

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear SME Community,

We have continued to take intentional steps to grow the St. Mary's community. For many reasons, we feel strongly that our students and families benefit from having a strong support system in place. Throughout our organization, we have many layers of staff that enable all of us to be the best versions of ourselves, as we build strong relationships and develop community bonds.

Additionally, the feeling of togetherness is central to the quality of our experiences at SME. By spending time with families who share similar interests, values, and views, our feelings of belonging grow. Indeed, sharing our time and ideas adds worth and value to the entire SME family! Below are some upcoming examples of days and times when you can help build the community of St. Mary's:

My Little Sweetheart Dance: Friday, October 13. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dad, grandpa, uncle, older brother, etc. are welcome to accompany their lovely young SME lady for a Pretty in Pink themed dance. We could still use some help setting up tables and chairs Friday afternoon.

Trunk Or Treat: October 27. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Our HSA leadership team will be offering pizza, pumpkin decorating, and lots of treats indoors! Outside, students can attend in their costumes and go trunk-or-treating through our parking lot, and of course all families are encouraged to attend, decorate their trunks/cars, and participate in the outside festivities! This event was certainly a highlight of our year last year, and I look forward to another successful evening.

Craft & Vendor Fair: November 11. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Another extremely successful day for St. Mary's! The parish center and our school gym will be full of local artisans and vendors, our 8th grade class will join to raise money for their class expenses, and we'll have representatives from the local library and our HSA team. The fun, inviting atmosphere offers a great way to spend some of your fall afternoon.

St. Mary's is a growing community and such a special place. I cannot encourage you enough to continue to get involved and be a part of it.

Mr. Olejniczak



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Fri. 10/13** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am, My Little Sweetheart Dance 6-8pm
- **Tues. 10/24** - Hometown Catalog Sale Ends
- **Wed. 10/25** - Gr 4-8 Progress Report Upload
- **Fri. 10/27** - Trunk or Treat 6-8pm
- **Wed. 11/1** - All Saints Day Mass, 8:30
- **Fri. 11/3** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- **Thurs. 11/9** - Veterans Prayer Service, 8:30
- **Thurs. 11/9 - 10:45 EARLY DISMISSAL** - Parent/Teacher Conferences, **NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE TODAY**
- **Fri. 11/10 - NO SCHOOL** - Veterans Day
- **Sat. 11/11** - Craft & Vendor Fair 9-3
- **Wed. 11/15** - Fall Picture Retake Day

BY THE NUMBERS

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

Sept. Donation \$7.70

- ◇ RaiseRight Program

Upcoming Fundraisers:

10/16 - EXCEL Walk-a-Thon pledges due. *All proceeds benefit EXCEL @ SME!*

10/10-10/24: Hometown Catalog Sale (HSA Sponsored)



WALK-A-THON

We had a beautiful morning for our walk-a-thon!

Please collect and submit all promised pledges &/or donations by Monday, October 16th.

As a reminder, all monies collected will directly benefit our EXCEL/STREAM program here at SME!

3rd & 4th Grade at The Great Pumpkin Farm!



FALL PICTURE RETAKES

Today concluded our fall picture days. If your child was absent on 10/10 or 10/11 or you would like to have their picture retaken, the photographer will be back on Wednesday, November 15th.



HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Tonight is our first HSA meeting of the year. We hope to see you at 6 p.m. in the gym.

It's time for the first HSA Fundraiser- Hometown Holidays Catalog. The catalog and the instructions are coming home today.

All of the fundraising HSA offers goes directly back to the students, teachers and our school. It helps keep the cost of tuition affordable, helps buy new items for our classrooms and pays for the fun events and speakers at school. As with any fundraiser, please help if you can, and participation is optional. Please participate in the fundraisers that work for your family.

Trunk or Treat: Our Trunk or Treat event will be held on Friday, October 27th from 6-8pm. Get your costumes (and trunks!) ready and plan to join us for some pizza, pumpkin decorating, and lots of treats! Click on the link below to RSVP for the event and sign up to pass out candy or volunteer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAFA72CABF4C43-44792834-trunk>

October Events:

- HSA Meeting Tonight in the Gym at 6 p.m.
- 10th-24th: Hometown Catalog Fundraiser
- 13th: My Little Sweetheart Dance 6-8 p.m.
- 27th: Trunk or Treat Family Fun Night 6-8 p.m.

November & December Events:

- 11th Craft & Vendor Show 9-3 p.m. *Volunteers are needed in multiple areas. A sign up sheet will be available at this evenings HSA meeting.*
- 30th & Dec. 1st Merry Moose Christmas Shop
- Dec. 9th Breakfast with Santa

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WE DO GOD'S WILL



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.

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

SME Enrollment Code: 9A9F4CLA3L66

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

Our team is here for you!

MEGA RAFFLE

Our **Mega Raffle** fundraiser will be here before we know it and we need your help to plan!

Watch this quick video [What is Mega Raffle](#) to learn more about this amazing event!

We are also looking for feedback on last year's event. If you would complete this survey with your ideas and suggestions so we can make this year's event even better. This survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.

[Mega Raffle 2023 Survey](#)

Please consider joining us for a committee meeting via Zoom on Monday, October 16th at 6:00PM. If you would like to join the committee, or would like more information, please email megaffle@smeschool.com. We look forward to seeing you!

ATHLETICS

If you have any questions regarding the athletic opportunities at SME please contact our new Athletic Director, Mr. Tim Williams (athletics@smeschool.com or williams@smeschool.com).



BASKETBALL INTEREST FORM:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/175erLQsXC5Nh92S-jaHPz4CH_xP31rGOaGguGRSo228/edit?usp=drive_web

The first step to the basketball season is establishing interest. Please complete the form ASAP so we can hit the court running!

Today's diocesan golf tournament has been cancelled due to the weather. They are hopeful to reschedule for the spring so keep your eye out as we will share information as we receive it.



RED RIBBON WEEK



We have attached a copy of our themes for Red Ribbon Week (10/23-10/27) electronically today.

We encourage all of our students to join in the fun, however, if your child chooses not to participate on any given day they are expected to arrive in their school uniform.

NURSE NOTES

Nurse Office hours:
M-F 9:30am - 1:00pm

Please review this month's Notes from the Nurse attached electronically this week!

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns:

nurse@smeschool.com

716-683-2112 x128

Nurse Dara Sirianni RN, BSN

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.

Interested families can sign up here:

[Angel Choir Sign Up](#)

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

KITCHEN CORNER

Please note: There are NO pre-pay accounts for snacks. We will only hold and track payments for lunches.

If you have any questions, please contact [Mrs. Heerd](#).



BUS SAFETY

Our students will be participating in school bus safety sessions on Thursday & Friday next week. All students in grades K-6 will partake.

BUS SAFETY



While our students learn how to be safe on the bus it is the perfect time to remind our families to also adhere to bus safety while on the road which includes watching for and stopping when the bus has its flashing stop signs on & out. Bus safety also applies in our parking lot as well.

Social Responsibility



Spiritual Growth



Academic Excellence

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. Exam date is 11/18/23.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Save the Date: 11/17 Grandparents Mass 8:30am

Make Note: 11/22-24 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Recess

Save the Date: 11/27 1:00 Early Dismissal: Staff Development Day

Save the Date: 11/30 Merry Moose Holiday Shop

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RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 23rd - 27th

Monday



Let's put a Lid on Drugs
Wear a Cap or Hat



TUESDAY



It's Crazy to do Drugs.
Crazy Hair Day



WEDNESDAY



You're Too Bright For Drugs
Wear Neon Colors & Shades



THURSDAY



You Can Be Super without Drugs
Dress As a Superhero



FRIDAY



Drug Free is the Way to Be at SME
Wear SME Spirit Attire



Please remember: If you do not want to participate in theme attire days, you are expected to wear your school uniform

Please join us for our

Halloween Trunk or Treat



DECORATE YOUR TRUNKS AND COME
FOR TREATS

October 27, 2023

6:00-8:00pm

Pizza, Drinks and Pumpkin decorating in
the Parish Center

Admission: 1 non-perishable food item