



# NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, DECEMBER 14th, 2022 NO.18

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the St. Stephen Faculty and Staff I want to wish you all the blessings of the Christmas Season and our best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year. Thank you for ALL you do to make St. Stephen School such a wonderful place to grow and learn. Thank you for your support and many kindnesses. Thank you for your positive outlook, generosity and patience! Let's take a moment and experience the magic of Christmas through the eyes of a child. May this season be filled with blessings for you and your families. Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

Christmas cards were sent home Monday. Small gifts from Mrs. Allen will be given to students tomorrow. Merry Christmas!

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your participation and incredible generosity to the Teacher Holiday Fund. Teachers and Staff Members will be thrilled. Thank you!

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

What a wonderful evening we shared last night with our terrific school Christmas Programs. Our Kindergarten Class, under the direction of Miss Harty and Mrs. Weinman, reenacted The Christmas Story. It was a wonderful production. Each and every child did their special part perfectly. Thank you Kindergarteners! Our First through Eighth Graders, under direction of Mr. Francis presented a beautiful Advent/Christmas Musical Program. Thank you all. We are truly blessed to be part of this St. Stephen Community. Enjoy each and every moment of this special season. Look for the goodness and find the joy!

## MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our Pancake Breakfast was another happy memory to add to our St. Stephen Scrapbook this year. A big round of applause for our St. Stephen Dads who worked so hard on this fabulous family event. Heartfelt thanks to Eddie Naser who headed the Kitchen Crew and generously donated all the food. Thanks to Andrew Hazard who chaired this event and did a fabulous job! Thanks to our talented St. Stephen Parents who transformed Donworth Hall into a magical Christmas Wonderland where everyone enjoyed a wonderful morning!

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

### TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We collected over 610 toys for children in need. Thank you St. Stephen Families for your incredible generosity!

### UNIFORM UPDATE

Boys should wear a belt each day and everyone should have a school sweater (8th Graders Class Sweatshirt but school sweater for Mass days). Girls are allowed to wear navy or white tights to school. Handbook should read "no leggings" not "no tights." Please help with proper haircuts, no nail polish and wear socks that cover the ankle. Students should be in complete uniform each day. Thank you for your cooperation.

### KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Kindergarten Screening will take place on Saturday, January 7th. Please contact the school office with any questions. All applicants have been given a screening time.

### THANK YOU YARD DUTY VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to our wonderful parents who have volunteered to help Thursday, December 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. so our teachers and staff can celebrate together.

Helping in Kindergarten: Annamarie McMahon, Sandra Kwan, David Loder and Shawna Stecher. Helping in the Office: Jennifer Garlasco and Sarah Barca.

Helping in the School Yard:

Grade 1 - Christie Marquez

Grade 5 - Aislinn Conlon

Grade 2 - Alma Azevedo

Grade 6 - Sylvia Breslin

Grade 3 - Liz Teshara

Grade 7 - Vicki Hatch

Grade 4 - Maira Hallinan

Grade 8 - Courtney Cassinelli

**Merry Christmas!**

*Mrs. Allen*

### TEACHER HOLIDAY FUND

We wish to thank all of the families who contributed to the Teacher Holiday Fund. We are overwhelmed by your generosity! The teachers will receive their gifts this week, along with a list acknowledging all families who contributed. We know they will be very grateful!

Questions about the Teacher Holiday Fund can be directed to SSWG Parliamentarians, Courtney Cassinelli ([ccassinelli@gmail.com](mailto:ccassinelli@gmail.com)) and Shawna Stecher ([sfshawna@yahoo.com](mailto:sfshawna@yahoo.com)).

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Hello Cougars! This week's Christmas Spirit Week is going great so far. We love seeing your students' accessories and Christmas sweaters! Just a reminder that tomorrow is Red and Green Free Dress Day, so tell your students to get their outfits ready! In each grade, the student wearing the most festive red and green outfit will win a prize. Have a great Christmas Break!

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS**

Your Participation Hours for the first half of the year are due December 16th, 2022. Hours can be logged on your FACTS account. Please login to your FACTS SIS account and go to *FAMILIES, SERVICE HOURS, ADD* and then add the amount of hours, event, supervisor, etc. Please contact the office if you need assistance. Thank you!

## **OFFICE NOTES**

Please email all attendance related emails to [attendance@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:attendance@sfststephenschool.org).

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 12/15 - MINIMUM DAY 12:15 p.m. Dismissal
- 12/16/22 - 1/2/23 - CHRISTMAS VACATION
- 1/3/22 - Classes Resume
- 1/5/23 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 1/6/23 - 2nd Quarter Ends
- 1/7/23 - Kindergarten Screening

## **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.