



NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, JANUARY 18th, 2023 NO.21

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. - Complete Uniform

Wednesday, February 1st - Favorite Sports Jersey Day

Thursday, February 2nd - Disney Day

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

INTERNET SAFE

Just a reminder...please help us keep your child safe. Take time to speak to your child about inappropriate use of internet web sites. Instant messaging and visiting inappropriate websites are never allowed at school. Please remind your child that using the Internet at school and at home is a privilege. Our goal is to keep your children safe. Thank you for your help!

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Applications for Archdiocesan Family Grants for Elementary School Families can be found on www.tads.com. Late applications will not be accepted. The second program is entitled BASIC FUND. This is a privately funded program dedicated to broadening the educational opportunities for children by helping low income families afford the cost of tuition at private schools. Applications for the BASIC FUND are online at www.basicfund.org. Applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis. Any application received after the deadline will be put on a waitlist. The Basic Fund is designed for students entering private school for the first time. This includes new siblings for the 2023-2024 school year. Both of these programs are based on family income. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mullen.

NOTES FROM MRS. ALLEN CONTINUED:

SCHOOL MASS

Please join us for our Catholic Schools Week Mass on Tuesday, January 31st. Our special Prayer Service at 11:00 a.m. is being planned by the 5th Grade and Mrs. Acosta and our Musical Celebration has been planned by Mr. Francis.

WALK-A-THON

Get ready to walk, run, skip and hop at the St. Stephen School WALK-A-THON on Friday, February 3rd. Thanks to our fabulous Chairs, Layla Rahimi and Caroline O'Daly. For more information contact sswgwalk2023@gmail.com.

FASHION SHOW 2023

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 2nd. Join us at Tropicana Havana as St. Stephen models walk the runway at the Design Center in San Francisco. Thanks to Chairs Jeryl Calios and Rachel Reed.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Please join President Naomi Kelly tonight for our January Women's Guild Meeting in Donworth Hall at 7 p.m. Thanks to our Fabulous Fourth Grade Moms who are hosting this meeting. Thanks for your support. We look forward to seeing you tonight!

GRANDPARENTS DAY / V.I.S.

Please be sure to invite your Grandparents or Very Important Seniors to our celebration on Tuesday, January 31st.

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

The Lunch Program is accepting orders now for the month of February. Orders will be open until January 24th. Please email the Lunch Program chairs at sswglunchprogram@gmail.com if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

We hope all moms will be able to attend our first Women's Guild Meeting of 2023, hosted by the fabulous 4th Grade Moms! Please join us on January 18th at 7 p.m.

SCHOOL BAND

If your child is interested in joining the St. Stephen School Band, please complete the sign up form following this newsletter and return to the office. More details to come!

GRANDPARENTS/VIS DAY - January 31st - Volunteers Needed

Grandparents/VIS Day is coming soon and we are in need of parent volunteers for this special event. Please click on the following link to sign-up online:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EADA62BA2FE3-20231>

And feel free to contact any of the event chairs with questions:

Luciene Sequeira (luciene.moura.sequeira@gmail.com); Clarina

Kennedy(clarinakennedy@gmail.com); and Theresa Houghton(theresa415@gmail.com).

Reminder - please help your child's Grandparents/Very Important Seniors get their RSVP in by January 25th. RSVP to Clarina Kennedy: clarinakennedy@gmail.com.

TROPICANA HAVANA FASHION SHOW SCRIP CHALLENGE

Hola! In preparation for the Tropicana Havana Fashion Show, we are starting a class Scrip Challenge to help us purchase items for the Silent Auction Baskets. The Challenge will run until Friday, March 10th. Every class that donates at least \$750 in Scrip will win a class treat chosen by their teacher. The top 3 winning classes to reach \$750+ will receive cash prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50 respectively. The top participating class will get a free dress day. Get every student to contribute \$25 and you'll meet this goal. Remember - for EVERY \$25 Scrip donation, families receive 1 parent volunteer hour AND earn a % toward your \$200 family Scrip requirement. More specific details will follow from class room parents with a gift card "wishlist". If you would like to give us a kickstart, the following are some of the vendors we are looking for: Target, Safeway, Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth, Nordstrom, Disney, Whole Foods, Amazon, Apple, Visa, William Sonoma and Sephora.

How To Donate: Gift Cards can be purchased at any time and are available immediately through the RaiseRight app. Once purchased, please send the e-gift card as an attachment to fashionshow@sfststephenschool.org. In the body of the email, list your family name and student(s) name/grade so that we credit your family account and your child's class. If you prefer to send cash in lieu of scrip, you can give cash or venmo @Evangeline-Mendiola with message "in lieu of scrip for fashion show 2023."

WALK-A-THON

We are pleased to announce "The 2023 Cougars Walk-A-Thon" taking place on Friday,

February 3, 2023 at 8:30am- 1:00pm in the St. Stephen School Gym.

This is an event where the kids are directly involved in fundraising for their school and it is so much fun watching the happy faces run around the gym for that special prize.

Please see the flyer for more details. For your convenience Sponsor Letter & Slip along with Donation link and Volunteer signup genius is provided below.

If you have any questions, please contact Walk-A-Thon Co-Chairs, Layla Rahimi and Carolina O'Daly via email: sswalkathon2023@gmail.com

For Donations please use the link below:

<https://saintstephen.schoolauction.net/specialevents20222023/g/cougar-walkathon>

For Volunteering (Volunteering at this event counts towards fundraising hours):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EADA62BA2FE3-20232>

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. Please call or pass by the Parish Center for raffle tickets, 415-681-2444. Thank you for your support of our first St. Stephen Parish fundraiser of 2023.

REMINDERS:

January 18th - SSWG General Meeting

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

January 29th - Catholic Schools Week! Mass @ 9:30a.m.; Open House 10:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

January 30th - Pajama Day

January 31st - Full Uniform - Mass @ 11:00a.m. Please wear your school sweater!

February 1st - Favorite Sports Jersey Day

February 2nd - Disney Day

February 3rd - Spirit Day & Walk-A-Thon

February 14th - Valentine's Day!

February 17th - No School - President's Day Holiday

February 20th - No School - Presidents Day 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.