

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

You belong at St. Mary's Elementary School.

In some schools, students may doubt whether they belong for a myriad of reasons. Due to factors beyond student control, some may find their corner of the world to be less than hospitable and welcoming. Some students may have disabilities or a language barrier; others may lack social skills to connect easily with peers or may come from a family that struggles economically.

St. Mary's prides itself to simultaneously uphold our high academic standards and foster the spiritual formation of our students. We recognize and honor the dignity of all of our students as children of God, and work tirelessly to ensure that our school remains a safe haven for all students who long to belong.

As a community that has embraced the call to make sure that all are heard, valued, and feel a sense of belonging, we have witnessed continued positive growth in the culture of our school. Our students feel safe, secure, comforted, nurtured ... and also challenged academically to be critical thinkers, students who are strong enough to persevere and brave enough to grow more emotionally resilient.

This Easter Break, I encourage everyone to celebrate our students, who are growing as emotionally healthy young people who are academically prepared for the next phase of their lives. Thanks to all who have partnered with us and allowed us to make this goal a reality.

Happy Easter,
Mr. Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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
- **Thurs. 4/11** - \$ Dress Down for Meat Raffle
- **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
- **Fri. 5/3** - Christian Witness Mass 8:30am, Spring Book Fair
- **Wed. 5/8** - PR3 Upload: K-8



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| <p>Holy Saturday <i>Blessing of the Baskets</i> 10:00 am - Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta 11:30 am - Our Lady of Pompeii Noon - St. Martha, St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Philip the Apostle</p> <p><u>Easter Vigil</u> 8:00 pm - Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Mary of the Assumption 8:30 pm - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta</p> | Roman Catholic Family of Parishes bdcfamily.org | <p>Easter Sunday 6:30 am - St. Mary of the Assumption <i>Outdoors at Westwood Park</i> 8:00 am - St. Martha 8:30 am - Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta 9:00 am - St. Philip the Apostle 10:00 am - Our Lady of Pompeii, St. Martha, St. Mary of the Assumption 11:00 am - Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Philip the Apostle 11:30 am - Our Lady of Pompeii Noon - St. Mary of the Assumption</p> |
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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

HSA would like to wish everyone a happy Easter and a joyful spring break!

Thank you to all of our Knights and their special Lady's for joining us at our Date Knight Dance last week. We hope you had a wonderful time!

The following is a link to access the photos from the evening:

<https://kellytanskiphotography.pixieset.com/2024smemothersondance>

Included below are the events for April and May so that you can mark your calendars for all the fun that will be happening as we enter the last 3 months of school. Volunteers are needed for the [Meat Raffle](#), the Spring Book Fair and the Penny Fair.

After spring break will be the volunteer sign ups for the Spring Book Fair and the Penny Fair with more information to come.

April Events:

11th: Meat Raffle Dress Down Day \$1 Donation

15th: Spirit Wear Dress Down Day

19th: Meat Raffle

May Events:

2nd & 3rd: Spring Book Fair

6th: Spirit Wear Dress Down Day

10th: Penny Fair

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



Social Responsibility



Spiritual Growth



Academic Excellence

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.

SCAN HERE FOR ALL YOUR MEAT RAFFLE TICKET NEEDS:



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 Day: 4/11 will benefit the raffle baskets!

2024-2025 TRANSPORTATION

Have you submitted your transportation request?
The deadline is 4/1 for all districts!



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



RAISERIGHT

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Until further notice **TIM HORTONS** gift cards are **UNAVAILABLE!** We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding with this situation which is out of our control.

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

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

For a complete list of participating retailers visit the shop with scrip website: <https://www.raiserright.com/brands>

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

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>



8TH GRADE INFO

When we return from break, end of year information will be coming out frequently.

Please be on the lookout for notifications from Miss Sullivan about these end of year activities!

Happy Easter!

STAY IN THE KNOW

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

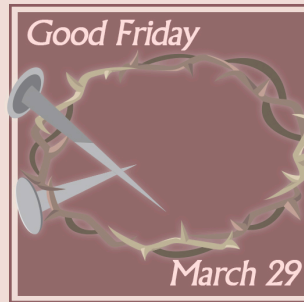
Save the Date: 5/31 CW Mass

Save the Date: 6/6 Spring Con-
cert, 9:00am

Make Note: 6/7 Pre-K Moving Up
& Graduations

Save the Date: 6/7 Mega Raffle

Holy Week 2024



Palm Sunday

Usual Weekend Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday

6:30 pm - Our Lady of Pompeii,
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
7:00 pm - Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Martha,
St. Mary of the Assumption,
St. Philip the Apostle
Adoration at all Parishes until 10 pm

Good Friday

Service

Noon - St. Philip the Apostle
1:30 pm - St. Martha
3:00 pm - Our Lady of Pompeii

Stations of the Cross

Noon - Sacred Heart of Jesus
6:30 pm - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
7:00 pm - St. Philip the Apostle

Seven Last Words: 7:30 pm - St. Martha

Taizé Service: 7:00 pm - St. Mary of the Assumption

Tenebrae Service: 8:00 pm - Our Lady of Pompeii

Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Baskets

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April 2024

Student lunches are \$3.50, 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; Julienne Salad, 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-\$0.75.** 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 = \$3.50 2 Lunches = \$7.00 3 Lunches = \$10.50 4 Lunches = \$14.00 5 Lunches = \$17.50 | 6 Lunches = \$21.00 7 Lunches = \$24.50 8 Lunches = \$28.00 9 Lunches = \$31.50 10 Lunches = \$35.00 | 11 Lunches = \$38.50 12 Lunches = \$42.00 13 Lunches = \$45.50 14 Lunches = \$49.00 15 Lunches = \$52.50 | 16 Lunches = \$56.00 17 Lunches = \$59.50 18 Lunches = \$63.00 19 Lunches = \$66.50 20 Lunches = \$70.00 | 21 Lunches = \$73.50 22 Lunches = \$77.00 Cash or Check to SME Change Will Go On Acct |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | 9 Cheeseburgers Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 10 Chili Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 11 Loaded Tater Tots Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 12 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk |
| 15 Pancakes & Egg Patty Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 16 Sloppy Joes Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 17 Homemade Mac & Cheese Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 18 Chicken Caesar Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 19 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk |
| 22 Hot Dogs Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 23 Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 24 Cheese Ravioli Garlic Bread Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 25 Beef Crumble Over Mashed Potatoes Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 26 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk |
| 29 Breakfast Sandwich (Egg, Cheese & Bacon) Veggies, Fruit & Milk | 30 Taco Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk | | | |

2024 April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| Happy Easter | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
| | ← No School: Spring Recess → | | | | | | |
| 7 | 8 NO SCHOOL: Spring Recess | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Christian Witness Mass 8:30am | 13 | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Meat Raffle! Doors @ 5:30pm Spin @ 7:00pm | 20 | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | | |

