



NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, OCTOBER 19th, 2022 NO.10

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

A GREAT FIRST QUARTER

As the first quarter ends this Friday, I want to thank you for making this school year go so smoothly. Thank you for all you do moms and dads to make our school such a great place to grow and learn. It is a pleasure to work with you. We have a terrific FACULTY and STAFF at St. Stephen School. I am honored to work with them and appreciate the professional and caring manner they show our students each day. The BEST part of my job is the time I spend with your children! They are absolutely wonderful and I consider it an honor and privilege to be their principal. We have much to be proud of at St. Stephen School. We have fabulous students, a wonderful faculty and staff and very supportive parents. Thank you ALL!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Teacher Conferences on October 25th, October 26th and October 27th. All families have been assigned a conference time. Please check with your child's teacher if you did not receive a Conference Confirmation Notice. Each conference is 15 minutes long. Thank you! During Conference Week dismissal will be at 12:15 p.m. Don't forget you can shop at the Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conference Week!

SCHOOL AWARDS

School awards are presented at the end of each academic quarter. Please check our Parent Handbook which explains Honor Roll for grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and the Cougar Citizenship Award for Grades 1-8. Students will receive awards during Parent Teacher Conferences.

BOOK FAIR EXCITEMENT!

Please support the Book Fair. Contact Marianna Madden @ mariannacorvan@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thanks to our fabulous Chairs Marianna Madden, Mizuki McElroy, Debora Hrvatin, Nicole O'Boyle and Sarah Barca. Read! Read! Read!

HOLY CHILDHOOD MASS

Thanks to Ms. Garcia and our Sixth Grade Class who prepared a beautiful liturgy yesterday. Thanks to Fr. Michael for his wonderful homily and thanks to Mr. Francis for the beautiful music.

MRS. SHARON ALLEN'S NOTES CONT'D:

ALL SAINTS DAY LITURGY

Please join us Tuesday, November 1st at 11:00 a.m. on All Saints Day for a special liturgy planned by our 8th Grade. All are welcome! Thanks to Mrs. Peterson and our Eighth Graders for planning and preparing this liturgy.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Halloween Parade on October 31st, 2022 starts at 8:15 a.m. in the lower yard. All students will walk once with their class led by a student council member. This year the parade will be open to St. Stephen School Families! We look forward to having you with us!

HAUNTED HOUSE AND HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Thanks to our TERRIFIC DADS who are planning the Haunted House and thanks to our 8th Grade Class who is planning the Carnival.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Please join us for our October Women's Guild meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Donworth Hall. Thanks to the Spooktacular Seventh Grade for hosting.

JUST A REMINDER

Just a reminder that students should come to school with their lunch and in complete uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

COVID TESTS AVAILABLE

Fall is here and it is time to start preparing for seasonal breaks and gatherings. The California Department of Health (CDPH) is continuing its efforts to keep schools safe and successful by providing access to no-cost, over-the-counter (OTC)/at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen tests for testing students and school staff returning from Thanksgiving/fall break. **CDPH encourages all students and staff to test for COVID-19 before they return to school following Thanksgiving/fall break.** While at-home testing is not required, testing remains a critical safety measure to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 within our schools and communities. Tests will be available for pick-up in the classrooms during Parent Teacher Conferences.

MRS. SHARON ALLEN'S NOTES CONT'D

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. STRUEBING

Mrs. Struebing began her maternity leave yesterday. We wish her much happiness as she awaits the arrival of her baby. During Mrs. Struebing's leave Mrs. Regalia will assume the role of Homeroom Teacher 7:45 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. Mrs. Anthony, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Regalia will cover the afternoon schedule. We anticipate a smooth transition and have all met as a team with lesson plans and schedules for the next months already in place. We look forward to Mrs. Struebing's return in early February.

Mrs. Allen

TEACHER HOLIDAY FUND

Need help with your holiday shopping list? Contribute to the **Teacher Holiday Fund** and take the stress out of shopping for our wonderful teachers and staff at St. Stephen. Any amount is appreciated! You will be acknowledged in a list of contributors that the teachers and staff will receive.

Contribute [HERE](#) before **Monday, December 5th** and click on the **CONTRIBUTE NOW!** button to proceed. Thank you for your generous support!

Please contact **Courtney Cassinelli** ccassinelli@gmail.com or **Shawna Stecher** sfshawna@yahoo.com, **Parliamentarians**, with any questions.

SCRIP UPDATE

We will be selling Scrip at this Wednesday's Women's Guild Meeting. Come by and get your Scrip for the Queen's Ball Scrip Challenge and we'll give it directly to the Auction Chairs. We are also available to answer all your Scrip Questions!

CAKE WALK

Crazy for cake? You're in luck! The Fall Cake Walk is Thursday, November 10th! Please make payment to: Venmo @America-Grajeda and Include Name(s) and Grade(s) with payment. All proceeds benefit 8th Grade graduation activities. Thank you for your support and remember cake is for life, not just for birthdays!

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING - OCTOBER

Please join us at the Women's Guild Meeting this Wednesday, October 19th, hosted by the 7th Grade Moms. We will be celebrating the Fall Harvest with fellowship and food at Donworth Hall. The doors open at 6:45pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm. See attached flier. Remember, time spent attending a Women's Guild Meeting counts toward your 40 hour volunteer commitment. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ice Cream Sale

I Scream! You Scream! We all Scream for Ice Cream! Please support the 8th grade by buying an ice cream after school every Friday in October. Ice cream and popsicles are \$2 each. All proceeds go toward 8th grade graduation activities.

Pumpkin Patch

Reminder: Our wonderful St. Stephen's Annual Pumpkin Patch will be on **Tuesday, October 25th!** The Second Grade class is excited to transform Donworth Hall into a Pumpkin Patch for the day. Students will have the opportunity to visit the pumpkin patch with their class and choose a pumpkin to take home for **\$5**. All proceeds from this event will go towards supporting 8th Grade graduation activities.

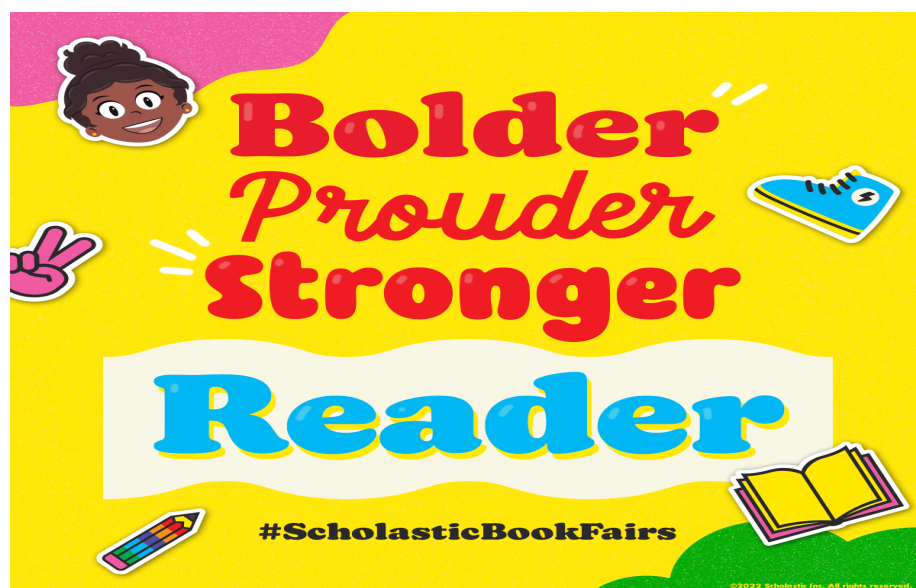
If you would like your child to participate please send \$5 to their teachers by this **Friday, October 21st** and remember to include your child's name and grade.

Questions? Contact **Linda Char** at maielectronicmail@gmail.com.

BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK!

Help us to keep kids reading, and raise funds for our school library by supporting our annual Scholastic book fair! **Students will visit the fair during the school day with their classes this Friday, and again on Monday October 24th - Wednesday October 26th. The fair will also be open for parent shopping after school on Monday, and before/after teacher conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.** See the attached flier for all the details. We hope to see you all at our very special **Family Day on Sunday, October 23rd after 9.30am mass.** Drinks and treats will be provided. Email the co-chairs at ststephenbookfair@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you, and catch you at the fair!

Marianna Madden, Sarah Barca, Mizuki McElroy, Debora Hrvatin, and Nicole O'Boyle



SEE'S CANDY

It's that time of year again...

Make your holidays sweeter by purchasing See's candy during our ordering window November 1st to November 11th while helping the 8th grade class with their graduation activities! Pre-order all your Holiday Chocolate and Gifts and have it shipped to your home! Flier and Order form will be coming soon!

St. Stephen Portable Power Bank

Pick up your exclusive St. Stephen School, pocket friendly portable power bank by placing an order here while supply lasts! ****Bonus**** iPhone Charging Cable included.

Cost: \$25 pay with Venmo (Mil-Pasquini) or Paypal (millomaup@gmail.com)

Pick-Up: Order by Thursday at 4:00pm and pick-up on Friday at 7:35-7:50am or after school. See Charger Flyer

Shopping Totes

We also have a limited supply of St. Stephen Shopping Totes! Available in red or black, please use the form above to order. See Tote Flyer

All proceeds go to the 8th Grade Graduation activities. Thank you for your support!

WINTER AUCTION UPDATE

Who shall rise as the Diamond of the Season?!

Be on the lookout for your invitations in the mail for our annual auction, **The Queen's Ball**, which is on **December 3rd**. Auction tickets will be available to purchase on the Auction website <http://www.thequeensballauction.com/> by clicking on the "Buy Tickets" tab on the top of the page. You will also receive an email with a direct link to your www.schoolauction.net account. **Our Auction WILL sell out!**

Donations are coming in and the Auction Chairs are putting together fantastic items for the event. If you'd like to donate an item, please email Auction Chairs **Natalie Ocampo, Charlene Avila, Mandy Fesko, Tina Garza and Vanessa Usi** at auction@sfststephenschool.org or visit our table at the upcoming Women's Guild Meeting on **Wednesday, October 19th**. We will be collecting empty baskets and bottles of red or white wine at this meeting. Bring a basket, bottle of red or white wine to the meeting and receive an extra raffle ticket that night. Visit <http://www.thequeensballauction.com/> for more details.

AUCTION PROGRAM ADS

If you would like to advertise your business or recognize your children in the Auction Program, please submit a copy and artwork no later than November 4th. A full-page ad costs \$250, while a half-page ad costs \$150. Purchase your ad online by visiting the auction site under the Underwrite tab <http://www.thequeensballauction.com/>. If you need help with the artwork, just let us know.



SCRIP CHALLENGE

The SCRIP Challenge is well underway! Thank you to those families who have donated already! The Class Challenge runs **through November 1st**! Donating SCRIP to the Auction helps you meet your \$200 yearly family requirement, counts towards fundraising hours, and helps your child's class win prizes!

- Purchase eGift Cards and email them to the Auction team at auction@sfststephenschool.org
- Purchase physical gift cards online at www.RaiseRight.com, email both auction@sfststephenschool.org and sswgScrip@gmail.com which cards are for donation, and the cards will be given directly to the Auction Team when they arrive.
- Purchase gift cards at the SSWG Meeting on Wednesday, October 19th

Each class that contributes at least \$1500 worth of SCRIP will win a special treat to be chosen by the teacher. The Top Class Winners will win cash prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50, respectively, to their classroom funds! See flier for the current status.

SIGN-UP GENIUS

Auction Volunteers are needed! Volunteering is a great opportunity to meet new people, earn service hours, and help your school raise funds! Many volunteer opportunities are still available. Visit our Sign-Up Genius [link here](#) today!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044eada62ba2fe3-20223>



SAFETY NOTES

30 minutes after dismissal, students who forgot something must check-in at the office to confirm a teacher is present in the classroom. If teachers are in a meeting or have already left for the day, classrooms are locked for the night. Thank you for understanding.

IMPORTANT DATES:

10/19 - 7 P.M. SSWG MEETING

10/24-28 - 12:15 P.M. DISMISSAL

10/24 - NOVEMBER LUNCH ORDERS DUE!

10/25-27 - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

10/25 - PUMPKIN PATCH

10/28 - CHARITY FREE DRESS (BREAST CANCER AWARENESS)

10/31 - 8:15 A.M. HALLOWEEN PARADE; 12:15 P.M. DISMISSAL

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.