NEWSNOTES

October 28, 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you so much for participating in our **Trunk or Treat** event! We truly appreciate the time, effort, creativity, and generosity you put into making this event so special for our children and families. Your participation helped create a fun, festive, and memorable experience for everyone. Events like these would not be possible without the support and involvement of our wonderful families, and we are so grateful to have you as part of our community. Special thanks to Mrs. Breier for volunteering to Chair the event, and to those who stayed after to help clean up the Parish Center and parking lot.

As we continue working together to support your child's growth and success, we encourage all families to sign up for an upcoming **Parent-Teacher Conference**. These conferences are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate accomplishments, share concerns, and work together to identify ways to support learning both at home and at school.

Your partnership matters! When parents and teachers work together, we can create the strongest possible foundation for each child's success. We look forward to connecting with you, sharing insights, and building a strong home-school partnership.

Our community is stronger when we come together. As we look ahead to our upcoming events, we encourage families to participate in these special opportunities to celebrate our community, honor our loved ones, and come together in faith.

- **Grandparents Mass**: We invite grandparents to join us for this special Mass as we celebrate and give thanks for the important role grandparents play in our students' lives. Your presence helps make this a meaningful and memorable experience.
- **Veterans Prayer Service**: We invite families to help us honor the brave men and women who have served our country. If you have a family member or loved one who is a veteran, please encourage them to sign up and attend our Veterans Prayer Service. This is a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude and show our appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

Community matters, and every family makes a difference! When we participate in school events, support one another, and come together in faith and service, we strengthen the bonds that make our community so much more than just a school.
Thank you for being an important part of our school family.

Mr. Olejniczak

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are not mandatory, but they provide a valuable opportunity to discuss any academic concerns and work together to create a plan for your child's success. Please click the link below to sign up for a convenient time slot.

Conferences will be held on **Tuesday Nov. 10th** and **Friday Nov. 13th.**

Kindergarten

Ms. Bartkowiak

Mrs. Marrano

1st Grade

Miss Amborski

Mrs. Kieffer

2nd Grade

Mrs. O'Brien

Miss Sudyn

Grades 3-5

Tuesday November 10th

Friday November 13th

Grades 6-8

Sign Up Here

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Upcoming Masses

Veterans Day Mass

In honor of Veterans Day, we warmly invite all veterans in our SME community to join us for a special Veterans Day Prayer Service on **Tuesday, November 10th, at 8:30 AM at St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish.**

We are grateful for the courage, dedication, and sacrifices of the men and women who have served our country.

It would be our privilege to honor you and keep you in our prayers as we come together to give thanks for your service.

All veterans are welcome, and we hope you can join us! Thank you for your service and for the freedoms you help protect.



Grandparents Day Mass

Our Grandparents Mass is scheduled for **November 6th at 8:30am at St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish.**

All students in Grades 1 -8 will be in attendance at this Mass.

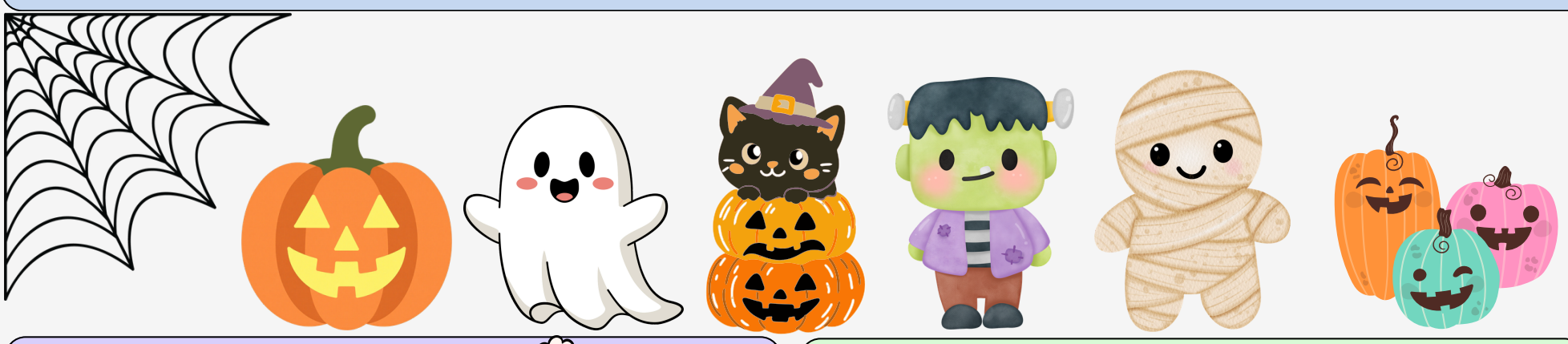
Please complete the following interest form so that we can begin to plan our Mass.

Grandparents will be sitting in specially marked pews at the front of the Church with their grandchild(ren), so we ask that grandparents please arrive around 8:15.

Kindergarten and Pre-K students and their grandparents will be watching the live stream of our Mass in our parish center.

If there are grandparents with students in 1-8 and K or pre-K, we can bring the K or pre-K sibling to church as well so that they can all enjoy and experience the Mass together.

Interest Form



NURSE

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!

Approved Snacks/Candy:

Dum Dum Suckers
Smarties
Skittles
Mike and Ikes
Starburst
Nerds
Fun Dip
Laffy Taffy
**Please see additional flyer for more information

SME WALK-A-THON

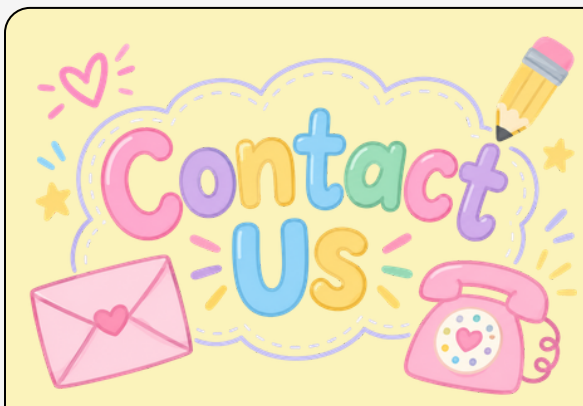
Monday, November 2nd!

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:

- **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! :)



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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

MAJOR ALLERGEN FREE TREAT OPTIONS

Dum Dum suckers
smarties
skittles
mike and ikes
starburst
lifesavers
lifesaver gummies
Dots
Enjoy life chpcolate
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 *

OCTOBER calendar

2026

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4	5	6	7	8	9 **NO SCHOOL**	10
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
25	26 Red Ribbon Week	27	28	29	30	31

Events at SME Campus

Christian Witness Mass
Trunk or Treat

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NOVEMBER calendar



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15	16	17 Pre-K 3 Thanksgiving Feast **1:00**	18 Pre-K 4 Thanksgiving Feast **1:00** HSA Meeting **6:00**	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 **NO SCHOOL**	26 **NO SCHOOL**	27 **NO SCHOOL**	28 Breakfast with Santa **9:00**
29	30 Early Dismissal **1:00** ****No After School****					

Events at SME Campus

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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Events at Pompeii Campus

HSA Meeting

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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
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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
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23 Granola Bar Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk French Toast Sticks Veggies, Fruit & Milk	24 Breakfast Break Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Chicken Nuggets Veggies, Fruit & Milk	25 NO School	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27 No School
30 Muffin Fruit Juice, Fruit & Milk Taco in a Bag Veggies, Fruit & Milk				

Parents

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

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ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FALL CRAFT SHOW

FOOD | 50/50 | BASKET RAFFLE

SAT. NOVEMBER 14TH 9 AM-3 PM

FREE ENTRY

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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

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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	TIME	FEE
Nov. 21	**8–11 am**	**$25**

PREPARE

HSPT review classes

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

DATES	TIME	FEE
Nov. 4–6	**4–6 pm**	**$100**

SCAN TO REGISTER FOR BOTH

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