



NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 2nd, 2022 NO.12

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

THANK YOU EIGHTH GRADERS AND STUDENT COUNCIL

What a fabulous Halloween we enjoyed at St. Stephen School last Friday! It was absolutely a perfect day from start to finish. Thanks to Mr. Courage who organized the parade - it was great. The carnival was spectacular and the Haunted House was so scary. I am very proud of our 8th graders and our student council who worked so hard to make sure that all students at St. Stephen School enjoyed a Happy Halloween, I LOVED each and every minute. Special thanks to our DADS who planned and created the Haunted House. Thanks to our Student Council who stayed Monday afternoon and took the Haunted House down and did clean up duty. Thanks to Mrs. Peterson who organized the Student Council and who organized the Carnival. It was the BEST HALLOWEEN EVER! Thank you to All!

HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY

We salute our veterans and thank them for their service to our country. We are most grateful for all you have done. God Bless you! We celebrate our veterans with a holiday Friday, November 11th. God Bless America!

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Please remember to attend the Women's Guild Meeting on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 P.M. in Donworth Hall. It would be terrific to have every mom/guardian in attendance. Thanks to our 5th Grade Moms who are hosting this November gathering. I look forward to seeing you there!

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. STRUEBING!

Congratulations to Mrs. Lauren Struebing who gave birth to a Baby Boy, Thomas Otto Maloney. Thomas was born on Halloween at 5:27 P.M., 8lbs., 21 inches. Congrats to the entire family!

MRS. SHARON ALLEN'S NOTES CONT'D

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Friday, November 18th is a Student Council sponsored Charity Free Dress Fundraiser. This month's funds will be sent to SF COVID-19 Response & Recovery Fund. The Student Council requests that each student bring in non-perishable food for our annual food drive. Please have donations at school no later than Monday, November 21st. Help us help others this Thanksgiving Season. The class that collects the most canned food will be treated to a Free Dress Day. Your support is truly appreciated. **Lend a helping hand and donate 10 cans!**

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Thanks to our wonderful 8th Graders who planned the All Saints Day Liturgy yesterday. Every 8th Grader did a wonderful job. Thanks to Mrs. Peterson who prepared our students and thanks to Fr. Michael for a great homily!

THANKSGIVING WEEK

Tuesday, November 22nd - There will be a special Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. planned by our Fourth Grade. All parents, relatives and friends of St. Stephen School are invited to attend.

Wednesday, November 23rd - Minimum Day - School will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. Just a reminder no E.C. today.

Thursday, November 24th - Thanksgiving Day - School Holiday; Parish Mass 9:30 a.m.

Friday, November 25th - School Holiday

Monday, November 28th - Dismissal 12:15 p.m. Archdiocesan Religion - In-Service

NOVEMBER IS COURTESY MONTH

November is Courtesy Month at St. Stephen School. Please review a courtesy point with your child(ren) each day. Thank you!

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.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

If you would like your child to become an Altar Server for St. Stephen Parish, please contact Giovanna Hrvatin at hrvatin@att.net to sign up or for more information. All students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are welcome to join the Altar Servers.

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING INFO

Hearing Screening for students in Grades K, 1, 2, 5 & 8 will take place on December 12th. Information for parents with children in these grades will be going home today. Vision Screening is scheduled for January 25, 2023.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Hello Cougars! We hope everyone had a spooky Halloween. Thank you to the Men's Club for setting up the Haunted House and the Eighth Grade for setting up the Carnival. We all had such a fun day!

This November, St. Stephen School will host the Canned Food Drive, November 1st to November 21st. Please bring in food donations for There With Care, specifically canned soup, canned meals/chili, canned pasta sauce, canned tomato sauce, canned corn, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter (in plastic jars) and jam/jelly (in plastic squeeze bottles/plastic jars). There With Care's mission is to provide a wide range of fundamental and meaningful services to families and children during the critical phase of a medical crisis. (www.bayarea.therewithcare.org)

OFFICE NOTES

- Students should come to school with ALL items needed for their day, this includes lunch, water bottle, backpack
- Please ensure all student items have your child's name on them. If you are dropping off an item to the office please have your child's name clearly labeled on the item.
- Emails: Please send all matters of Student Attendance to your child's teacher and the front office at attendance@sfststephenschool.org

CAKEWALK

The first Cake Walk of the year is coming up Thursday, November 10th! Please turn in \$2 cash to your child's teacher to participate. All proceeds from the Cake Walk benefit 8th Grade graduation activities. Thank you for your support!

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all of the wonderful students, teachers, parents, parishioners, and volunteers who helped make this year's book fair an outstanding success! We were able to get the kids excited about reading, while raising funds for our school, and expanding our classroom libraries.

Special thanks to Jody Farrar for the amazing decorations, Shannon Green for the creative social media posts, our 8th grade cougar who visited us on family day, and Java Beach/sixth grade, for the generous coffee and donut donations. Lastly, we'd like to thank Mrs. Allen for her constant leadership and support. **Our online fair will be open through the end of the day, for any last minute purchases!** Until next year, happy reading! - Book Fair Co-Chairs



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. **Thank you** to all that have contributed already. Any amount is appreciated! You will be acknowledged in a list of contributors that the teachers and staff will receive. Contribute 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.

MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club meeting will be this coming Thursday Nov. 3rd at 7pm. To change things up, we are going offsite for this meeting. The meeting will take place at Karl's Beacon: 24th & Taraval, meet in the Back Room. Men's Club will cover the initial tab for the evening beginning at 7pm. No Food will be provided this month.

Being that Thursday Night Football will be on, we're adding a Football Squares fundraiser for the Thursday night matchup: Eagles V Texans. A separate email to follow with Sign Up Information.*Squares are \$10 per, with a \$200 payout for Halftime #s and \$300 payout for the games final score. The rest of the proceeds will go to the Men's Club general fund.

WINTER AUCTION UPDATE

Who shall rise as the Diamond of the Season?!

Does a private behind-the-scenes tour for up to 12 of our majestic SF City Hall, the "People's Palace" sound exquisite for a night out in SF? Maybe a stay in Sonoma in a private French Inspired Chateau to relax in luxury on top of a hill overlooking miles of beautiful vineyards your Heart's Desire? You'll find all these Experiences on December 3rd and these are just a few...Don't miss out on getting a seat, buy tickets Now to **The Queen's Ball!** Tickets are selling fast! Purchase your tickets on the Auction website www.thequeensballauction.com by clicking on the Buy Tickets tab on the top of the page. RSVP by November 11th! 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 to contribute or visit the Auction website to donate or underwrite.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Submit your Raffle Ticket Stubs you received in the mail with payment and send to the St. Stephen School Office Attn: Auction Raffle.

- 1st Prize is \$1,000!
- 2nd Prize is \$500!
- 3rd Prize is \$250!

If you need additional raffle tickets, please reach out to auction@sfststephenschool.org. Pass along the tickets to your friends and family! Tickets cost \$10 each or \$50 for a book of 6. You do not need to be present to win.



SCRIP CHALLENGE

One More Week! Thank you to those families who have donated already! The Auction Team values your generosity and Thanks YOU! Due to the short days and holidays over the last 2 weeks, feedback from parents has urged us to extend the Scrip Challenge one more week. Therefore, if you have not yet had the chance to participate in the Scrip Challenge, you will be able to do so through Friday, November 11th! Please see the current leaderboard below. Donate scrip to the auction and help your child's class win cash prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50, respectively, to their classroom funds!

- 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.

See flier 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 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.

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 today!

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

SUPPORT THE QUEEN'S BALL BY HOSTING A SIGN-UP PARTY

We are looking for Sign-Up Party Hosts! Grab a friend and throw a party! We are in need of sign-up parties. Here are some ideas:

- Cooking or Baking Party
- Bingo
- Trivia
- Mixology Party
- Wine Tasting Party
- Arts and Crafts Party
- Paint and Sip Party

- Yoga Class
- Mimosa and a Hike
- Taco Party
- A Mother- Daughter Tea
- Pickleball or Cornhole Competition
- A Pub Crawl in West Portal
- Book Discussion and Treats

As the party host, your donation is the cost to host the event. Each attendee pays a fixed price for their spot which is donated to the school. If you are interested in hosting a sign-up party and learning all about the details, please email Development at development@sfststephenschool.org

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! Find [See's Candy Flier](#) & [See's Order Form](#) with this newsletter. 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. Place your order. ****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. Please see *Charger Flyer* following this newsletter.

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

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP...

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

11/4 - KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS DUE

11/7 - 2:30 P.M. DISMISSAL

11/9 - MAKE-UP PICTURES

- CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE SPONSOR NIGHT @ 7P.M.

11/11 - SCHOOL 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.