
- Brochure PDF is available for downloading.
- Sellers can take orders on the app with a credit card or over the phone.

### Online Orders

- School shares the fundraising site link to parents and students so they can register to sell.
- Sellers create registration and share fundraising link using the app.
- Sellers can customize their page and their message before sharing.
- Sellers can text, email or post their selling site link with just a few clicks.
- Sellers can have out of town family and friends make purchases and have their order shipped direct to their house. Shipping charge apply.
- Ship to school is also an option at checkout.

### Program Benefits

- Contact-Free, no door to door sales.
- Easy to use website.
- Fun app for kids to use and share.
- Watch the real time leader board to track goals.
- Easy tracking for school to create prize programs.
- Set up automatic emails to sellers for reminders.

### Donations

- Online donation gives schools 90% of the donation.  
*The remainder is used to pay for the platform and credit card fees.*
- Donations count towards student's goal.
- Donations do NOT count towards school's minimum order.

### Magazine Sales

- 84 different magazines to choose from.
- Schools get the same % profit.

### How do I sign up?

Create an Account or Log in at:

- <https://shop.fowlersfundraising.com/>
- Call Dan Robinson at 716-877-9983 Ext 205 or email him at [Dan@FowlersChocolates.com](mailto:Dan@FowlersChocolates.com)





# Order Your **YEARBOOK** **TODAY!**

[inter-state.com/order](https://inter-state.com/order)

Use Order Code: 92391T

**SCAN THE QR CODE**  
FOR EASY ORDERING!





*Welcome back*

# GARDEN CLUB

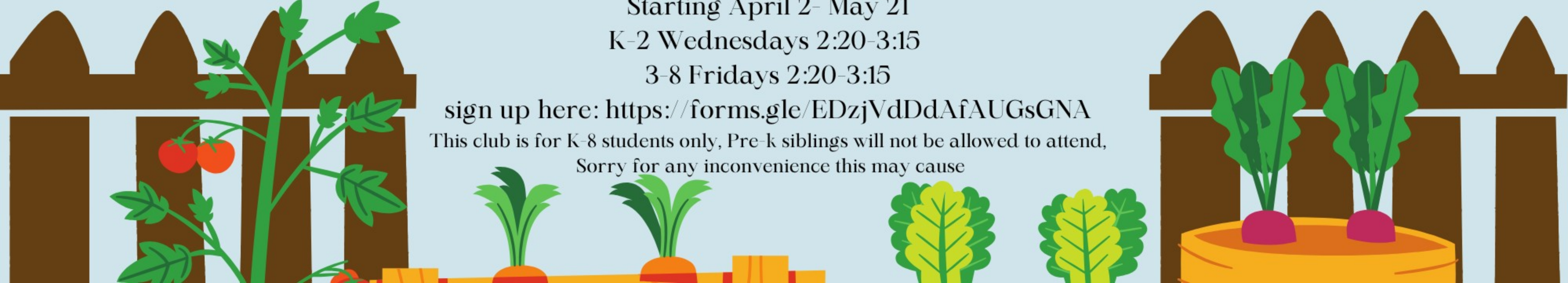
Starting April 2- May 21

K-2 Wednesdays 2:20-3:15

3-8 Fridays 2:20-3:15

sign up here: <https://forms.gle/EDzjVdDdAfAUGsGNA>

This club is for K-8 students only, Pre-k siblings will not be allowed to attend,  
Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause







# 2025 X-STREAM GAMES & EXPO

Showcase your skills & talents through  
**Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, & Math!**

**March 29**  
**10am - 3 p.m.**  
St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute

- ★ YOU CAN... ★**
- Enter one of this year's Games:
    - Kitchen Chem, Arcade Academy, The Power of Art, Shark Tank, or CSI/Forensics
  - Bring a Robotics team
  - Participate in the Science Scrimmage
  - Join the Public Speaking Competition
  - Bring an entry for the Science Fair
  - Bring a display for the Exhibition

**★ EVENT INFO ★**

- Open to all students in grades preK-8 (& their families!)
- Not participating? Come explore the expo, watch the games, & create in the Makerspace.
- Free to attend!
- Wear your uniform & show your Catholic School pride!
- Concession available for purchase.

**Ready to  
join the games?!**

Registration closes Friday 2/28, so don't delay!

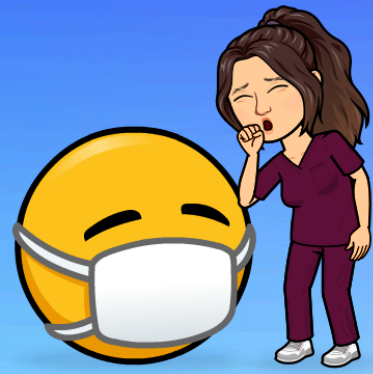
## Questions?

Check the info on our website, or email  
[stream@wnycatholicschools.org](mailto:stream@wnycatholicschools.org)

Games Details  
& Registration



# Notes from the Nurse



With so many viruses and illnesses prevalent in our communities, I wanted to encourage parents and guardians to continue to promote the importance of good hand hygiene.

Washing your hands will not only effectively decrease the number of germs we are exposed to but also decreases the potential transfer of these germs to others.

Please encourage hand washing before meals, after using the restroom, after wiping/blowing their nose and before touching their face.

Hand sanitizer is acceptable to use when our hands are not visibly soiled and between handwashing as needed throughout the day.

All of our classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizer mounted next to the door. All students are encouraged to use it when they come into and before leaving the classroom for breaks/ specials/ lunch.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance as we strive to keep the students healthy! Please also refer to the "I need to stay home if..." handout if your child is ill.

## a clean hand is a caring hand.

Did you know proper hand hygiene is the  
#1 way to prevent the spread of germs?

Follow these simple steps for proper hand hygiene.



### Soap and water

- 1 Turn on water
- 2 Wet hands
- 3 Apply soap to palm of one hand
- 4 Scrub for 20 seconds
- 5 Rinse
- 6 Dry with paper towel
- 7 Turn off water with a clean towel



### Hand sanitizer

- 1 Apply to palm of one hand
- 2 Rub over both hands
- 3 Let dry

children'shealth?

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Dara Sirianni RN, BSN

Office Hours- 9:30-1

Phone- (716)683-2112 ext 128

email- [nurse@smeschool.com](mailto:nurse@smeschool.com)





# BISON

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Giving Parents a Choice • Giving Children a Chance

The **BISON Children's Scholarship Fund** is a private scholarship fund providing tuition assistance for low-income families throughout the 8 counties of Western New York who want to enroll their children in private K-12 schools.

## BISON K-8 Scholarship Quick Facts:

- Average K-8 scholarship in 2024 of \$1,725
- The maximum award is \$3,000.
- Currently BISON has over 1,800 scholars in 77 different private schools across Western New York.
- Each family must contribute toward their child's private education.

### STEP 1

Complete a pre-application online at [bisonfund.org](https://bisonfund.org) between **January 15, 2025** and **March 31, 2025**. Call BISON with questions at (716) 854-0869 ext. 1.

### STEP 2

Watch for notification after the BISON Lottery is held on **April 1, 2025**. Lottery winners will receive an email with a link directing them to complete a full application to receive the scholarship. If you're not chosen, you will automatically be placed on the BISON waitlist.

### STEP 3

If selected, complete the full application online. Enroll your child(ren) in the school of their choice and ask the school to complete the school commitment form.

### STEP 4

Once all the steps are completed, BISON will notify you of your scholarship amount. Watch for email notices to annually renew your BISON Scholarship in February of each year and add siblings.

## INCOME ELIGIBILITY AMOUNTS

| Household Size | Total Income<br>(Based on 2024 household income) |
|----------------|--|
| 2              | \$ 57,105  |
| 3              | \$ 71,955  |
| 4              | \$ 86,805  |
| 5              | \$ 101,655                                       |
| 6              | \$ 116,505                                       |
| 7              | \$ 131,355                                       |
| 8              | \$ 146,205                                       |





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## FAQ for FAMILIES

More detailed information can be found on our website at [www.bisonfund.org](http://www.bisonfund.org)

### WHO QUALIFIES FOR A BISON K-8 SCHOLARSHIP?

Residents of the 8 counties of Western New York (WNY) with children entering K-8<sup>th</sup> grade with a total family income within the income eligibility scale on the reverse side. You may only apply for your biological or legal guardian children.

### HOW DO NEW FAMILIES APPLY?

New families must complete a pre-application form electronically (online) on our website at [bisonfund.org](http://bisonfund.org). The new family deadline is **March 31, 2025**. Preference is NOT given to early applications; however you must apply by 3/31 to be considered for the lottery. Families applying after the **March 31, 2025** deadline will be placed on our waitlist.



### HOW ARE BISON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CHOSEN?

Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-application forms on **April 1, 2025**. Lottery winners will receive an email with a link directing them to complete a full application in order to receive the scholarship.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF I WON THE LOTTERY?

All applicants will be notified of lottery results by email on **April 1, 2025**. If you're not chosen in the lottery, you can always reapply for the next school year.



### I RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD EMAIL ... NOW WHAT?

In your award email, there will be a link to complete your full application. Click on the link and follow the application steps. **The deadline to complete the application is April 30, 2025.** Please be sure to include all your income sources including your Federal 1040 tax return, child support, business income, public assistance, food stamps, Social Security income, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation and financial assistance from family & friends. Select your school (a complete list can be found on our website) and contact the school to complete the school commitment form. After receipt of all the required documents, your scholarship will be calculated based on your household size and income, as well as tuition amount. You must renew annually to continue with BISON.



### I RECEIVED NOTICE I'M ON A WAITLIST ... NOW WHAT?

Unfortunately, there are always more applicants than available funding. We keep waitlist names for the academic year hopeful that additional funding becomes available. If you are not taken off the waitlist, you will need to resubmit a pre-application next year to be considered.

### WHY DO FAMILIES HAVE TO PAY PART OF THE TUITION?

One key component of educational success is parental involvement. Making a financial sacrifice is a strong incentive to becoming and remaining, involved. BISON families are required to pay a minimum of \$500 each year.