



NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, JANUARY 25th, 2023 NO.22

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Please visit us! Each year Catholic schools call attention to the exemplary education that our schools provide for thousands of children in the United States. This year Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated from January 29th thru February 3rd. We welcome you to join us in Church Sunday January 30th at 9:30 a.m. for Catholic Schools Week Family Mass and our Open House 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, January 29th - 9:30 a.m. Mass and CSW Open House 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday, January 30th - Pajama Day

Tuesday, January 31st - Grandparents / V.I.S. Day 9 a.m.

Prayer Service and Music Celebration 11:00 a.m. - Complete Uniform

Wednesday, February 1st - Favorite Sports Jersey Day

Thursday, February 2nd - Disney Day

Friday, February 3rd - Spirit Day / Cougar Pride / Walk-A-Thon

WALK-A-THON

Please support Walk-A-Thon 2023 on Friday, February 3rd. Thanks to our fabulous Chairs, Layla Rahimi and Caroline O'Daly for all their hard work planning this great event.

INTERNET SAFE

Just a reminder...please help us keep your child safe. Take time to speak to your child about inappropriate use of internet web sites. Instant messaging and visiting inappropriate websites are never allowed at school. Please remind your child that using the Internet at school and at home is a privilege. Our goal is to keep your children safe. Thank you for your help!

NOTES FROM MRS. ALLEN CONTINUED:

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Applications for Archdiocesan Family Grants for Elementary School Families can be found on www.tads.com. Late applications will not be accepted. The second program is entitled BASIC FUND. This is a privately funded program dedicated to broadening the educational opportunities for children by helping low income families afford the cost of tuition at private schools. Applications for the BASIC FUND are online at www.basicfund.org. Applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis. Any application received after the deadline will be put on a waitlist. The Basic Fund is designed for students entering private school for the first time. This includes new siblings for the 2023-2024 school year. Both of these programs are based on family income. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mullen.

SCHOOL PRAYER SERVICE

Please join us for our Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service on Tuesday, January 31st. Our special Prayer Service at 11:00 a.m. is being planned by the 5th Grade and our Musical Celebration by Grades 1-8 has been organized by Mr. Francis.

FASHION SHOW 2023

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 2nd for our St. Stephen FASHION SHOW, Tropicana Havana.

WCEA/WASC VISITATION MARCH 21, 22, 23

The WCEA/WASC Accreditation Team will spend 3 days at St. Stephen School March 21, 22, and 23. Our school has spent 18 months preparing for this visit. We look forward to welcoming the team. Please be sure you have marked March 23rd as a minimum day. This was requested by the chair on January 9, 2023. Thank you.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CLOSING

Please keep the families of St. Thomas the Apostle School in your thoughts and prayers as they process their school closing at the end of this year. We have accepted eight STA students.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Thank you to all of the moms who attended our January Women's Guild meeting last week. We so appreciate our community of moms who lend their talents and their time to support our fantastic school! We won't have a Women's Guild meeting during the month of February, but we look forward to seeing everyone at our March meeting. Save the date for **March 15th at 7pm** at Donworth Hall.

WELCOME!

We welcomed our new Office Assistant Ms. Emily Lim to St. Stephen School Monday, January 23rd!

NOTES FROM MRS. ALLEN CONTINUED:

YARD DUTY IS NEEDED

We need your help! If anyone is interested in helping with yard duty please contact Ms. Emily Lim in the school office @ 415-664-8331 or office401@sfststephenschool.org. Yard duty is from 12:00 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. - it's a fun and easy way to earn Parent Volunteer Hours! Thank you for your help!

VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day will be celebrated at St. Stephen School on Tuesday, February 14th. Please be sure to bring a valentine for every child in the class. Thank you!

STAY SAFE!

Mrs. Allen

WALK-A-THON

The 2023 Cougars Walk-A-Thon is only one week away! Friday, February 3rd at the School Gym.

Are you ready? We are ready! Please help your favorite students achieve their goal with your tax deductible donations.

Sponsors can use the online donation link to assign their donation to a particular student and grade. Sponsorship can be obtained through February 17th, 2023.

Prizes:

- Top 2 Classes with the highest fundraising
- Top 2 Students with the highest fundraising
- Top 2 Students to walk/run the most laps
- **BONUS!** Each student who raises a minimum of \$100 will be automatically entered into a raffle for a **Fun Venture in SF!** (There will be 3 Raffle Winners)

Questions: See the attached Flyer for more information. For any questions please contact the Walk-A-Thon co-chairs Layla Rahimi and Carolina O'Daly at sswalkathon2023@gmail.com

MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club meeting will be **Thursday February 2nd at 7pm**, Donworth Hall. Food and Beverages will be provided. Topics will Include our St Patrick's event (flier attached), Father Daughter Dance and the Golf Tournament!

OFFICE EMAILS

To report attendance: attendance@sfststephenschool.org

For Newsletter items: newsletter@sfststephenschool.org

Nicole Mullen: office@sfststephenschool.org

Emily Lim: office401@sfststephenschool.org

REMINDERS:

January 25th - First Communion Parent Meeting #2 @ 6 p.m.

January 29th - Catholic Schools Week! Mass @ 9:30a.m.; Open House 10:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

January 30th - Pajama Day

January 31st - Full Uniform - Prayer Service @ 11:00a.m. Please wear your school sweater!

February 1st - Favorite Sports Jersey Day

February 2nd - Disney Day

February 3rd - Spirit Day & Walk-A-Thon

February 14th - Valentine's Day!

February 17th - No School - President's Day Holiday

February 20th - No School - Presidents Day Holiday

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Prayerful Christians

Effective

Communicators

Accountable Citizens

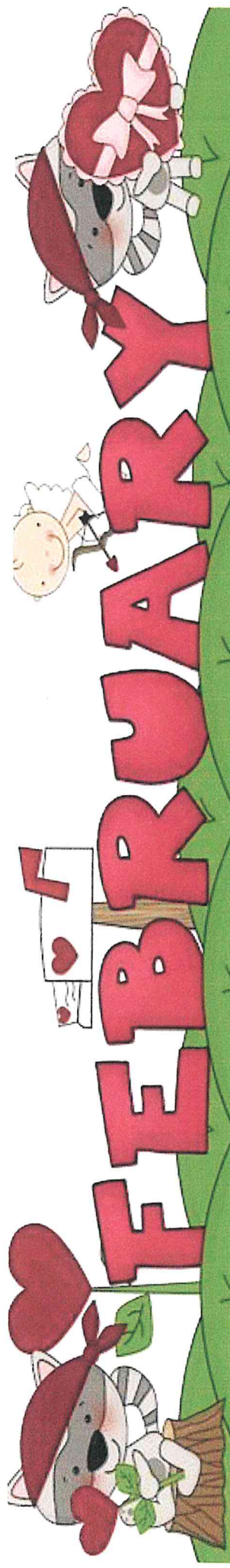
Confident Learners and Problem Solvers

Empathetic Individuals



SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of St. Stephen School community to educate children in a nurturing faith-filled environment that addresses the whole child, spiritually and intellectually. Parents are recognized as the primary educators of their children and we collaborate with them in our role as their children's teachers. It is our mission to provide students with an opportunity to grow in their relationship with God as they pursue academic excellence. Students in this community are encouraged to be mindful of the dignity of all people and to actively work for peace and justice in the world and reflect justice in the world. Instructional programs designed to reflect the Gospel teaching of Jesus Christ to prepare students to become empathetic, responsible members of society who are committed to working within their diverse community and the global society.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 *CSW - Favorite Sports Jersey Day	2 *CSW - Disney Day	3 *CSW - Spirit Day *Walk-A-Thon	4
5 *Family Mass Grade 4	6 *2:30 p.m. Dismissal	7	8 *STAR Testing	9	10 *7th/8th Grade Social	11 *Confirmation 4:30 p.m.
12	13 *Archdiocesan In-Service 12:15 p.m. Dismissal	14	15 *Hearing Screening *Progress Reports	16 *Hearing Screening *Acre Gr. 5 & 8 *Fieldtrip Gr. 7	17 *Presidents Day Holiday	18
19	20 *Presidents Day Holiday	21	22 *Ash Wednesday *11 a.m. Mass Grade 3 *Fieldtrip Gr. 5	23 *Principal Meeting 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. *Religious Ed Congress	24 *Charity Free Dress *Religious Ed Congress	25 *Religious Ed Congress
26 *Religious Ed Congress	27 *Faculty In-Service Minimum Day - 12:15 p.m. Dismissal	28 *Coloma Grade 4				



THE 2023 COUGAR'S WALK-A-THON



The 2023 Cougars WALK-A-THON

When: February 3, 2023 • Where: Cougar's Gym

Time: 8:30am

Attire: Spirit wear & Athletic Shoes

Goal: Fun and Fundraising for our Cougar Country

Ask family and friends to sponsor you for this fun event!

Sponsors can pledge a fixed amount:

<https://saintstephen.schoolauction.net/specialevents20222023>

***Sponsorship will continue through Feb 17, 2023.**

**There will be 20 minutes for each class to run as
many laps around the gym as possible!**

Prizes will be awarded to:

Top 2 Classes with the highest fundraising

Top 2 Students with the highest fundraising

Top 2 Students with the most laps

**** Each student who raises a minimum of \$100.00 will be
automatically entered into a raffle for a Fun Venture in SF**
(there will be 3 raffle winners)**

**If you have any questions, please contact the co-chairs:
Layla Rahimi and Carolina O'Daly at: sswalkathon2023@gmail.com**

2023
COUGAR'S
WALK-A-THON



DONATION REQUEST

St. Stephen students will have fun walking, running, skipping or hopping to raise money for our school!

Date: Friday, February 3rd, 2023

Place: Cougar Gym, St. Stephen School

Time: 8:30am to 1:00pm

Purpose: The purpose of this event is to raise school spirit and money for our kindergarten through eighth grade enrichment programing. All students in K-8th grade will have the opportunity to help support their school by participating. This is not an athletic event or contest – it is a FUN way for the children of St. Stephen School to raise money and school spirit while enjoying a healthy exercise activity.

Our St. Stephen School Federal Tax ID Number is: 94-1156799

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support!

Layla Rahimi and Carolina O'Daly sswalkathon2023@gmail.com
Walk-A-Thon Chairs

St. Stephen School * 401 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132 * (415) 664-8831

It's time for the Annual St. Stephen's Walkathon!

THE 2023 COUGAR'S WALK-A-THON

Friday, February 3rd • St. Stephen's gym • 8:30am

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Dear Potential Sponsor,

I am a student at St. Stephen School. We are holding our annual Walkathon on Friday, Feb. 3rd, 2023. All proceeds support our school enrichment programs, such as, field trips and our science programs. I will walk and/or run lap after lap for 30 minutes. My goal is to get at least 10 sponsors and run _____ laps.

Please sponsor me with a pledge per lap or with a set amount. All donations are online this year, and you can directly make a donation through this link:

<https://saintstephen.schoolauction.net/specialevents20222023>

All contributions are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support!

	Name of Sponsor	Pledge amount
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Notes

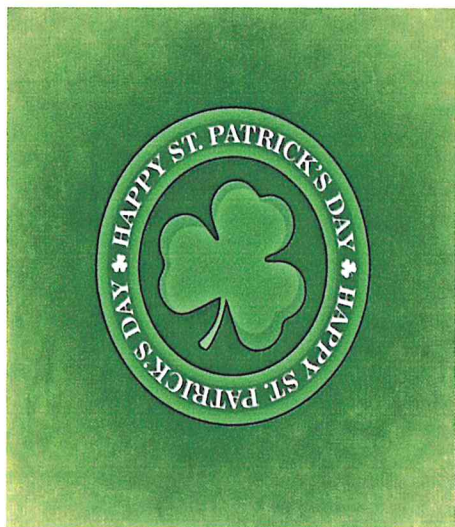
1. Students may start collecting donations as soon as they receive their pledge forms.

Reminder: all donations are due by Feb. 17, 2023.

2. Donations may be made by anyone. **Please ask everyone who donates if his or her company has a matching gift fund policy.**

3. We look forward to all our participants having a great time! For any questions please contact the co chairs: Layla Rahimi and Carolina O'Daly at

sswgwalkathon2023@gmail.com



St. Stephen Men's Club Presents

**St. Patrick's Day
Celebration**

&

Corned Beef Dinner,

including Bag Pipes, Irish Dancers, and Live DJ.

Saturday, March 4th, 2023

Donworth Hall: 5:30-10 pm, following 4:30 pm Mass.

*Bring the whole family for an evening of fun, music and friends
as we discover the Irish in all of us!*

Please RSVP to the St. Stephen School office by **Monday, February 27th.**
Checks should be made payable to:

St. Stephen Men's Club

Payment via Venmo is acceptable - see reverse side for QR code.

Family Name: _____

Adults ____ x \$35/ea = \$_____

Children ____ x \$10/ea = \$_____

Total = \$_____

Doug Kilroy

@DougKilroy



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