



# NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, OCTOBER 26th, 2022 NO.11

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

## SECOND QUARTER A NEW BEGINNING

Our St. Stephen Students did very well during the first quarter. We thank and congratulate our teachers and parents for encouraging and supporting our St. Stephen Students. Second quarter means a new beginning and a fresh start. If you had a great first quarter, keep up the good work. If you need to improve - this is your choice - You can do it!

Just a reminder that if your Child's grade slips below a C- at any time during the quarter you will be contacted via phone and email by your Child's teacher. Communication is the key for each child to succeed.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thanks to all teachers and all parents for your time and interest this week during our conferences. We all want the BEST for our St. Stephen Students. Thank you parents for your continued support and encouragement. We appreciate YOU!

## 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 THANKS!

We are very grateful to the volunteers and supporters of our school book fair. Special thanks to chairs Marianna Madden, Mizuki McElroy, Debora Hrvatin, Nicole O'Boyle and Sarah Barca for all their work! It was a great Book Fair!

## THANK YOU

Thanks to the St. Stephen Women's Guild, Crystal LaCroix and Norilene Ng who provided the Faculty Lunches for September and October. They were delicious! Thank you, your kindness is truly appreciated. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness -  
THANK YOU!

## **MRS. SHARON ALLEN'S NOTES CONT'D**

### **PARKING LOT SAFETY**

Just a reminder to please be careful in the parking lot over by the Parish Center. Let's take every precaution to keep your child safe. Please drive slowly and carefully around school and the neighborhood. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **FAMILY MASS**

Thanks to our Eighth Graders who are planning and preparing the All Saints Day School Mass for this Tuesday, November 1st. Thanks to Mrs. Peterson - we appreciate your efforts. Parents, please know your attendance and participation at parish and school liturgies is always welcome.

### **WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING - OCTOBER**

Thank you to everyone who attended our second Women's Guild meeting of the year. We had a great meeting with you all and appreciate you taking the time to be there. Thank you to the Seventh Grade parents for hosting. We had over 70 moms in attendance...wow!

### **WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING - NOVEMBER**

Please remember to attend the Women's Guild meeting on November 16th at 7:00 p.m. It would be terrific to have every mom/guardian in attendance. Thanks to our 5th Grade Moms who are hosting this November gathering. Look forward to seeing you there.

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Please pray for friends and family in our St. Stephen Community who are in need of prayers and support. Thank you!

### **PUMPKIN PATCH THANKS**

Our Pumpkin Patch was a huge success! Heartfelt THANKS to the Rizzo Family. Thanks to our fabulous Second Grade Room Moms who decorated the Hall and organized the sale. All proceeds support the 8th Grade Graduation activities.

### **HALLOWEEN FUN!**

Monday, October 31st students may come to school in costumes to celebrate Halloween. Thanks to the Student Council and Eighth Grade who have planned a fabulous Parade and Carnival. Thanks to the Men's Club who created our very own Haunted House. Students K-8 will enjoy a special day at School. Happy Halloween! Stay Safe!

*Mrs. Allen*

## TUITION

The fourth tuition payment is due on November 15th. There is a late fee of \$25.00 if your tuition is received after the 15th of the month. FACTS charges \$30.00 for all returned payments. Thank you for your cooperation.

## PUMPKIN PATCH

This year's pumpkin patch was yet another success! The 2nd graders were excited to host this event to help raise proceeds for their 8th grade buddies graduation activities! **Special thanks to the 8th grade class** for their help transporting huge pumpkins to and from Donworth Hall. And a shout out to the **2nd grade room parents and parent volunteers** who coordinated and facilitated this fall event for our students. We greatly appreciate the organization from **Miss Clarke** and **Mrs. Peterson**, our amazing teachers. And, of course, we're extremely grateful for the continued support and generosity of the **Rizzo Family** for keeping this wonderful tradition alive!

## BOOK FAIR LAST CALL!

There's still time to stock up on the latest titles at our annual Scholastic book fair! Stop by the library today during parent-teacher conferences. We'll be open until 6pm. ALL purchases benefit St. Stephen.

**ONLINE FAIR NOW OPEN!** If virtual shopping is your thing, please click on the link to support our library from the comfort of your own home:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ststephenschool7>

**THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our family day! It was a joy to welcome the St. Stephen community back into our school library. We are so grateful. Email the co-chairs at [ststephenbookfair@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenbookfair@gmail.com) with any questions. See you at the fair!



## **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! Order Holiday Chocolate and Gifts and have it shipped to your home! Sees Candy also makes a great Thanksgiving Hostess Gift! Please feel free to share the link with family and friends also! Thank you for your support!

### ***St. Stephen Portable Power Bank***

The St. Stephen School portable power banks are still for sale, these will make a great gift for the Holidays. **\*\*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 Flier](#)

### ***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 Flier](#). 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?!*

On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, as guests at this delightful soiree, we shall transport you to the Regency Era (with a Cougar twist) to take part in the most coveted auction of the season! Prepare to mingle with other members of the Ton as you immerse yourself in an evening unlike any other. Dance or waltz the evening away to Entourage The Band <https://entouragetheband.com/>. Click here [www.thequeensballauction.com](http://www.thequeensballauction.com) to buy a ticket to see them in person on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. You won't want to miss this! You should be receiving your invitations and you should have received an email with a direct link to purchase tickets online. Over 100 tickets have been sold, so don't wait! Purchase your tickets on the Auction website [www.thequeensballauction.com](http://www.thequeensballauction.com) by clicking on the Buy Tickets tab on the top of the page. RSVP by November 11<sup>th</sup>! We are still collecting donations and underwriting. Please email Auction Chairs Natalie Ocampo, Charlene Avila, Mandy Fesko, Tina Garza and Vanessa Usi at [auction@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:auction@sfststephenschool.org) to contribute or visit the Auction website to donate or underwrite.



### **SCRIP CHALLENGE**

The SCRIP Challenge is almost coming to an end! Thank you to those families who have donated already! The Class Challenge runs **through November 1<sup>st</sup>**! 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! So far 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades are in the lead! Show your class spirit by the following:

- Purchase eGift Cards and email them to the Auction team at [auction@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:auction@sfststephenschool.org)
- Purchase physical gift cards online at [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com), email both [auction@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:auction@sfststephenschool.org) and [sswgScrip@gmail.com](mailto:sswgScrip@gmail.com) which cards are for donation, and the cards will be given directly to the Auction Team when they arrive.

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 below for the current status.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044eada62ba2fe3-20223) today!

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## OFFICE NOTES

- Students should come to school with ALL items needed for their day. This includes lunch, water bottle and backpack. Please have your child's name CLEARLY labeled on every item. Swing by the Lost and Found during Parent Teacher Conferences to find missing items.
- Please contact Mrs. Setiadi ([office401@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:office401@sfststephenschool.org)) to sign-up for Yard Duty shifts to earn Parent Participation Hours. Thank you for your help!

## IMPORTANT DATES:

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

10/25-27 - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

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

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

11/2 - STAR TESTING

11/3 - MEN'S CLUB MEETING @ 7 P.M.

11/4 - KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS DUE

## 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.