



NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, JANUARY 11th, 2023 NO.20

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Each year Catholic schools call attention to the exemplary education that our schools provide for thousands of children in the United States. This year Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated from January 29th thru February 3rd. There are so many wonderful things going on at St. Stephen School. Our students are Faithful, Prayerful Christians who are confident Learners and Problem Solvers. Thank you for your continued support.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, January 29th - 9:30 a.m. Mass and Open House 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday, January 30th - Pajama Day

Tuesday, January 31st - Grandparents / V.I.S. Day 9 a.m.
Prayer Service and Music Celebration 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 1st - Favorite Sports Jersey Day

Thursday, February 2nd - Disney Day

Friday, February 3rd - Spirit Day / Cougar Pride / Walk-A-Thon

WCEA/WASC Pre-Visit

We welcomed Mrs. Judee Sani, our WCEA/WASC Accreditation Chair to St. Stephen School on Monday. Mrs. Sani enjoyed her visit and tour and was at St. Stephen for a few hours. Mrs. Sani requested a minimum day dismissal on Thursday, March 23rd so the visiting team can meet with the teachers from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars for a Minimum Day Dismissal 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 23rd. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for St. Stephen Parish and School will take place Saturday, February 11th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in Church. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will be the celebrant.

COMMUNION

First Holy Communion for St. Stephen School Second Graders will take place Saturday, April 29th at 10 a.m. in Church.

NOTES FROM MRS. ALLEN CONTINUED:

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Please join us on Wednesday, January 18th for our Women's Guild Meeting at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your participation. Special thanks to the Fourth Grade for hosting our January meeting. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

STUDENTS FREE DRESS

Student Council Free Dress Day will be FRIDAY January 27th. Proceeds from this charity fundraiser will be sent to Camp Kesem. Your support of this worthy project is truly appreciated. Thank you for your help.

MINIMUM DAY

Monday, January 23rd is a minimum day. School will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. Our Faculty will be attending an in-service. Thank you!

SCHOOL MASS

Please join us for our Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service and School Music Celebration on Tuesday, January 31st. Our special service begins at 11:00 a.m. and is being planned by the 5th Grade.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be handed out on Friday, January 13th. Thank you!

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.

YARD DUTY IS NEEDED

We need your help! If anyone is interested in helping with Yard Duty, please contact Mrs. Mullen in the school office at 415-664-8331 or office@sfststephenschool.org. Yard Duty is from 12:00 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. It's a fun and easy way to earn Parent Volunteer Hours! Thank you for your help!

HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch order deadline for February is January 24th.

GRANDPARENTS AND VERY IMPORTANT SENIORS CELEBRATION

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Just a couple of weeks away! Please remind your child's Grandparent or Very Important Senior to RSVP for this special event.

RSVP to Clarina Kennedy: clarinakennedy@gmail.com

Include: First and Last Name of Each Guest Attending and Student(s) Name(s) & Grade(s)

PARISH FUNDRAISER

Welcome St. Stephen Families and Friends!

Please join us for A Taste of Spain, our St. Stephen Parish fundraiser on January 21, 2023 in Donworth Hall. We will feature paella, tapas, flan, sangria and other delicacies of Spain. Entertainment will include live Flamenco dancers and music. Our raffle will include these prizes:

Airline Mileage for 2 tickets to Spain via Iberia Airlines donated by Father Michael
65" Samsung TV

An Ooni Outdoor Pizza Oven

Gift Baskets

Please check out the flyer followed by this newsletter. Come join us for this first fundraiser of 2023!!

STUDENT COUNCIL

We hope everything is going well and you had a wonderful Christmas Break. At the end of January we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week and have many fun activities planned. Monday is Pajama Day, Tuesday Complete Uniform Day, Wednesday is Favorite Sports Jersey Day, Thursday is Disney Day, and Friday is Cougar Pride Day!

REMINDERS:

January 11th - Confirmation Sponsor Meeting #2 @ 7 p.m.

January 16th - School Closed Martin Luther King Junior Holiday

January 18th - SSWG General Meeting

January 25th - First Communion Parent Meeting #2 @ 6 p.m.

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.