

NEWSNOTE

ISSUE 28 MAY 1, 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear SME Family,

This Friday, May 3, our school will recognize our Christian Witness recipients after our school mass. The trait we highlighted throughout the month of April was problem-solving. St. Mary's takes pride in our curricula, and we have taken meaningful and purposeful steps to increase the critical thinking skills of our students. Thinking creatively and critically and growing as pragmatic students are skills that will serve our students - and our teachers - well as society continues to develop and evolve.

This month, our teachers have modeled and encouraged students to complain less and think as effective problem-solvers more. Additionally, we have fostered the growth of optimism, helping students arrive at solutions instead of thinking that resolutions are impossible. This has, hopefully, resulted in a growth in confidence and curiosity, both qualities of effective problem-solvers, in our students.

Perhaps above all else, by helping students grow as problem-solvers, we are shaping students who persevere. SME students recognize that no one is perfect and that it is OK to make mistakes, as long as we are learning from mistakes. Their persistence and perseverance will allow our students to grow as lifelong learners, as young people who will be ready and equipped to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.

Warmly,
Mr. O



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Thurs. 5/2** - Art Show, Sp. Book Fair 6:00-8pm
- **Fri. 5/3** - Christian Witness Mass 8:30am, Spring Book Fair
- **Mon 5/6** - Spirit Shirt Dress Down Day
- **Wed. 5/8** - PR3 Upload: K-8
- **Thurs. 5/9** - Ascension Thursday Mass, 8:30
- **Fri. 5/10** - May Crowning Prayer Service, 8:30
- **Fri. 5/10** - Penny Fair Day K-8 10:00-1:30, Pre-K 5:30-7 pm
- **Mon. 5/13** - \$ Dress Down for Mega Raffle
- **Fri. 5/17** - Hope Ribbon Mass, 8:30
- **Mon. 5/20** - \$ Dress Down for Mega Raffle
- **Thurs. 5/23** - Walk-a-Thon
- **Fri. 5/24** - **NO SCHOOL**
- **Mon. 5/27** - **NO SCHOOL**
- **Fri. 5/31** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30
- **Thurs. 6/6** - Spring Concert 9:00am K-8
- **Fri. 6/7** - Mega Raffle



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 \$13.40 in March

- ◇ RaiseRight Program
- ◇ Tops in Education Program

Link your bonus card

Mega Raffle Update:

Tickets Sold: 552

Tickets Available: 448

2nd Early Bird Winning Tx: #111

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Mon. 5/6: SME Spirit Shirt

Mon. 5/13: Mega Raffle \$ Donation

Mon. 5/20: Mega Raffle \$ Donation

Every Monday in May is a dress down if you'd like to participate/donate.



HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Spring Book Fair Information:

Tomorrow begins the Buy 1 Get 1 Free Book Fair. Make sure your child's e-wallet is set up or send in cash with your student. Click [here](#) to create an e-wallet. Attached electronically is the schedule of when classes will be visiting the book fair. The book fair will also be open tomorrow during the Art Show. Volunteers are still needed, so please [sign up](#), if you can help at all tomorrow or Friday.



Teacher Appreciation Week

Next week, May 6th-10th is Teacher Appreciation Week and HSA needs your help. Please click on this [form](#) to find out how you can help. The events of the week are a surprise for our teachers so please fill out the form, if you can help.

Penny Fair Information

The Penny Fair is next week Friday so please remember to pre-pay for the Penny Fair using the links below or send in cash with your student in an envelope labeled "penny fair" with your student's name and grade level. **Pre-K students must register** to attend our evening penny fair. Registration is due by May 3rd.

May Events:

2nd & 3rd: Book Fair **6th:** Spirit Wear Dress Down **10th:** Penny Fair

K-8 Penny Fair Cheddar Up:

Pre-K Penny Fair Cheddar Up:



<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/sme-k-8-penny-fair?cart=aff91d24-b31c-4fa9-a1fa-de2d5094fcf5%21%2177084997>

K-8



<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/pre-k-penny-fair-night?cart=193c036d-46e4-422c-b757-63c60783caad%21%2177084201>

Pre-K

Volunteer Information

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FACAC2DABEAC43-48672292-penny#/>

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Cake Walk Donations:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CADA923A2FF2-penny#/>

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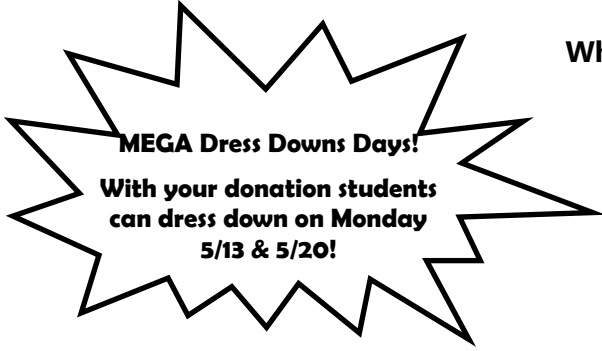


Spiritual Growth



Academic Excellence

MEGA RAFFLE



When: June 7, 2024 at 6:00PM

Where: St. Mary's High School

Tickets sold to date: 552 **Tickets remaining:** 448

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

Knock, Knock.

Who's there? Raffle.

Raffle who? Raffle up some laughs and join the fun,
you might be a winner when it's done!

Our jokes are bad, but the prize is real, buy a ticket and see how great you could feel!

All you have to do is get your ticket for the Mega Raffle for your chance to win \$35,000!!

Mega Raffle is coming up fast. Keep an eye on the NewsNote for some exciting announcements!

We have some fabulous basket raffles this year! Thank you to everyone who reached out to their local businesses! If you would still like to donate, the Amazon list is still available. Still need ideas? Here are some category suggestions: car wash, scratch off tickets, gift cards, date night, pasta dinner, kids crafts, gardening, golf.

We are still accepting donations for the basket raffle. Gift cards/monetary donations/scratch off tickets/other items can be sent to the office.

The [Amazon Wish List](#) is available and don't forget to use those Raise Right cards! We greatly appreciate all of the donations so far!

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



MAY CROWNING PRAYER SERVICE

Students are encouraged to bring a cut flower to be placed at our statue of Mary for next Friday's May Crowning Prayer Service!



ART SHOW

In conjunction with this year's Spring Book Fair, the walls of SME will be transformed with an amazing array of artwork by students in PreK3 thru 8th Grade.

Please stop by tomorrow and view the artwork of the talented students at St. Mary's Elementary School. Students have worked very hard in Art all year long and they can't wait for you to see their masterpieces. Art work is on the 1st and 2nd floor-main hallways. Family, friends and neighbors are all welcome! Update: Oakley's Ice Cream Truck will also be parked outside the school selling ice cream novelties!

STREAM FLOWER SALE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our STREAM flower sale!

Save the date:

Delivery is Thursday, May 9th under the pavilion near the church.



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>



RAISERIGHT

RaiseRight office hours will stay as is until the end of school. We will be closed June 29th through July 6th. During the summer months (July & August) we will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays 11-2, for walk ins. Orders can be dropped into our secure lock box at any time and a pick up time will be coordinated with you during office hours or via our secure pick up boxes.

I'm excited to share that with the start of the new school year we will have an updated order form with new local places and other new cards added. I'd also love for anyone to email me with ideas of cards you'd like for us to carry! I'll gladly look into all ideas to see if it would be doable! Have a great summer and be safe SME Family! If you have any questions, please email raiseright@smeschool.com. I will be checking my emails every day and will respond promptly. ~Cindy O.

Visit the RaiseRight (under fundraising) tab of the school website for handy links & how-tos!

8TH GRADE INFO

Save the Date for Friday, May 17th at 8:30am in the Church!

Hope Ribbon is a special day for our 8th graders. While at mass, Hope Ribbons are blessed and pinned onto the 8th grade students' shoulder by a person who is important to them in any/many ways.

Hope Ribbons are worn for the rest of the school year as a reminder of their years at SME and as symbols of hope as they look forward to their graduation and future.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Save the Date: 5/31 CW Mass

Save the Date: 6/6 Spring Concert, 9:00am

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

Save the Date: 6/7 Mega Raffle

Save the Date: 6/10 -13 Final Exam Week

Save the Date: 6/14 CW Mass, School Picnic

Make Note: 6/18 Gr 1-8 Last Day

Save the Date: 6/20 8th Gr. Graduation

May 2024 Book Fair Class Schedule

Thursday	Period	Start Time	End Time	K-8 Class Visits
	1HR	7:40	8:16	-----
	2	8:18	8:57	
	3	8:59	9:36	Matter
	4	9:38	10:15	Maloney
	5	10:17	10:54	Lamb
	K,1,2 LUNCH	10:56	11:33	
	3,4,5 LUNCH	11:35	12:12	Kieffer
	6,7,8 LUNCH	12:14	12:51	
	9	12:53	1:30	Marrano/Roller
	10	1:32	2:09	Cooper
	11	2:11	2:20	-----
Friday	Period	Start Time	End Time	
	1HR	7:40	8:16	-----
	2	8:18	9:37	-----
	3	9:39	10:12	
	4	10:14	10:47	
	5	10:49	11:22	
	K,1,2 LUNCH	11:24	11:57	Zaidel
	3,4,5 LUNCH	11:59	12:32	
	6,7,8 LUNCH	12:34	1:07	Michalek
	EXCEL	1:09		-----
	EXCEL		2:09	-----
	11	2:11	2:20	-----

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May 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 Breaded Chicken Patty On a Roll Veggies, Fruit & Milk	2 Fish Sticks Veggies, Fruit & Milk	3 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
6 French Toast Sticks Egg Patty Veggies, Fruit & Milk	7 Chicken Nachos Veggies, Fruit & Milk	8 Chicken Bowl W/ Stuffing Veggies, Fruit & Milk	9 Cheeseburgers Veggies, Fruit & Milk	10 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
13 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggies, Fruit & Milk	14 Popcorn Chicken Veggies, Fruit & Milk	15 Goulash Veggies, Fruit & Milk	16 Chicken Caesar Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk	17 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
20 Breakfast Burrito Veggies, Fruit & Milk	21 Beef Taco Bowl W/Rice Veggies, Fruit & Milk	22 Chicken Parm W/ Pasta Veggies, Fruit & Milk	23 Hot Dogs Veggies, Fruit & Milk	24 NO SCHOOL
27 NO SCHOOL HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!	28 Pulled Pork Sandwich Veggies, Fruit & Milk	29 Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo Veggies Fruit & Milk	30 Buffalo Chicken Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk	31 Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk

Prepayment Guidelines for Student Lunches at St Mary's Elementary

1. The upcoming lunch menu is always posted on the SME Website by the last Wednesday of the month. Once you look over the menu, you may decide to prepay for as many or as few lunches as you wish.
2. A check or cash may be sent with your child/children in an envelope clearly labeled with 'Name, Amount Enclosed, and Number of Lunches Paying For.'
3. The Kitchen will then record how many Prepaid Lunches are available for your student(s), and will be marked accordingly. We will track your account(s) as the lunches are used and the account is depleted.
4. Even if the account balance is at zero, no child will ever go without a lunch. A Notice of Account will be sent via e-mail to indicate that the account needs to be replenished.
5. We also allow for ala carte milk to be prepaid. We will record and track daily milk purchases, just as we do for lunches. Simply send in a clearly marked envelope with your 'Name, Amount Enclosed, and Number of Milk Purchases Paying For.'
6. Any questions regarding the SME Lunch Program, contact us at Heerdt@smeschool.com, or 683-2112 extension 119 during school business hours.

Please note our daily offerings and menu options are subject to change. Our menu has become somewhat more fluid, often changing to accommodate supply chain interruptions and shortages. We have had to make several changes as deliveries have not included what was requested at the beginning of the month, when the menu was created. We do not always know when a manufacturer stops production or drops a product from their line because of demand, or lack thereof. Although these substitutions are made after the menu has been created, the daily offerings are still in keeping with the National School Lunch Program, and adhere to all standards set forth. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at Heerdt@smeschool.com. Thank you for your support of our school lunch program! We love our Customers and appreciate their patience.

SUMMER IN THE SWAMP



NARDIN ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS

ATHLETICS

Multi-Sports Camp: June 10-13, June 17-20, Ages 7-13 CO-ED

Volleyball: June 26-28, Grades 5-9 GIRLS

Squash: 8 weeks beginning June 10, Grades 2-12 CO-ED

Basketball: July 8-11, Grades 3-9 GIRLS

NFL Flag Football: July 22-26 Grades 4-8 CO-ED

Field Hockey/Lacrosse: July 29-Aug 2 Grades 5-9 GIRLS

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

EXPERIENCE NARDIN

July 15-19, Grades 5/6 Girls & July 22-26, Grades 7/8 Girls
Experience the Nardin campus, arts, athletics & fun!

**Boys & Girls
Grades 1-12**

MONTESSORI : EXPRESSION & EXPLORATION

June 10-14 & June 17-21 & June 24-28: Half or Full Day - Ages 4 through Gr 1
Montessori camp blends an appreciation for the arts and the world around us with the joys of physical exploration and creative, hands-on projects.

FUN & ADVENTURES

Adventures Camp: June 10-14 & 17-21 Grades 1-4 - Gator day adventures out & about in the Nardin community - Explore & More, Buffalo Zoo, and more!

Fun Fundamentals: July 29-Aug 2, Grades K - Phonics and Phonemes program for incoming kindergarten or those who want to practice reading readiness skills. Campers sing, dance, play and perform for parents and friends!

Dungeons & Dragons Camp: July 29-Aug 2, Grades 5-8 - Students will work on building problem solving, leadership, and teamwork skills in a fun and creative way.



REGISTER NOW!

www.nardin.org/admissions/summercamp2024



June 24 - July 26

Open to girls entering grades 5-9 in fall 2024

Week #1 - June 24-28
Lacrosse
Hiking (June 26-28)

Week #2 - July 1-5
(no camp on July 4)
Leadership
Field Hockey
Cheerleading
The Art of Collage and
Self Portraits
Watercolors and Clay
Baking

Week #3 - July 8-12
Entrance Exam Prep Course
Practice Entrance Exam (free)
Way Cool Culinary Camp
Musical Theater
Service
Improvisation
SHArk Week
Photography

Week #4 - July 15-19
Ukulele
Musical Theater
Basketball: Beginners
Basketball: Advanced
Stained Glass
Filmmaking

Week #5 - July 22-26
Volleyball: Beginners
Volleyball: Advanced
A Capella Camp
Graphic Design
Way Cool Culinary Camp
Painting with Acrylics

Please register online at
sacredheartacademy.org
under Admissions
or scan this QR code:



Sacred Heart Academy
3860 Main Street, Buffalo, Ny 14226
Questions? Call 834-2101 ext. 310

St. Mary of the Assumption Presents:

Come join us for a fun-filled week!



Location: *St. Mary's Parish Center*

Dates: *July 29 – August 2, 2024*



Arrival Time: *5:45 p.m.*

Session Time: *6:00 p.m. ~ 8:00 p.m.*

Closing Mass: *Saturday, August 3rd at 7 p.m. outdoors*

Grades: *Upcoming KDG~ 5th*

Cost: *\$25 (\$40 for 2+ children in the same household)*

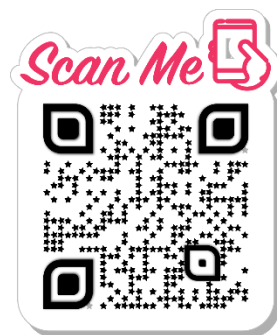
A picnic for the entire family will take place on Friday, August 2nd.



Registration deadline: July 15th

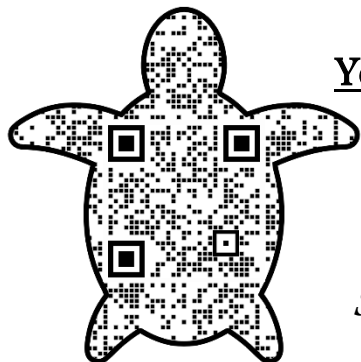
For more information please call: 716-683-8564

Scan the QR Code to access the online registration form.



Youth will enjoy learning about Jesus & our faith!

Come and join the fun. Invite a friend or a cousin to join you!



Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to volunteer as helpers!

YOUTH VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM



*Scan the QR Code to access the online
Volunteer Sign-Up Form.*

The Volunteer Sign-Up closes on June 30th!





Are you an adult (18+) who is baptized & received First Eucharist in the Catholic Church but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

We are offering an opportunity for anyone in our Family of Parishes to complete this sacramental process for Confirmation and full membership in the Church.

***5-week course will begin on September 15, 22, 29, October 6 & 13.
Classes will be on Sunday mornings at 11 AM for 1 hour.***

To register for these classes, or for more information, please contact St. Mary's Faith Formation Office at 716-683-8564.

This Confirmation class is for adults (over 18 & out of High School) who have received the Sacraments of Baptism & Holy Eucharist but have not been Confirmed. These sacramental preparation classes will review the fundamentals of our Catholic faith to better form our understanding of what it means to live as emboldened witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The process will also assist candidates for Confirmation in being active and faithful Catholics with the firm practice of attending Mass every weekend and Holy Days of Obligation.



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