

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

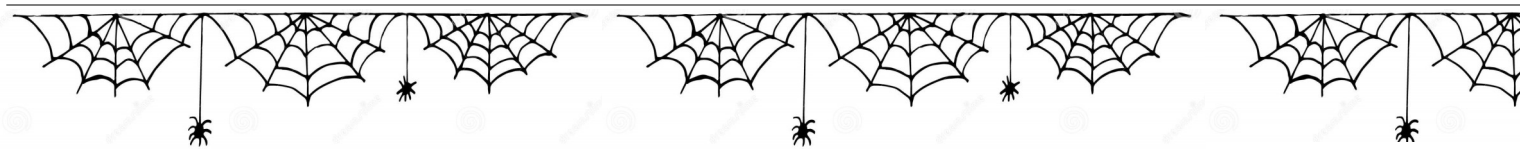
Greetings, SME Families,

Some additional information regarding Friday's Trunk Or Treat event:

- St. Mary's Trunk Or Treat event is Friday, October 27, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
- The event is FREE, but we do encourage each family to bring a non-perishable food item to donate.
- If you are planning to pass out a treat on Friday, please sign up under the 'Pass Out Candy Section' here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAFA72CABF4C43-44792834-trunk#/>
- No, **you do not have to decorate your car** in order to pass out candies.
- We will be mapping out a 'trunk or treat route' in the main parking lot, and need to have an accurate number of participants so that we can ensure the safety of our trunk or treaters.

So that we can ensure that we have ample supplies for our guests, **please RSVP and note how many will be attending the event.**

Mr. O



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
- ◇ Tops in Education Program
Sept '22-Sept '23 Donation \$477.31

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Week of 11/27: Hometown Catalog Delivery



VETERANS PRAYER SERVICE

We will be hosting a Veteran's Day prayer service to honor the veterans for our parish and school community on Nov. 9 @ 8:30am in the church, followed by a light reception at the school.

If you would like to attend the event, please fill out the [Prayer Service RSVP](#) by 10/31. We look forward to honoring our veterans!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday 11/9 from 12:00- 5:50pm. Parent/Teacher conferences are not mandatory. If your child(ren) are struggling in any area this is the perfect opportunity to meet and establish a plan for success! There are no conferences for Pre-k. If you would like to meet with your child's pre-k teacher, please contact them directly to coordinate a meeting.

Links: [Elementary \(Gr K-5\) Conference Sign Up](#)
[Middle School \(Gr. 6-8\) Conference Sign Up](#)
[Specials \(Art, PE, Music, Spanish\) Conference Sign UP](#)

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Please use the following link to download your picture from the My Little Sweetheart Dance: <https://kellytanskiphotography.pixieset.com/2023smedance/>

Thank you to those who participated in our Hometown Catalog Fundraiser! Delivery is expected the week of 11/27. If you **do not** want your order being sent home with your child, please contact [Mrs. O'Grady](#) or [Mrs. Kuhn](#) to coordinate a time to pick it up.

Trunk or Treat: Only 2 more days until Trunk or Treat and we can't wait to see all of the costumes and amazing trunks! It will be a night of boo-tastic fun! Families that are participating in the Trunk or Treat with decorated trunks can start arriving at 5pm to decorate. The spooky fun will start at 6pm! If you haven't already RSVP'd for the event, you can do that [here](#). Admission to the event is one non-perishable food item to benefit a local food pantry!

It's hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking Christmas fun! Save the date for the Merry Moose Christmas Shop and Breakfast with Santa. The Merry Moose Shop will need volunteers to help students shop, wrap gifts and cashiers. A sign up link will be available next week. Mrs. Claus is hosting Breakfast with Santa and will need some elf helpers too.

October Events:
27th: Trunk or Treat Family Fun Night 6-8 p.m.

November Events:
11th: Craft & Vendor Show 9-3 p.m. *Volunteers are needed in multiple areas.* Contact [Mrs. O'Grady](#) if you are able to help!
30th: Merry Moose Christmas Shop

December Events:
1st: Merry Moose Christmas Shop
9th: Breakfast with Santa



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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
- **Thurs. 11/9** - Veterans Prayer Service, 8:30 in the Church
- **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
- **Fri. 11/17** - Grandparents & Christian Witness (Oct. recipient) Mass, 8:30
- **Wed. - Fri. 11/22-24 NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Recess
- **Mon. 11/27- 1:00 Early Dismissal:** Staff Development Day

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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](https://www.RaiseRight.com)

SME Enrollment Code: 6876E5DA3L66

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

Our team is here for you!

MEGA RAFFLE

We are 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](#)

If you would like to join the committee, or would like more information, please email megaffle@smeschool.com.

JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY

The Junior Ladies of Charity will be meeting in the Gathering Room (located in the school building) on Sunday, November 5th from 1-3 p.m.

We will be planning our Veteran's Day visit to Symphony Manor, working on Thanksgiving projects, and planning our Christmas gift shopping for local families in need. We are always looking for new members - young women from 6th grade to 12th grade are welcome to join us!

Contact Mrs. Snyder at (716) 681-2957 for more information!

HALLOWEEN



Costumes: Students are allowed to come to school in costume on Halloween. Please be sure that costumes do not hinder the ability to sit at their desk and work efficiently. There should be NO masks or weapons.



Candy: Please be sure to adhere to the safe snack options outlined in the [letter](#) sent by Nurse Dara. If you would like another copy, please let us know! Unsafe snacks/treats will be returned.

RED RIBBON WEEK



T: Superhero Day
F: SME Spirit Attire

NURSE NOTES

First and foremost I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to reach out in some manner regarding safe snack options and the new snack policy prior to the upcoming Halloween celebrations. I also want to take a moment to explain that this snack list is not allergen free. It only removes two major classifications of allergens; peanuts and tree nuts. There are still many more allergens contained in the snacks listed. I will continue to sort through snacks to ensure students with those allergies do not receive any of those items.

Having a pre approved snack list enables me to sort through the snacks quicker and more efficiently to ensure no student receives a snack that contains an allergen that could potentially cause them harm. So while this list may not be as "fun" as we are used to in years past, please know that this is what life is like for parents of students with severe life threatening allergies and we want to encourage celebrations that are safe for all students. That being said, any items brought in not on the list will be sent home with a note explaining such.

Thank you so much for your continued support and understanding of this policy. There is a copy of the approved snack list and the snack policy on the SME website but if you would prefer a hard copy please reach out to your child's teacher and you will be provided with one.

[Dara Sirianni](#) RN, BSN
716-683-2112 x128

FROM THE ART ROOM

Square1Art: All students (PreK through grade 8) have been busy completing their one-of-a-kind artwork to be used with the Square1Art program. Square1Art is a fundraiser, founded by a Teacher, where families can order their child's artwork reproduced on useful and personalized keepsakes. St. Mary's Elementary School has partnered with Square1Art so every student feels like an accomplished artist while raising funds to offset the cost of ART materials for Grades PreK3-8th Grade.

AGAIN THIS YEAR: Square1Art will produce a Custom catalog featuring your child's masterpiece. Along with the catalog, will be a sheet of FREE stickers showcasing your child's masterpiece. Students receive a sheet of stickers regardless of purchase. All purchases will be made online. All orders will ship to home. (The ship to school option is no longer available).

More information on this program will be coming home soon. Any questions or concerns please contact me: [Mrs. Pesany-Au](#).

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.

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:

Planning and organizing is underway for the winter basketball season.

An official permission slip will be sent out ASAP to those families who expressed an interest the past 4 weeks.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Save the Date: 11/30 Merry Moose Holiday Shop

Save the Date: 12/1 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30

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Save the Date: 12/8 Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:30

Save the Date: 12/9 Breakfast with Santa 9-11am

Make Note: MP1 Report Card Upload Gr K-8

Make Note: No School 12/20-29



november



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 All Saints Day Mass 8:30	2	3 Christian Witness Mass, 8:30	4
5 1-3pm JLOC Meeting @ SME (Girls gr. 6-12)	6	7	8	9 Veterans Prayer Service, 8:30 10:45 EARLY DISMISSAL Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-6pm	10 Veterans Day <i>No School</i>	11 Craft & Vendor Fair 9am-3pm
12	13	14	15 Fall Picture Retake Day	16	17 Grandparents & Christian Witness Mass 8:30	18 Catholic High School Entrance Exam Day
19	20	21	22 <i>No School</i>	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24 <i>No School</i>	25
26	27 1:00 EARLY DISMISSAL No Afterschool Care Available	28	29	30 Merry Moose Holiday Shop	1 Merry Moose Holiday Shop	2

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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 Meatball Bombers Veggies, Fruit & Milk	2 Chicken Souvlaki Bowl Veggies, Fruit & Milk	3 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
6 Popcorn Chicken Veggies, Fruit & Milk	7 Beef Taco Bowl Veggies, Fruit & Milk	8 Pasta w/Meatballs Garlic Bread Veggies, Fruit & Milk	9 Early Dismissal 10:45 NO LUNCH SERVICE	10 Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL
13 Pancakes w/Egg Patty Tater Tots Veggies, Fruit & Milk	14 Chicken Caesar Salad Breadstick Veggies, Fruit & Milk	15 Cheeseburgers Veggies, Fruit & Milk	16 MR. HUNTER SPECIAL Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Veggies, Fruit & Milk	17 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk
20 Fish Sticks Cole Slaw Veggies, Fruit & Milk	21 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Veggies, Fruit & Milk	22 ←-----	23 -----Thanksgiving Recess----- NO SCHOOL -----→	24
27 Breakfast Sandwich (Egg, Sausage, Cheese) Tater Tots Veggies, Fruit & Milk	28 Taco Salad Tortilla Chips Veggies, Fruit & Milk	29 Beef Crumble Bread Stick Veggies, Fruit & Milk	30 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggies, Fruit & Milk	



ST. MARY
OF THE
ASSUMPTION

All Are Welcome To Our
FAMILY MASS

You're invited – Sunday, October 29 at 10am
Mass, we will be hosting a Family Mass with
our Angel Choir and children lectors.

