

NEWSNOTE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear SME Families,

Happy Easter, everyone! I hope you had a wonderful holiday break, full of lasting memories, time spent well with family, and renewed hope. Jesus invites all of us to see who He is and to proclaim it in our actions. As we move further into Spring, may we all accept our individual ministries and help, in our own ways, introduce Jesus to people who never saw or knew Him. How can our lives reflect what Jesus taught and did?

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Please join us next **Thursday, May 1, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**, for another wonderful evening spent at St. Mary’s. We encourage all families to attend this celebration of our school, as we will offering a range of events:

**SME Art Show.** Mrs. Pesany-Au prepares a beautiful representation of our students’ artwork. Please walk our halls and take in the impressive artistic talents of our student body. All students will be represented; please look for your son’s or daughter’s masterpiece!

**Battle of the Books.** In addition to promoting and celebrating our growing athletics program, our school is always looking for ways to incorporate and promote literacy events. After a brief hiatus, we are proud to announce the return of our Battle of the Books event! Students who have read the assigned books will compete with their teammates to answer trivia questions about the books. Best of luck to all participants, and I am quite sure all who are competing will enjoy a most worthwhile and enriching experience.

Our semi-annual **Book Fair.** We will be holding our Spring Book Fair this evening, in case you or your child(ren) may be interested in purchasing some new reading material.

\*We will also have food and beverage trucks available for purchase in the parking lot and free light refreshments available inside of the school.\*

In closing, I would like to communicate that this evening is open to new and prospective families, as well as current SME families. At this time, we have begun a waiting list for multiple grades. Because we fully anticipate new registrants, we strongly encourage families who have not submitted their registration packets to please do so as soon as possible.

Welcome back from Easter Break, and I look forward to spending next Thursday evening with many of you.

Mr. O

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Spring Book Fair will be held on Thursday 5/1 and Friday 5/2! Students in grades K-8 will have an opportunity to shop with their class during the school day, while Pre-K students can stop in to shop with a parent or grandparent. The Book Fair will also be open to everyone from 6-8pm on 5/1, in conjunction with our Open House.

Cash, credit cards, checks (payable to the school) and eWallets are all acceptable methods of payment. Need to set up an eWallet? Visit our Book Fair Homepage:  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stmaryselemschlancaster>

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up here!  
<https://spring-2025-book-fair.cheddarup.com>

Teacher Appreciation Week

Join us in celebrating SME Teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week! The HSA is looking for donations of desserts for the teachers' luncheon on Wednesday 5/7. Please bring desserts to the main office by 9am on 5/7.  
<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2025-teacher-appreciation>

Penny Fair

We are excited for our annual Penny Fair, which will be held on Friday 5/9 following Mass!

There will be several games of chance for the students to play, as well as everyone's favorite tradition, CAKE WALK!

We’ve streamlined the day with a flat \$5 payment per student, rather than sending kids with a bag of quarters to pay at each game, which helps the kids tremendously! Please RSVP using the following form and remit payment electronically or via cash/check to the office by Monday 5/5.  
<https://penny-fair-2025.cheddarup.com>

Every class in grades 1-8 will have signed up for a time slot during the school day. The schedule will be shared electronically in the News & Notes prior to the event.

Kindergarten and Pre-K families are invited to attend with their student in the evening from 5-7pm. There will be pizza, pop and snacks available for purchase in the evening hours, so come hungry.

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 the "Continue" button to view the sign-ups).

Spring HSA Events - Save the Dates!

Mega Raffle: 6/6

School Picnic: 6/13

\*Please note that the HSA meeting scheduled for 5/7 has been canceled\*



- **Thurs. 5/1** - ART Show, Battle of the Books & Book Fair, 6pm-8pm
- **Fri. 5/2** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- **Tues. 5/6** - NYS Science Testing
- **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



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UPON THIS HILL,  
WE DO GOD’S WILL



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ART NEWS

ART SHOW  
Thursday, May 1, 2025  
6-8 pm

In conjunction with this year's Open House, St. Mary's Elementary School-Lancaster, will be transformed with an amazing array of artwork by students in PreK3 thru 8th Grade. Please join us on Thursday, May 1st in viewing the talents of the St. Mary's Elementary School students. Students have worked very hard in ART all year long and they can't wait for you to see their masterpieces. Art work will be on the 1st and 2nd floor-main hallways. Family, friends and neighbors are all welcome!

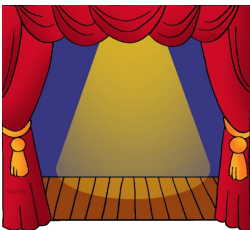
YEARBOOKS

Yearbook distribution dates are set ...  
The SME 2024-2025 Yearbook Sale ran from February 1st thru March 8th. Students who pre ordered a yearbook online will receive their yearbooks on the following days...

Eighth graders - Thursday, May 29th  
Kindergarten through seventh grade - Friday, May 30th  
Pre K 3 & Pre K 4 - Friday, May 30th or the week of June 2nd

SCHOOL PLAY - THE ARISTOCATS

Join us for an unforgettable experience at our school play on **May 16th and 17th!**  
Stay tuned for more details on the exciting performances that await!



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>



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>



STREAM FLOWER SALE

Our annual STREAM Flower Sale has started! You'll be able to view, place and pay for your order via Cheddar Up! An email with further details has gone out.

A variety of flowers will be available in 4.5" pots with a buy 5 get 1 free deal. There are also hanging baskets available. NEW this year: Patio Tomatoes! Delivery will be Thursday, May 8th at the Parish Center Doors.

COLOR RUN

Get ready to run and get colorful because we are thrilled to announce our very first Color Run!

Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking to have fun with friends, this event is for everyone! Participants will make their way through a designated course where they will be showered with colorful powders at various stations.



Pledge forms are coming home today.

NO AFTER SCHOOL

Due to staffing shortages and our Spring Open House, there will be no after school care available on **Thursday May 1st** and **Friday May 2nd.**

We apologize for any inconvenience.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

We are bringing back the Battle of the Books event that the school used to hold yearly! BATTLE OF THE BOOKS is a game show-like competition to test student teams' knowledge of two selected books by answering questions. Not all students are required to participate. There are three Battle of the Books divisions - grades 2/3, grades 4/5 and grades 6-8. Teams can have one to five members. The team's members can be from different grades within the division. The team members can each read both books or one reads one while the other reads the other book. Teams should be creative with names, T-shirts, posters etc...

Here are the books per grade division

- Grades 2/3 will read "Magic Treehouse: Buffalo Before Breakfast" by Mary Pope Osborne & "How to eat Fried Worms" by Thomas Rockwell
- Grades 4/5 will read "The BFG" by Roald Dahl & "Mr. Popper's Penguins" by Florence and Richard Atwater
- Grades 6-8 will read "Holes" by Louis Sachar & "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" by John Boyne

This event will take place in the evening at our Spring Open House on **May 1st** with our Art Show and Book Fair.



WE CAN USE YOUR HELP

The Battle of the Books is being held during our Spring Open House on May 1st.

It will not be possible without a little help.

We have attached our Sign-Up Genius link for parents to help with the event.

Teachers will be in their classrooms during this time and to make it run smoothly we need

assistance from parents.

Please and thank you

Here is the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4DACA629A0FA7-56158688-battle>

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!

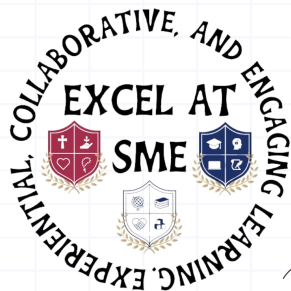


JOIN US FOR THE  
ST. MARY'S  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

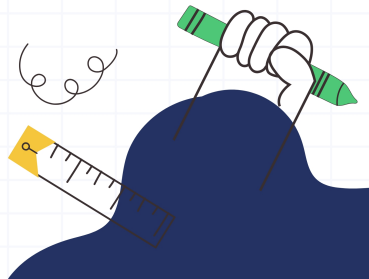
**Current and new families are invited to join us for our own SME Art Show, our Battle of the Books competition, and our semi-annual Book Fair.**

SPRING  
OPEN  
HOUSE

THURSDAY, MAY 1  
6:00 - 8:00 PM



FOOD TRUCKS  
ON SITE & LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE.







Our Spring STREAM Flower Sale is here! Thank you for helping us reach our fundraising goal, with the proceeds used to offset the cost of STREAM supplies for our SME students.

We are offering a selection of hanging flower baskets\*, patio tomatoes, and a multitude of 4.5 inch potted plants\* provided by Mitchell Greenhouses.

\*Photos are for reference only, colors vary and you will choose your favorites at pickup.

**SPECIAL:** Buy 5 pots, get one free! Mix and match any of the 4 1/2 inch pots  
Make sure you include the free plant(s) in your order and adjust pricing accordingly.  
Hanging baskets are not included in the buy 5 get one free promotion.

Orders and payment due: Wednesday, April 30th.

Pick-Up: St. Mary's Parish Center Thursday, May 8th from 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Elementary School with a note of "flower sale."  
Check and cash payments must be received by Wednesday, April 30th and may be dropped  
of or mailed to:

St. Mary's Elementary School  
2 St. Mary's Hill  
Lancaster, NY 14086



For questions/concerns, please contact our STREAM Coordinator, Ms. Zaidel at [zaidelj@smeschool.com](mailto:zaidelj@smeschool.com)

If you prefer to order online, please check out:

<https://spring-flower-and-plant-sale-87531.cheddarup.com>

### Purchaser Information:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a student at SME? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, student's name/grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

How are you affiliated with SME? \_\_\_\_\_

10 inch Hanging Baskets:

\$25 each

Patio Tomatoes:

\$10 each

<div>10” Combination Hanging Basket</div> <div>3 or 4 different varieties in each basket create very interesting color and texture. Multiple different colors and plant combinations for sun or shade.</div>	<div>1-Gallon Pot Patio Tomatoes</div> <div>Tomato plant planted in a 19 cm, 1-Gallon pot.  Produces tomatoes a little larger than grape tomatoes.</div>
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4.5 Inch Potted Plants: \$7 each

Buy 5 Get One FREE

<div>Gerbera Daisies</div> <div>Numerous color and flower styles in the Festival, Jaguar, and Revolution series. Solid dark-eyed and light-eyed blooms. Grow and flower best in full sun with adequate moisture.</div>	<div>Cuphea</div> <div>Commonly known as Mexican Heather. Will grow to a 24” shrub in full sun. Attracts hummingbirds. Loves summer heat. Colors include lavender, white, magenta, purple, and red.</div>	<div>Double Impatiens</div> <div>Fiesta double impatiens. Numerous large rose-like blooms that bloom all season long. Heat tolerant. Filtered sun to part shade.  Multiple colors available</div>
<div>Dahlietta</div> <div>Vegetatively propagated dahlias have 2 1/2"-3" fully double flowers. Very uniform in growth habit and numerous flowers. Performs best in full sun. Red, orange, salmon, pink, scarlet, burgundy, white, yellow, and bi-colors</div>	<div>Coleus</div> <div>Kong coleus. Unusual and attractive colors with great texture. Great in landscape, a good replacement for impatiens. Many unusual cutting varieties available. Upright and trailing varieties for shade areas.</div>	<div>Osteospermum</div> <div>Sunscape Daisy. Cold hardy plant that will tolerate spring and fall frost. They make outstanding full-sun garden or patio plants. Keep evenly moist. Beautiful purple, white, pink, rose, coral, or yellow daisy flowers</div>
<div>Petunias</div> <div>Proven garden performers give color all season. Unique flower colors and patterns. Do best in high light, like lots of food and moisture. Excellent in combinations and solid plantings.</div>	<div>Angelonia</div> <div>Well suited for the hot, dry spot in your garden. Blue, coral, red, and white colors.</div>	<div>Verbena</div> <div>Large flowers in an assortment of vibrant colors. Attracts butterflies.Full sun.</div>

ORDER FORM

Hanging Baskets:		Tomatoes:	
	10” Combination Hanging Basket		Patio Tomatoes
No. ordered		No. ordered	

4.5” Potted Plants:

Buy 5, Get 1 Free ☐ YES ☐ NO

	Gerbera	Cuphea	Double Im.	Dahlietta	Coleus	Osteos.	Petunias	Angelonia	Verbena
No. ordered									

Total Cost of Hanging Baskets	Total Cost of Tomatoes	Total Cost of Potted Plants		Order Total
\$	\$	\$		\$





# COLOR RUN

**Tuesday May 27, 2025**

**5:30Pm**

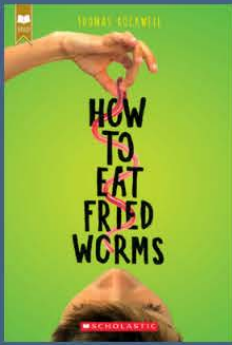
**6PM Run Start**

**Food Trucks and  
Music on site**

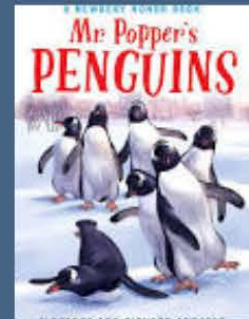
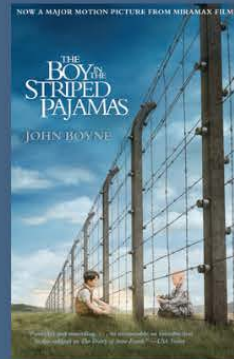
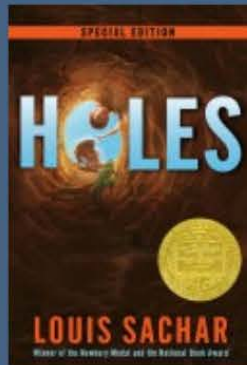
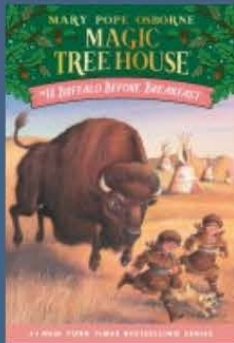
**This is a school  
fundraiser**

**Pledge forms to follow**





# BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



IF YOU THINK  
YOU HAVE  
WHAT IT  
TAKES TO BE  
2025 BOOK  
CHAMPION,  
SIGN UP  
OUTSIDE THE  
SCHOOL  
LIBRARY BY  
MARCH 14TH

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OUR EVENT  
WILL TAKE  
PLACE MAY 1ST  
AT THE ART  
SHOW

# Afterschool News

## *This Month In After School*

Happy April! Due to most of our staff being unavailable on May 1st and 2nd, we will not have after-school care on those days. Other than that, we are all looking forward to Easter break and the themed crafts we have planned leading up to it! Also, please make sure that when you come to pick up your kid, they have everything they came to school with and leave nothing behind! We have had lots of sweaters, coats, and other important items left behind that often go unclaimed, so please take the extra minute to double-check!



!PSA! If you have any craft supplies that you may not be using at home, we will gladly take them off your hands! We will appreciate anything you have to offer that can help us come up with more crafts for the kids to do while they are with us.



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## UPCOMING

April 4th: Living Stations of the Cross @7pm

April 14th - 18th: Easter Break!

April 21st - No School/Easter Monday

May 1st and 2nd - No Afterschool care



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  <b>Cash or Check to SME Change Will Go On Acct</b>
	1 Beef Crumble Over Mashed Potatoes Veggies, Fruit & Milk	2 Homemade Mac & Cheese Veggies, Fruit & Milk	3 Sloppy Joes Veggies, Fruit & Milk	4 Cheese Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk  No option B today
7  Popcorn Chicken Veggies, Fruit & Milk	8  Taco Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk	9  Meatloaf Veggies, Fruit & Milk	10  Chicken Caesar Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk	11  Cheese Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk  No option B today
14  -----  	15  ----- <b>EASTER</b> <b>B</b>	16  <b>REAK</b> ----- <b>NO</b>	17  <b>SCHOOL</b> ----- <b>-</b>	18  -----  
21  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	22 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Veggies, Fruit & Milk	23 Hot Dogs Veggies, Fruit & Milk	24 Pasta W/Meat Sauce Veggies, Fruit & Milk	25 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
28 Pancakes & Egg Patty Veggies, Fruit & Milk	29 Beef Taco Bowl Veggies, Fruit & Milk	30 Chicken & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Veggies, Fruit & Milk		