

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

In the sixth chapter of his letter to the Hebrews, Paul writes of having hope as our anchor. Regardless of circumstance or challenge, with the hope that Jesus brings us as our anchor and strength, we will overcome and persevere! Throughout this school year, this has been a source of comfort and reassurance for us in all that we do here at St. Mary's Elementary School.

Thank you for helping to make the first two trimesters of our year exciting, productive, and memorable! Various events have brought us together in celebration, recognition, and prayer. Together, we have grown academically, athletically, creatively, and spiritually. So much of what we are able to do as a school simply would not be possible without the partnership and support of our parents, grandparents, and other trusted adults. Thank you all, for all you do, as it enables SME to continue to grow and evolve in so many ways.

As we approach Easter Recess, I want to take this opportunity to strongly encourage you to spend some time over the next week completing the registration paperwork for the 2024-2025 school year, so that you can submit it as soon as possible. To be entirely transparent - our building is limited in the number of classrooms we have. As a result, the number of classes we will be able to split into two sections next year is also limited. Because our St. Mary's re-registration deadline has now passed, we have now opened and begun to accept new registrations.

In order to secure your spot for the 2024-2025 academic year, please submit your completed registration paperwork as soon as possible. This is especially important if your son's or daughter's class is currently split into two sections or may be split into two sections next year. (Students currently in grades 1, 3, 5, 6)

Additionally, our Summer Care program's registration window is coming to a close. Our Summer Care team contacts those who were a part of the program last summer and has also reached out to families that expressed interest in the program at our Open House. Space is very limited and we have reached capacity the past few years. If you are looking for childcare for the summer, I encourage you to consider reaching out to summercare@smeschool.com for additional information or with questions.

Thank you for all you continue to do for St. Mary's. As we work together, anchored in faith and hope, I am beyond confident that we will continue to shape SME into the best version of itself each and every day.

Mr. Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wed. 3/20** - MP2 Report Card Upload: K-8, Living Stations 6pm
- **Fri. 3/22** - Mother/Son Date Knight Event 6-8pm
- **Thurs. 3/28 - NO SCHOOL**, Holy Thursday
- **Fri. 3/29 - NO SCHOOL**, Good Friday
- **Sun. 3/31** - Easter Sunday



- **Mon 4/1-4/8 - NO SCHOOL**, Spring Recess
- **Tues 4/9** - School Resumes
- **Fri. 4/12** - CW Mass
- **Mon. 4/15** - SPIRIT Shirt Dress Down Day
- **Fri. 4/19** - Meat Raffle
- **Thurs. 5/2** - Art Show, Sp. Book Fair

BY THE NUMBERS

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

Scan in the app to earn!

We earned \$25.50 in February

- ◇ RaiseRight Program
- ◇ Tops in Education Program

Link your bonus card

Mega Raffle Update:

Tickets Sold: 454

Tickets Available: 546

1st Early Bird Winning Tx: #277

TAX TIME

Is your preparer looking for our Tax ID Number? The directive given to us by the diocese is to *not* release that number. In its place you can/should indicate **Religious Exemption**. Specific questions can be directed to Mrs. Jezuit: (jezuitn@smeschool.com)

STUDENT ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL:

Parents should contact the school office by 9:00 a.m. on the day of student absence by dialing (716) 683-2112, ext. 120 to leave a message. When a child returns to school after an absence, a written excuse must be submitted within three days after the absence. Student absences without an accompanying written excuse are recorded as unexcused (illegal) absences. A note must be sent in, even if the student has been called in as absent. In addition, a physician's note is required for absences that are three days or longer. Students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Students who are sent home with a fever will not be allowed to return to school the next day unless otherwise directed by a physician. Finally, no student may participate in any extra-curricular activity (including sports) on a day that he/she is absent from school.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Due Tomorrow March 21st, are all the Little Caesars Pizza Kit Paper Fundraising orders. Please send them to school in an envelope labeled "HSA Little Caesars Pizza Kit Order" and please make sure the sheet of the sellers name and all the information is filled out. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted. If you did your pizza kit orders online, then you are all set. The pizza orders will be in the week of April 8th.

Our Date Knight Dance is this Friday and we are still looking for some volunteers. Any girl moms, dads or family members that are able to help can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DABAF2FABF49-48456742-date>

HSA's largest fundraiser is the Meat Raffle and we need your help! There are still tickets, tables and volunteer spots available.

March Events:

- 21st: Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser Orders Due
- 22nd: Date Knight Dance 6-8 p.m.
- 27th: Meat Raffle Dress Down Day \$1 Donation

April Events:

- 11th: Meat Raffle Dress Down Day \$1 Donation
- 15th: Spirit Wear Dress Down Day
- 19th: Meat Raffle

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MEGA RAFFLE

When: June 7, 2024 at 6:00PM

Where: St. Mary's High School

Tickets sold to date: 454

Tickets remaining: 546

The top prize is \$35,000 with 13 other prizes to win.

We've got 2 more early bird drawings before the BIG event in June!

What would you do with \$35,000?? Buy your Mega ticket for your chance to find out!

We are asking you for your help in obtaining either sponsorships and/or raffle donations. If your family has any connections or if you know of any businesses or individuals who might be interested in contributing, please see the attached electronic letter.



We also have an [Amazon Wish List](#) set up if you would like to donate an item for the basket raffle. Thank you to those who have already donated items! We will be collecting items until June and remember you can always purchase items with a RaiseRight Gift Card!

If you are interested in volunteering email megaraffle@smeschool.com.



MEAT RAFFLE



April 19th
Doors @ 5:30 Spin @ 7



If you are able to donate any of your time, please sign up using the link below. You're going to want to be a part of the fun! [Meat Raffle Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Freezer full of meat side raffle tickets went out to every family to sell or purchase. You need not be present to win! The table/ticket request letter is available here: [Ticket/Table Reservation Order Form](#) & on our website (Fundraising Tab: Meat Raffle) or hard copy by request. You can now place your order via [Cheddar Up](#) online!



The meat raffle needs your help! Show off your creativity by donating a basket for us to raffle off at the meat raffle.

All donations can be dropped off for Mrs. Boundy at the main office.

\$ Dress Down Days: 3/27 & 4/11 will benefit the raffle baskets!

2024-2025 TRANSPORTATION

A flyer with area transportation department links has been added to the registration tab on our [website](#).

REMINDER:

Transportation requests are due 4/1!



ATHLETICS

Information for spring sports has been sent out. If you have any questions, please contact our athletic department directly: athletics@smeschool.com



PARISH CORNER

Did you know there are many opportunities for your child(ren) to participate in the Mass celebrations here at St. Mary's?

Our **Family Mass** takes place once a month at the Sunday, 10am Mass. Masses have been scheduled for the months of March - June. Click the following link to see the dates and the roles offered for your child(ren): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8A72EA4F9C52-48001519-stmary>

St. Joseph's Table Thank you to the families that joined us for St. Joseph's Table last night. Thank you for sharing your time with us in faith and fellowship!

RAISERIGHT

Reminder: Families earn 100% of rebates up to \$250 and an 80/20 split thereafter.

About the process:

RaiseRight credits are processed quarterly: March, June, September, and December. Mrs. Jezuit applies credits to tuition accounts based on the reports generated and received from RaiseRight. The RaiseRight office is not able to look into individual tuition accounts. If you (or a family member) is purchasing cards to help reduce your tuition you/they **must** designate the recipient family when opening an online account **or** by indicating the family name on paper order forms. Without this information the RaiseRight office has no way of knowing where to assign credits.

If you have any questions, please email raiseright@smeschool.com. Our team is here for you!

Creating an online account: [RaiseRight.com](https://www.raiseright.com)

For a complete list of participating retailers visit the shop with scrip website:

<https://www.raiseright.com/brands>

Here is a quick link to the order form: [RR Order Form](#)

YEARBOOK

Parents and Guardians **TODAY** is the last day to order your child(ren)s yearbook!

www.inter-state.com/order

St. Mary's Elementary-Lancaster, NY
Order Code is 84834H



8TH GRADE INFO

Please be sure to check your email for an important message from Mrs. Pesany - Au (pesanyau@smeschool.com) regarding 8th grade baby pictures and year-book write-ups! This was sent last week.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Save the Date: 5/2 Art Show, Spring Book Fair

Save the Date: 5/3 CW Mass, Spring Book Fair

Make Note: 5/8 PR3 Upload

Make Note: 5/9 Ascension Thursday Mass, 8:30am

Save the Date: 5/10 May Crowning Mass, 8:30am

Save the Date: 5/10 Penny Fair

Save the Date: 5/17 Hope Ribbon Mass

Make Note: No School: 5/24-27

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February 26, 2024

RE: St. Mary's \$35,000 Mega Raffle

Dear Local Business Owner,

On June 7, 2024 St. Mary's Elementary and St. Mary of the Assumption will be hosting their 9th Annual Mega Raffle which benefits the children of St. Mary's Elementary School. We are looking to partner with companies like yours for our annual Mega Raffle.

This event is offering various opportunities for sponsorship, ranging from \$100-\$750+, as well as in-kind donations for our basket raffle. These packages can also be customized to your needs, such as sponsoring a specific element of the live event. We welcome your imagination to join our winning lineup. Your generous contribution will not only help us cover expenses but will also prominently showcase your support to our community.

Mega Raffle will be one of the largest fundraising events of the year, with more than 300 people expected to attend. **All businesses that participate will be advertised and promoted at this event.** To ensure the success of the event, we are seeking partners like you who share our commitment to provide a nurturing and welcoming learning environment.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or making a donation, please see the enclosed flier with our multi-level sponsorship packages available. Your support will make a meaningful impact on our children, and we believe that together we can create a lasting positive effect in our community.

Please contact Amanda Barton at 716-473-7117 or megaraffle@smeschool.com if you have any further questions. We sincerely hope you will consider being a part of Mega Raffle and we appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you for your support.

Warm regards,

Amanda Barton
Mega Raffle Chair

St. Mary's Elementary & St. Mary of the Assumption
9th Annual Mega Raffle
2024 Sponsor Package

	Platinum \$750+	Gold \$500	Silver \$250	Bronze \$100
Company name and logo displayed at the event on table tents	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement during live drawing	✓	✓	✓	
Social media shout-out	✓	✓		
Your company banner/sign displayed at the event (provided by you)	✓			
Ticket to Event - admits 2 (package must be purchased by 5/1/24)	✓			

Contact:

Amanda Barton 716-473-7117
Megaraffle@smeschool.com

Your name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Company: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your Email: _____

Sponsorship Package: _____

Checks payable to St. Mary's Elementary School