



# NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 16th, 2022 NO.14

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Our canned food drive ends this Monday, November 21st. Thanks to everyone who has been so generous with their donations. There is still time to participate and help families in need. Thank you!

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

On November 29th our 8th Graders will participate in an all day retreat as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on February 11th.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports are going home next week. Reports are in sealed envelopes addressed to parents. If you do not receive a progress report next week, please contact the school immediately. Thank you!

## MINIMUM DAY

Just a reminder that Monday, November 28th is a MINIMUM DAY and dismissal is at 12:15 p.m. The teachers will be attending a religion-in-service given by Susana Lapeyrade-Drummond.

## AUCTION

The St. Stephen Auction is completely sold out! We look forward to seeing everyone at the Olympic Club on December 3rd! There is still time to participate. Contact the Auction Chairs at [auction@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:auction@sfststephenschool.org) and find out how you can help. Thank you!

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Ms. Harty and Mrs. Weinman invite kindergarten families to join them on December 13th for a special play presented by our kindergarten students. Students in Grades 1-8 will be participating in a Fabulous Advent/Christmas Music Program on December 13th. Thanks to Mr. Francis who is preparing our students for this special performance! The Advent/Christmas Program is a wonderful tradition at St. Stephen School.

## MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, December 11th for the annual Men's Club Pancake Breakfast. Information in today's flier. See attached. Special THANKS to Eddie Naser from Toast Eatery!!

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

### MINIMUM DAY - CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas vacation begins with a minimum day Thursday, December 15th. School will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. Please mark your calendars so no child is left in the office with a sad face. Thank you!

STAY SAFE!

*Mrs. Allen*

**WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING TONIGHT AT 7 P.M. IN DONWORTH HALL!!**

### STUDENT COUNCIL

Hello Cougars! The Canned Food Drive started last week, and continues until Monday, November 21st. These cans will be donated to *There with Care*. Please make sure your donations are not in glass containers or expired. The top three classes with the most cans will receive prizes! Do not forget to bring in cans, and have a great rest of the week!

Thank you so much for bringing in cans for the Canned Food Drive! We have made a lot of progress, **1,272 cans so far!** We still encourage students to bring in cans to support this worthy cause. The last day to bring in cans is Monday, November 21st. Have a great rest of your week! ~ Keira Cabuntala, Commissioner of Correspondence

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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 before **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** and click on the **CONTRIBUTE NOW!** button to proceed. Thank you for your generous support! Please contact **Courtney Cassinelli** [ccassinelli@gmail.com](mailto:ccassinelli@gmail.com) or **Shawna Stecher** [sfshawna@yahoo.com](mailto:sfshawna@yahoo.com), **Parliamentarians**, with any questions.

### **SCRIP UPDATE**

- Scrip Program Family Profit statements went out by email this past weekend. If you didn't receive yours, please check your Spam/Junk mail folder. If you don't find it there, please email the Scrip Team at [sswgScrip@gmail.com](mailto:sswgScrip@gmail.com).
- The Scrip Team will be at the Women's Guild meeting on Wednesday, November 16th selling select physical gift cards and taking special orders. We now accept Credit Card payments at the Women's Guild Meetings. Checks and cash are still preferred.
- The ordering deadline is Tuesday, December 6th for physical gift cards to receive them before Christmas Break. Get your shopping list ready!

### **MEN'S CLUB**

The annual pancake breakfast is Sunday, December 11, 2022, following the Sunday Mass. Following this newsletter is the flier with all the information. The Pancake Breakfast is a super fun event for all the kids. We hope to see everyone there!

### **ADVENT WREATH-MAKING PARTY**

Join the Advent Wreath-Making Party on Monday, November 21st between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Contact Mary Molly at the Parish Center with any questions (415)681-2444 ext.4.

### **OFFICE NEWS**

- Reporting an absence, early pick-up or dismissal please email your child's teacher **AND** [attendance@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:attendance@sfststephenschool.org).
- CHESS - Chess classes will begin again on 12/01 in the school LIBRARY. Please note time adjustment (**2:50 p.m. - 3:50 p.m**) on the updated sign-up following this newsletter!
- ADVENT WREATH MAKING - Monday, November 21st in Donworth Hall 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. using the form following this newsletter.

### **IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP...**

11/16 - SSWG Meeting TONIGHT @ 7 p.m.

11/18 - Charity Free Dress

11/21 - 2:30 Dismissal

11/22 - School Mass 11 a.m. Grade 4

11/23 - Minimum Day 12:15 p.m. Dismissal / NO E.C.

11/24 - Thanksgiving Day Parish Mass at 9:30 a.m.

11/25 - Thanksgiving Holiday OFF; December lunch orders due!

11/28 - Minimum Day 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.