



NEWSNOTES

October 21, 2026

Dear SME Community,

Annual Trunk-or-Treat – October 23 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Our annual Trunk-or-Treat will take place in the large parking lot! For those who are new to SME, this is a very popular event, with rows of decorated vehicles creating aisles for children to walk through and collect treats. In recent years, we have reached capacity, so space for participating vehicles is limited.

If you would like to decorate your vehicle and hand out treats, please sign up in advance to reserve your spot and let us know you'll be joining us!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AA9AA22AAF4C07-66538260-trunk#/>

This is another FREE event hosted by our HSA! In the spirit of giving, we ask that families bring a non-perishable food item to donate to our local food pantry. As the holiday season approaches, these small acts of kindness help us live out the spirit of service that is so important to our St. Mary's community. Thank you for your generosity, participation, and support!

Halloween Treats & Snack Safely Guidelines

With Halloween and classroom celebrations just around the corner, we kindly ask all families to follow our school nurse's Snack Safely guidelines when sending treats into the building. Please ensure that all treats are approved and allergy-friendly so that every student can participate safely.

A list of school-friendly snacks is available on our school website under Health Office → Snack Safely.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe while making this Halloween season fun and memorable for everyone!

Mr. O



PHSYICALS

Student physicals need to be handed in by the end of October!

Also, please be sure all student immunizations are up-to-date.

If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at:

nurse@smeschool.com / 716-683-2112 x128

HALLOWEEN CANDY

If you plan to send in any snacks to be handed out, please remember that all snacks must be approved by the school nurse.

We also ask that you clearly label all items with your child(ren)'s name and homeroom. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!

ATHLETICS

Please remember to get your athletic fees turned in to the office to avoid any delays or restrictions with practicing or playing.

Winter Sport Sign Up:



Picture retakes are tomorrow October 22nd.

Students who will be having their picture retaken are allowed to dress up, but should always adhere to the dress code outlined in the uniform policy.

Retake Event Order Code,
0565MDF



****Students must bring their photo package / preview with them to return**

SME WALK-A-THON

Monday, November 2nd!

Our annual SME Walk-A-Thon is right around the corner! Students will participate on Monday, November 2nd, 2026, beginning at 8:45 AM at the SME Campus. Students will walk for approximately one hour OUTSIDE to help support our school!

Important Reminders:

- **Friday, October 23rd:** Pledge forms and permission slips are due.
- **Wednesday, October 28th:** All Walk-A-Thon donations are due.
- **Dress Code:** SME Spirit Wear or Gym Clothes for an OUTDOOR walk!

We are looking forward to a fun morning of school spirit, exercise, and supporting SME! Thank you for your continued generosity and support! :)



HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Trunk or Treat

Planning is underway for our Trunk or Treat event to be held this **Friday, 10/23**.

In an effort to ensure a smooth event, if you plan on participating please complete the following sign-up:



Participation Sign Up

This easy sign up will let HSA know if you plan to participate with a decorated trunk, assist with various tasks or just come by!

This will also help everyone know how many ghouls & goblins to expect.

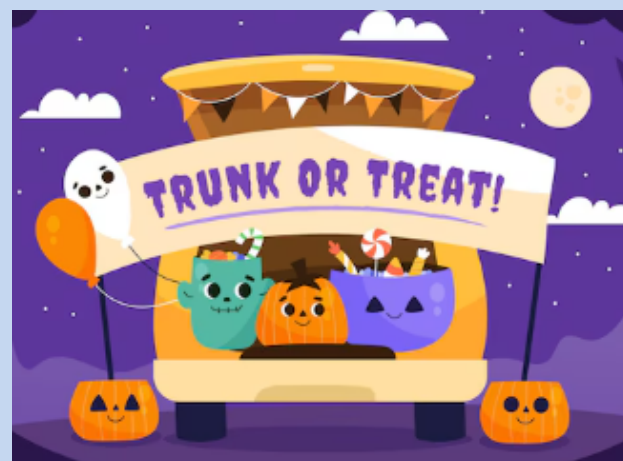
Thank you in advance!

Upcoming Events

10.23.26 – Trunk or Treat

11.14.26 – Craft and Vendor Fair (Volunteers needed – look for a sign up soon)

12.02.26 & 12.03.26 – Merry Moose Shop (Volunteers needed – look for a sign up soon)



FALL FEST DRESS DOWN PASSES

We are working on getting the dress down passes ready to be distributed.

All passes will be distributed by **November 16th**.

If your child has not gotten their passes by then, please reach out to **HSA@smeschool.com**, so we can get them to you.

Thank you.



BISON FUND

With the first Bison Scholarship payments coming up, please note that these payments will appear on your **December** statements.

If you have any further questions/concerns you can contact

Mrs. Hadsall at **finances@smeschool.com**

RAISE RIGHT

Do you love a discount? Purchasing RaiseRight gives a rebate on your tuition.

Simply send your order into school with your child and it will be forwarded to our RaiseRight team for filing. If you are in need of a card right away, stop into our RaiseRight office!

For a complete list of participating retailers visit the shop with scrip website:

<https://www.raiseright.com/brands>

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



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MAJOR ALLERGEN FREE TREAT OPTIONS

Dum Dum suckers
smarties
skittles
mike and ikes
starburst
lifesavers
lifesaver gummies
Dots
Enjoy life chocolate
Sweedish Fish
Airheads
Pixy Stix
Laffy Taffy
Ring pops
Jolly Ranchers
Double Bubble Gum
Fun Dip

Surf sweets
Sour Patch Kids
fruit snacks
(Annies, Welch's, Mott's, Black Forrest)
Fruit roll ups
Fruit by the foot
Gushers
Blow pops
Nerds
YumEarth
Happy Candy

*Please note that holiday
variations
of candy sometimes have
different ingredients. Always
check labels and have
everything checked by the
nurse *

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY

Red Ribbon Week

October 26th - October 30th



MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BE A HERO

10/26- DRESS IN RED
KICK OFF RED RIBBON WEEK

10/27 - BE A HERO TO A FRIEND
DRESS LIKE A SUPERHERO

10/28 - ORANGE YOU GLAD TO BE DRUG FREE
DRESS IN THE COLOR ORANGE

10/29 - SHINE LIKE THE KNIGHT YOU ARE
DRESS IN SME ATTIRE

10/30 - SAY "BOO" TO DRUGS
WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME/ HALLOWEEN
ATTIRE TO SCHOOL. NO MASK, WEAPONS OR SCARY
COSTUMES

NON-RIPPED JEANS CAN BE WORN



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FALL CRAFT SHOW



FOOD | 50/50 | BASKET RAFFLE

SAT. NOVEMBER 14TH 9 AM-3 PM

FREE ENTRY

**2 St. Marys Hill,
Lancaster, NY 14086**



Fight the Flu

at Home and School

Influenza (flu) spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids. You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it completely.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Make sure people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, are also vaccinated.
- The vaccine is especially important for young children, older adults, and people of all ages with certain health conditions. The flu can make asthma, diabetes, heart, and lung conditions worse.

If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems for children or teenagers who have the flu.
- Young children and those with certain medical conditions, like asthma, diabetes, and heart or lung disease, are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu.
- If your child gets flu symptoms, call their health care provider and ask if antiviral treatment is right for them.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don't spread flu!

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

health.ny.gov/flu



Department
of Health



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Christian Witness Mass 8:30 1:35 PM Pre-K Dismissal 2:00 PM K-5 Dismissal Fall Fest 6:00 - 10:00	3
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11	12 NO SCHOOL	13	14 HSA Meeting 6:00	15	16 Progress Report 1 Grades Close	17
18	19	20	21	22 Picture Retakes	23 Progress Report 1 Distribution Trunk or Treat 6:00 - 8:00	24
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Events at SME Campus

Christian Witness Mass
Trunk or Treat

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29	30 Early Dismissal 1:00 **No After School**					

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STREAM/EXCEL Walkathon
Pre-K Town Hall Meeting
Christian Witness / Grandparents Mass
Veterans Day Prayer Service
Parent Teacher Conferences Pre-K - 5th
HSA Craft Show
Pre-K 3 & 4 Thanksgiving Feasts in PC
Breakfast with Santa
HSA Meeting

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Parent Teacher Conferences (November 13th)

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LANCASTER, NY- "...visible examples of Gospel living."

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St Mary's Elementary is now participating in the Universal Breakfast/Lunch Program. All Breakfasts/Lunches are free for students and adult lunches are \$5.50. Breakfast is comprised of three components; a whole grain, a fruit and milk. Lunch is comprised of five components; a protein, a whole grain, vegetables, fruit & milk. In addition to the main entrée, there are three alternate choices offered daily; Turkey Sandwich, 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-\$1.50. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at heerdt@smeschool.com. We appreciate your support. Liz Heerdt (menu subject to change) * THERE IS NO OPTION B (TURKEY SANDWICH) ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Breakfast Breaks Fruit, Fruit Juice & Milk Turkey Sub Veggies, Fruit & Milk	2 Muffins Fruit, Fruit Juice & Milk Chicken Dinner Veggies, Fruit & Milk
5 Cereal Bar Fruit, Fruit Juice & Milk Mac N Cheese Veggies, Fruit & Milk	6 Granola Bar Fruit, Fruit Juice & Milk Popcorn Chicken Veggies, Fruit & Milk	7 Breakfast Breaks Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup, Fruit & Milk	8 Pop Tarts Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk French Bread Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk	9 NO SCHOOL
12 NO SCHOOL	13 Muffins Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Hot dogs Veggies, Fruit & Milk	14 Granola Bar Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk	15 Breakfast Break Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Mac n Cheese Bites Veggies, Fruit & Milk	16 Donuts Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Cheesy Breaded Chicken Sammy w/Bacon Veggies, Fruit & Milk
19 Pop Tarts Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Pancakes w/Sausage Veggies, Fruit & Milk	20 Granola Bar Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Chicken Nuggets Veggies, Fruit & Milk	21 Muffins Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Cheeseburgers Veggies, Fruit & Milk	22 Cereal Bar Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk French Bread Pizza Veggies, Fruit & Milk	23 Donuts Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup, Fruit & Milk
26 Granola Bar Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Hot Dogs Veggies, Fruit & Milk	27 Breakfast Breaks Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk French Toast Sticks Veggies, Fruit & Milk	28 Cereal Bar Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Taco in a Bag Veggies, Fruit & Milk	29 Pop Tarts Fruit, Fruit Juice & Milk Chicken Tenders Veggies, Fruit & Milk	30 Donuts Fruit, Fruit Juice & Milk Mac n Cheese Veggies, Fruit & Milk



ST. MARY
OF THE
ASSUMPTION

Children's *Christmas* **CHOIR & NATIVITY PLAY**

Join us this **Christmas Eve** as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through joyful songs and a special Christmas play on at **3:30 PM!** All children are welcome to participate!

Practice Schedule
(In the Chapel)
Thursdays,
Nov 12, 19, 6-7 PM
Dec 3, 10, 17 6-7 PM

Dress Rehearsal:
Tuesday, Dec 22,
Noon-3 pm
(Lunch Provided)

**Any questions,
contact Andrea at
(716) 330-9182**



High School Placement Test



Register for the exam and our review classes.

THE EXAM

HSPT at St. Mary's

The HSPT will be held at St. Mary's High School on November 21st.

DATE

Nov. 21

TIME

8-11 am

FEE

\$25

PREPARE

HSPT review classes

Classes cover all essential elements of the exam. Practice tests and review books are provided.

DATES

Nov. 4-6

TIME

4-6 pm

FEE

\$100



SCAN TO REGISTER FOR BOTH

St. Mary's High School • 142 Laverack Avenue • Lancaster, NY
14086



NATIVITY'S *Fall Dance*

For 5th – 8th Grade Students

Saturday, October 24, 2026
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Nativity of Our Lord Gymnasium

Semi-Formal Dress

Tickets: \$15
per student



Scan to Purchase Tickets