

NEWSNOTE

ISSUE 2 SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear SME Families,

I want to begin by expressing my deepest gratitude to those who have reached out to volunteer their time, efforts, and care this school year. All of us parents are so busy and constantly pulled in multiple directions; I empathize and understand that your volunteerism is a sacrifice. However, our school truly does rely on volunteerism to offer all that we do. Nobody can do everything, but we all can chip in and do something. Thank you for offering your service and contributing to growing our school.

I strongly encourage attending our **Meet the Teachers Night**. On September 21, from 5:30 - 7:30, we will share some opening words and an overview of the school year and some of our organizations in the gym before parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers in the classrooms. Children are welcome to attend and are always excited to show their classroom to their parents!

Have a wonderful week,
Mr. Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Thurs. 9/21** - After-school Care ends @ 5:00pm
- **Thurs. 9/21** - Book Fair (K-3 during school), Meet the Teacher Night, 5:30 Book Fair, 6:00-7:30
- **Fri. 9/22** - Book Fair (Pre-K & Gr. 4-8) during school
- **Fri. 9/29** - Pillars of SME Dedication Mass, 8:30am
- **Mon. 10/2** - Walk-a-Thon
- **Fri. 10/6 - NO SCHOOL**, Diocesan PD Day
- **Mon. 10/9 - NO SCHOOL** - Columbus Day
- **Tues. 10/10** - School Picture Day Grades Pk3 & K-3
- **Wed. 10/11** - School Picture Day Grades Pk4 & 4-8
- **Fri. 10/13** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am, My Little Sweetheart Dance 6-8pm

PE ONLINE STORE

The PE Online store will remain open **until the end of the day today (midnight)!** No orders will be accepted beyond this point.

PLEASE ensure you are selecting the appropriate size for your child (youth vs. adult).

There are NO returns/exchanges for erroneously ordered products.

Shipping/delivery is expected for the week of 10/10.

ANGEL CHOIR

All students are invited to join St. Mary of the Assumption's Angel Choir! The students will meet from 6-7pm in the church. See the flyer attached today with all the details.

Interested families can also sign up here:

[Angel Choir Sign Up](#)

Any questions please contact Ms. Ross (ross@smeschool.com or andrea@stmarysonthehill.org).

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

Aug. Donation \$4.30

- ◇ RaiseRight Program



FALL PICTURE DAY

Fall picture day is scheduled for:

Tues. 10/10 for Pre-K 3 & Grades K-3
Wed. 10/11 for Pre-K 4 & Grades 4-8

Students are allowed to dress up on picture day, but should always adhere to the dress code outlined in the uniform policy.

Inter-State Photography has shifted to online ordering and you can order now! inter-state.com/order
Order Code is 80380VF

UPDATES

Please make the following updates as needed:

- Book Fair set up this evening will now be in the Gym @ 4:30
- Meet the teacher night will begin in the Gym @ 5:30 on Thursday
- RaiseRight office hours on Friday will now begin after mass at 9:30am
- Picture Days: Tues. 10/10 (Pre-K 3 & Gr. K-3)
Wed. 10/11 (Pre-K 4 & Gr. 4-8)

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Tonight is the book fair set up. If you are able to help in any way please come to the Gym at 4:30p.m..

All room parents have been contacted and we are looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at 5:00 p.m.

Our 1st event of the school year starts tomorrow- the Scholastic Book Fair. Make shopping super easy by creating an e-wallet for your child, click [here](#).

Pre-K students can shop the book fair with their parents during Meet the Teacher Night or on Friday from 12:45-1:30 with a family member. Please let your teacher know if you will be shopping on Friday. Students in grades K-3 will be shopping with their class on Thursday. Students in 4-5 will shop with their class on Friday. Middle school students are welcome to shop during their lunch period.

The next event is a fun time for the girls and their special guy to have a night out together at the Pretty in Pink My Little Sweetheart Dance on Oct. 13th from 6-8 p.m. Please fill out the form at the bottom of the flyer and return it by **10/6**.

We are currently sold out of youth small spirit shirts. We are working on getting a new order together so please be patient. If you need a size small spirit shirt, please let [HSA](#) know so that we can make sure we purchase enough. If you ordered a small and would like to see a medium to possibly change your order (while supplies last), we will have the shirts available at meet the teacher night tomorrow.

The October HSA meeting will be Oct. 11th at 6 p.m. in the gym. All parents are welcome to attend and learn about our upcoming events.

October Events:

- 11th: HSA Meeting in the Gym at 6 p.m.
- 10th-24th: Hometown Catalog Fundraiser
- 13th: My Little Sweetheart Dance
- 27th: Trunk or Treat Family Fun Night

November Events:

- 11th: Craft & Vendor Show

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RAISERIGHT



Walk-in office hours:
Tuesday 9:00-12:00
Wednesday 12:30-3:30
Friday: 9:30-12:00

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](#)

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

If you have any questions, please email
raiseright@smeschool.com.

Our team is here for you!

GREAT START TO ART!

Hello SME Families,

First let me introduce myself... I teach ART to all the students at St. Mary's Elementary, grades PreK3-8th. It's great to be back for my fourth year at SME. ART is taught in Room 220 for Kindergarten through 8th grade. PreK students are taught ART in their PreK classroom, with all materials being brought in on the "ART Cart".



New students and returning students (K-8th grade) are familiarizing themselves with the ART room routines and expectations. Most lower primary artists (grades K, 1, 2) have had the chance to draw a picture of themselves while upper primary artists (grades 3, 4, 5) are working on a collaborative mixed media project, which will be hung in the ART room soon.

Students have been prepared for ART making. Thank you for sending in an Old T-shirt/ART smock for your child (prek-5th grade) to wear in ART class. ART smocks are optional (but highly encouraged) for Middle Schoolers. Smocks can be stored in MS lockers and worn as needed. All Middle school students will be receiving a school-issued Sketchbook for homework and in-class assignments very soon. All Middle School students have been invited and joined their grade level ART Google Classroom. Middle School students (along with their parents) are in the process of reviewing and submitting the *Middle School - Grading and Expectations in the Art Room*, Form in Google Classroom.

Any questions or concerns please contact me at pesanyau@smeschool.com

I am looking forward to a creative year with your child!



JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY

Calling all middle school girls! You are invited to join the Junior Ladies of Charity group! The next meeting is Sun. Oct. 1ST @ 10! *The Junior Ladies of Charity are young women who are engaged in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy under the auspices of the Ladies of Charity.*



JLOC is collecting new or gently used Halloween costumes until Oct. 1. There is a collection bin in the foyer of SME.

ATHLETICS



If you are still interested in golf as shared in last week's NewsNote, please contact our new Athletic Director, Mr. Tim Williams (athletics@smeschool.com or williams@smeschool.com).

Mr. Williams will reach out to those families that were interested in bowling with more information.



PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal accounts have been created for all new families in Kindergarten - Grade 8.

Please refer to the email you received from eSchoolData and follow the directions within it. This email may have gone to your spam folder so please look there also.

If you have any questions: Contact Mrs. Nancy Jezuit (jezuitn@smeschool.com).

SAFETY DRILLS

As is required by law, we will be participating in both fire & lockdown drills while the weather cooperates.



NURSE NOTES

If you have not yet, please complete and return the electronically attached Health Office update paperwork. If you need a hard copy of the forms, please reach out.

Nurse Office hours:

M-F 9:30am - 1:00pm

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns: nurse@smeschool.com

716-683-2112 x128

Nurse Dara Sirianni RN, BSN

KITCHEN NEWS

The application for Free & Reduced lunches was included in the 9/13 NewsNote. This application can be submitted at any time/change of circumstance. Completed applications should be returned to the attention of our Kitchen.

The monthly lunch menu is always posted to our school website and parent portal.

Prepayment is encouraged. A handy cost calculator is at the top of the September menu.

If you are interested in celebrating your child's birthday, a birthday treat order form is available on the lunch menu tab of the school website.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED



Are you a parent / grandparent with a few hours to spare during the lunch hour?

We are looking to add volunteers to our lunch monitor crew. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com) for more information!

8TH GRADE INFO

If your child plans on attending a catholic high school next year you will need to complete the online application:



https://catholicswny.smapply.io/prog/application_for_admission_grade_9/

Please be sure to print and sign the confirmation email you receive upon completion and submit to the main office. Without this signed document, we are unable to submit a copy of your child's 1st report card to their 1st & 2nd choice catholic high schools.

Students should take the entrance exam at their **1st choice** school.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Save the Date: 9/29 Happy Heavenly Birthday Mr. Hunter-Dog/Cat Toy & Treat collection during all lunches

Save the Date: 10/27 Trunk-or-Treat 6-8

Save the Date: 11/9 10:45 Early Dismissal P/T Conferences, No Afterschool care available

Save the Date: 11/10 No School Veterans Day

Save the Date: 11/11 Craft/Vendor Fair

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AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OR DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____

PHYSICIAN _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____ FAX # _____

PHYSICIAN _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____ FAX # _____

OTHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDER _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____ FAX # _____

I hereby authorize my student's physician(s) listed above; as well as any specialist that my student may receive care; to exchange the following information with St. Mary's Elementary School faculty and staff, including the School Nurse, Admissions Department, Principal and Assistant Principal.

- Immunizations/physical exams to comply with NYS regulations
- Medical clearances as needed following an injury or change in condition
- Medical orders required for therapy needs; evaluations
- Psychological evaluations/reports
- Authorization for medications during the school day and/or on school trips
- Medical conditions/treatment plans that may have an impact in the school environment

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM FOR THIS STUDENT AT SCHOOL. ENROLLMENT IS NOT CONTINGENT UPON OBTAINING THIS RELEASE: HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO PLAN THE MOST APPROPRIATE PROGRAM FOR THIS STUDENT, THE INFORMATION MAY BE REQUIRED. SPECIFIC IMMUNIZATIONS PER NYS REGULATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENROLLMENT. THIS RELEASE EXPIRES ON THE LAST DAY OF THE ENROLLMENT OF THE ABOVE STUDENT IN SCHOOL AND MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME BY SENDING THE REQUEST TO CANCEL THIS PERMISSION IN WRITING TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE. SUCH REVOCATION WILL NOT AFFECT ANY DISCLOSURE MADE PRIOR TO ITS RECEIPT. PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED WITHOUT CONSENT PER FERPA REGULATIONS. **A COPY OF THIS RELEASE WILL BE PROVIDED TO ME UPON REQUEST AND WILL BE SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE PROVIDER WHEN REQUESTS ARE MADE.**

SIGNATURE (STUDENT OVER 18 OR PARENT/GUARDIAN)**

DATE

**IF A STUDENT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN CONSENT FORM. IF OTHER REPRESENTATIVE IS SIGNING, AUTHORITY TO ACT ON STUDENT'S BEHALF: _____

THIS FORM COMPLIES WITH ALL HIPAA REGULATIONS

Teacher _____

Grade _____

HEALTH OFFICE UPDATE

Please complete and return to your school nurse

In addition to this, Please update your parent portal information as well, with current phone numbers and emergency contacts

STUDENT NAME: _____ Male _____ Female _____

ADDRESS: _____ last first CITY _____ ZIP: _____

#1 Parent or Guardian _____ #2 Parent or Guardian _____

Place of Business _____ Place of Business _____

Hours: _____ Hours: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: If unable to reach parents(please provide a local phone number):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Health History (update)

Please list any doctor diagnosed medical condition that your student has or developed over the past year:

Medications Taken Regularly:

Name of Pediatrician: _____ Phone: _____

I understand that this information may be shared with personnel involved with my child:

Parent signature

JOIN ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION'S ANGEL CHOIR!

All Children in grades K-8 are Invited to Join

FALL REHEARSAL DATES:

6 PM to 7 PM in the Church

Oct. 12th & 26th



Nov. 9th & 23rd

Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st

The Angels will be singing once a month at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday mass and at the Family Christmas Eve Mass December 24th at 4 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Please contact Andrea Ross, Choir Director, for additional information. andrea@stmarysonthehill.org



 **Pretty in Pink** 
My Little Sweetheart Dance

*Semi
Formal
Attire*

*Friday October 13th
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.*

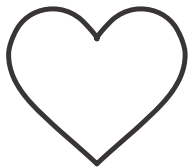
*Pizza &
Refreshments*

dad, grandpa, uncle or older brother are welcome
to accompany their lovely young lady

*Cost: \$12 per person
Payment Due: Oct. 6th
Tickets are Pre-Sale Only*



Total Number Attending



Amount Enclosed

Attending (First/Last Name):
Student: _____
Guest: _____



Student: _____
Guest: _____



Student: _____
Guest: _____

**Please return in an envelope
addressed to HSA with the
student's name**



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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY!

THE NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST, 10am-12pm

The Junior Ladies of Charity are young women who are engaged in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy under the auspices of the Ladies of Charity.

If you are a young lady in 6th grade through senior high school and are interested in making a difference in your community, then we invite you to attend our **October 1st meeting from 10am-12pm at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Center**. We will be sorting gently used and new Halloween costumes that will be donated to children in need in the WNY area and also assembling candy treat bags to accompany the costumes.

So, bring a costume and some candy and be part of the fun!

The Junior Ladies of Charity meet one Sunday a month at St. Mary's. We also work on service projects and volunteer out in the community throughout the year.

For more information, please contact

Mrs. Marian Snyder at (716) 681-2957 or email at

mariansnyder33@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

JLOC HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION

Saturday, Sept 23, 1 pm to 7 pm & Sunday, Sept 24, 7:30 am to 1 pm

The Junior Ladies of Charity will be on hand in the Church parking lot to accept your donations of “clean, fresh, gently used” household items. Donations will benefit the Ladies of Charity Fresh Start Program.

Contact Mrs. Marian Snyder at (716)681-2957 with any questions.

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| Dishes | Toasters | Blankets |
| Pots & Pans | Coffee Makers | Sheets |
| Toaster Ovens | Can Openers | Pillow Cases |
| Silverware | Small Microwave Ovens | Comforters |
| Glasses | Irons | Curtains |
| Cooking Utensil | Draperies | Fry Pans/Woks |
| Bath & Kitchen Towels | | Lamps |

(No TVs, computers, monitors, or furniture please)

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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annual*

FALL CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 11th

ENJOY OUR CRAFT SHOW WITH FREE ADMISSION

**AT ST. MARY'S
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9:00AM - 3:00PM



BASKET RAFFLE

50/50

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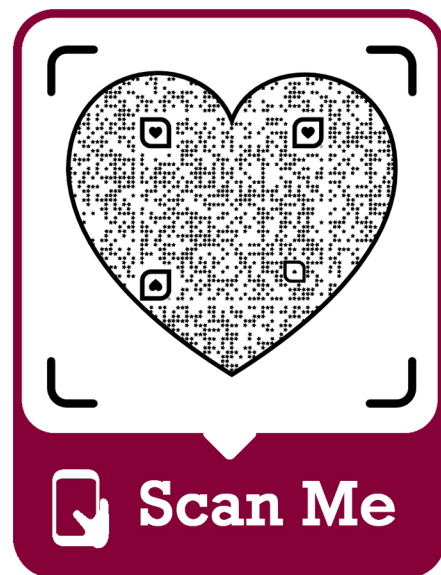
Open House: Sunday, October 15, 9 am - 2:30 pm. Come tour our beautiful building, meet students, faculty and staff, coaches and current parents. Learn more about academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities including the International Baccalaureate Diploma and the M&T Women in Leadership & Business Academy. We welcome families in grades 6, 7 and 8. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

Schedule a Shadow Day: We welcome 8th grade girls to Shadow for a Day. Shadow days begin Monday, September 25. Students will be paired with a ninth or tenth grade girl (either someone you request or who shares similar interests) and attend classes, go to lunch, meet faculty and staff, and learn more about being a SHA girl.

Entrance Exam Prep Course: Sacred Heart will offer a study course designed to prepare eighth grade girls for the Catholic High School Entrance Examination. The course runs Saturday mornings, 9 am – 12 noon, October 21, 28 and November 4. Students will receive instruction and test taking strategies in English and Math. The cost is \$75 and includes the practice book.

Take the **Catholic High School Entrance Exam** on Saturday, November 18.

Register for all of these events by scanning the QR code:



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