



# NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, JANUARY 4th, 2023 NO.19

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

## **THANK YOU ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL FAMILIES**

Thanks to all our school families for your generosity and good wishes at Christmastime. On behalf of the Teachers and Staff, I want to thank you and the members of the Women's Guild who collected the generous monetary gifts that the Teachers and Staff received. Thanks, too, for all of your many individual remembrances and gifts which were very thoughtful and are sincerely appreciated. May all of you enjoy peace, health and happiness during the New Year!

## **STORM WATCH**

Just a reminder that dismissal will be at 1:30 p.m. today and school will be closed tomorrow due to weather safety concerns. Please see below the email that was sent yesterday afternoon. Thank you for your understanding, support and cooperation.

Dear St. Stephen Community -

We just received an email from Superintendent Pamela Lyons asking schools to make appropriate plans regarding the severe storm expected tomorrow at 3pm and continuing through Thursday. The principals of Cluster One met and most agreed on the following plan to ensure the safety of all our students, parents, faculty and staff:

### Wednesday, January 4th

School will be dismissed at 1:30pm to allow everyone to get home safely. There will be no EC.

### Thursday, January 5th

Students will have work to complete at home. Work will be sent home with students on Wednesday afternoon.

### Friday, January 6th

School will resume.

I apologize in advance for any inconvenience this schedule causes but please understand this storm will be severe and your child's safety and the safety of our faculty and staff is my primary concern. Please know that most of the schools in Cluster One will follow this plan. Happy New Year! Stay Safe!

## **NOTES FROM MRS. ALLEN CONTINUED:**

### **KINDERGARTEN SCREENING**

Kindergarten screenings take place this Saturday, January 7th. Good luck to all our future COUGARS! We have a large number of applicants and we are most grateful to all of you for spreading the word about our school. Thank you!

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 29th through February 3rd. Please plan on joining us for the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass celebrating this special week and our Open House from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Thank you for your continued support of our school. We are most GRATEFUL!

### **WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

Please join us for our Women's Guild General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19th. Make it a New Year's Resolution to attend the Women's Guild and Men's Club Meetings this year. Remember meetings count as parent hours! You won't want to miss this special meeting. See you there!

### **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, January 13th. Thank you!

### **FASHION SHOW**

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 2nd for our fabulous Women's Guild Fashion Show. Thanks to our Fashion Show Chairs Jeryl Calios and Rachel Reed.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

Monday, January 16th is a school holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Several members of our school family are in need of prayers. Please say a prayer for their special intentions. Thank you.

### **PARKING LOT SAFETY**

At drop off and pick-up times please be careful in the parking lot over by the Parish Center. Let's take every precaution to keep our children safe. Please drive slowly and carefully. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **YARD DUTY HELP NEEDED**

We need Yard Duty Personnel. Please call Mrs. Mullen if you can help. Thank you!

### **THANK YOU PARENTS!**

Thanks to all parents for your help and cooperation. We appreciate you! Thank you for following health and safety precautions to keep everyone in our community safe! Grateful to you and for you!

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Saturday, January 7th   | Kindergarten Screening Day   |
| Monday, January 16th    | School Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed                                   |
| Wednesday, January 20th | Women's Guild General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.   |
| Thursday, January 26th  | Graduation Pictures  |
| Sunday, January 29th    | Catholic Schools Week Family Mass @ 9:30 a.m.  |
| Monday, January 30th    | CSW - Pajama Day   |
| Tuesday, January 31st   | CSW - Grandparent's Day 9am; Prayer Service & Song Celebration 11am (COMPLETE UNIFORM) |
| Wednesday, February 1st | CSW - Favorite Team Jersey Day   |
| Thursday, February 2nd  | CSW - Disney Day   |
| Friday, February 3rd    | CSW - Spirit Wear / Cougar Pride / Walk-a-Thon   |

**STAY SAFE!**

*Mrs. Allen*

## **TUITION**

Your sixth payment is due to FACTS by January 15th. There is a late fee of \$25.00, if tuition is not received by the 15th.

## **MENS CLUB NEWS**

Special thanks to all of those who volunteered in December by taking part in the Donworth Hall decorations or Pancake breakfast. Your time was very much appreciated and led to a great success to finish out 2022.

The January meeting will be on Thursday January 5th and will be off site again, as we return to Karl's Beacon: 24th & Taraval. Men's Club will cover the initial tab for the evening beginning at 7pm. No Food will be provided this month.

There is no Thursday night NFL game on the 5th, but with the playoffs right around the corner, Men's club will be sponsoring Squares for each 49er playoff game (and the final regular season game on 1/8). Look for a separate email next week with details on the SQUARES. \*Squares are \$10 per, with a \$200 payout for Halftime #s and \$300 payout for the game's final score. The rest of the proceeds will go to the Men's Club general fund.

## **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.



WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS  
STILLED,  
WHEN THE STAR IN THE SKY IS GONE,  
WHEN THE KINGS AND PRINCES ARE  
HOME, WHEN THE SHEPHERDS ARE BACK  
WITH THEIR FLOCK,  
THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS:  
TO FIND THE LOST,  
TO HEAL THE BROKEN,  
TO FEED THE HUNGRY,  
TO RELEASE THE PRISONER,  
TO REBUILD THE NATIONS,  
TO BRING PEACE AMONG OTHERS,  
TO MAKE MUSIC IN THE HEART.  
~HOWARD THURMAN

