

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear SME Families,

Our annual production of the Living Nativity will be held in TWO days, this Friday, December 15. Following is some important information and reminders as we approach the big day:

The Living Nativity is produced by **students in Kindergarten - Grade 8.**

- We will **open the doors @ 6:30; students should arrive no later by 6:45.**
- The performance will **begin @ 7:00.**
- We ask that parents be seated in the gym; **students will wait in the Parish Center and the Cafeteria with their homeroom teachers** as they wait to perform their songs.
- We encourage students to **"dress up" in Christmas attire** - nice slacks and a shirt or Christmas sweater, a Christmas dress, etc.
- Please be courteous, cognizant, and respectful of others if you are taking photographs or videos during the performance. All attending will be present to celebrate Christmas and watch the children sing and perform, and we will all have ample opportunity to take photographs.
- The production should take about one hour, **concluding around 8:00.**

Thank you for reviewing these key items and for joining our holiday celebration this Friday evening.

Merry Christmas,  
Mr. Olejniczak



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wed. 12/13** - MP1 Report Card Upload Gr. K-8
- **Fri. 12/15** - K-8 Living Nativity, 7:00pm, **AFTERSCHOOL CARE IS ENDING AT 4:30**
- **Wed. 12/20 - Fri. 12/29 - No School:** Christmas Recess



- **Mon. 1/1 - No School:** New Years Day



- **Fri. 1/5** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- **Fri. 1/12 - 10:45 Early Dismissal:** Staff PD
- **Mon. 1/15 - NO SCHOOL** - MLK Jr.
- **Thurs. 1/18** - Pre-K & K Open House 6-7:30
- **Fri. 1/19** - NJHS Induction Mass, 8:30am

## 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  
*Just scan in the app to earn!*
- ◇ RaiseRight Program
- ◇ Tops in Education Program  
*Link your bonus card to support SME!*

## ANGEL CHOIR

The Angel Choir practices will continue through December on Tuesday, December 19th from 2:30-3:30 PM in the parish center.



[12 Days of Christmas Online Order form](#)



December 25th – January 5th

Winner drawn every day!\*

\*Winners will be contacted after January 5th

### Grand Prize is \$5,000

\$30 per ticket or 3/\$75- use the QR code to purchase the tickets online. Thank you for your support! All tickets are due by 12/18 to guarantee entrance into the drawing.



## HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who attended the Breakfast with Santa! The cookies looked amazing, the pancakes were delicious and the spirit of Christmas was everywhere. Here's a look ahead to 2024 and all the upcoming fun:

*A new volunteer survey will be coming out so please share it with grandparents, and family that can help too!*

- Fowlers Spring Candy Sale will be in January/February
- HSA Meetings on January 24th & March 6th at 6 p.m.
- Date Knight Dance on 3/22
- Little Caesars Fundraiser- who wants some pizza! pizza!
- Meat Raffle on 4/18
- May will be the Spring Book Fair & Penny Fai
- June is the school picnic

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful break! Happy New Year!  
HSA can't wait to see you in 2024!

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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 re-tailers visit the shop with scrip web-site: <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](#)

If you have any questions, please email [raiseright@smeschool.com](mailto:raiseright@smeschool.com). Our team is here for you!

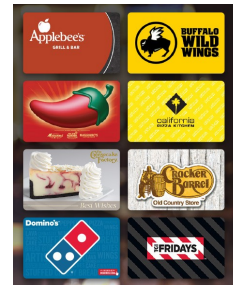
**The last day to order to guarantee Christmas delivery is TODAY!**

Have you begun making your list and checking it twice?

You are going to buy that gift anyway, why not give yourself the gift of a rebate on your tuition while you're at it?! Using RaiseRight cards to do your shopping is like the gift that keeps on giving!

With RaiseRights extensive list of vendors the possibilities are endless, and if that should somehow fail, they also offer visa gift cards!

Due to the outpouring of requests, our teacher wish list is available [here!](#) It can also be found on the RaiseRight tab of our school website.



### MEGA RAFFLE

**Who Do You Know?** As we prepare for the upcoming Mega Raffle, we are reaching out to the wonderful families in our school for support. If your family has any connections or if you know of any businesses or individuals who might be interested in contributing, we would be incredibly grateful for any raffle donations. These contributions can come in various forms such as gift cards, merchandise, services, or any other items suitable for our raffle. Your support not only enhances the excitement of our event, but also plays a crucial role in achieving our fund-raising goals. If you have any leads please contact the Mega Raffle Committee at [megaffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaffle@smeschool.com) for an official donation/sponsorship letter.



Our cheer squad had a great first practice! They dusted off SME's uniforms and are preparing to cheer on our boys during their home games!

### SNACK SAFELY

Thank you to the 5 families who have completed the survey. The suggestions given are already on the safe snack list so at this moment there are no edits. The list can be found here: [Snack Safely](#)

Click here to add your voice to the survey:  
[Safe Snack List Ideas Google Form](#)



### LIVING NATIVITY

Our 8th graders will be depicting the Living Nativity on Friday, December 15th at 7:00. Each class (grades kindergarten - 7th) will be adding to the presentation with song.



### PARISH PASSAGE

#### Jesse Tree



Advent is upon us! St. Mary's has a long-standing tradition of having children process at the beginning of each Mass during Advent with a Jesse Tree Ornament. The children/teens will hang the ornaments on the Jesse tree. Please sign up below. Your children can participate more than once. If they do not arrive at least 10 minute prior to mass and let an usher know they are in attendance, new children will be selected and they will not be able to participate that day.

[Jesse Tree Sign Up](#)

#### St. Lucy's Wheat

Don't forget to plant your wheat seeds today! Children can bring their wheat clippings to mass in the parish center on Christmas Eve to be added to our Crèche.



#### Advent Wreaths

Advent wreath sets and candles are available after masses or in the rectory. They are \$10 for the set or \$5 for candles.



### 8TH GRADE INFO

Please be sure to print and sign the confirmation email you receive upon completion of the online catholic high school application 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.

With the close of our 1st trimester report cards today, we will be sending those out by the end of the day!

### STAY IN THE KNOW

**Save the Date:** 1/18 Pre-K & Kindergarten Open House for potential new students

**Save the Date:** 1/19 NJHS Induction Mass, 8:30am (Middle School)

**Make Note:** Catholic Schools Week 1/28 - 2/3/24

**Make Note:** 1/31 PR2 Upload (K-8)

**Save the Date:** 2/1 K-8 Open House for potential new students

**Save the Date:** 2/2 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am



# REGISTRATION OPENS JAN. 1

## LANCASTER-DEPEW BASEBALL OFFERS:

- **A 12-GAME REGULAR SEASON FOR ALL AGE GROUPS WITH PLAYOFFS STARTING AT THE PITCHING MACHINE DIVISION (AGE 7). ALL T-BALL AND PM-6 PLAYERS (AGES 4-6) RECEIVE A TROPHY IN LIEU OF PLAYOFFS.**
- **ALL ATHLETES RECEIVE A MLB CAP AND JERSEY, AS WELL AS INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PRACTICES.**
- **ACCESS TO OUR 16,000-SQUARE-FOOT INDOOR TRAINING FACILITY (TURF FIELD, BATTING CAGES, INSTRUCTIONAL SESSIONS).**

*Come play ball with us!*



*Register online at:*

**WWW.LANCASTER-DEPEWBASEBALL.COM**