



NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, MARCH 1st, 2023 NO.27

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

WCEA/WASC ACCREDITATION

On Tuesday, March 21st, we welcome our Visiting Committee for the three-day visit portion of our accreditation process. Prior to their arrival, the team has spent time reading our Self Study. Throughout the day, the four person Visiting Committee will visit classes and meet with teachers, students and Pastor. In the evening they will meet with parent representatives from the Women's Guild, Men's Club and School Board. Wednesday and Thursday the team will continue with visits as they write their report, which will be completed on Thursday. The School Leadership Team will review the report, along with our Pastor and the Superintendent. It will be presented to the faculty and staff Thursday afternoon. The final copy of the report will arrive within a few weeks. A great big thank-you to our faculty and staff for the 18 months of hard work in preparing the Self Study and for preparing for the upcoming visit. Special thanks to the Leadership Team who kept us on track with deadlines and meetings. We look forward to welcoming our Visiting Committee.

WCEA/WASC HOSPITALITY

Heartfelt thanks to Shauna O'Donoghue and Niamh Kenny who are chairing Hospitality for our WCEA/WASC Team. Shauna and Niamh will be organizing all meals and snacks for our Team. Thank you Shauna and Niamh - we appreciate you!

L.A. RELIGIOUS ED CONGRESS

Last weekend I attended the L.A. Religious ed Congress with 15,000 Catholics from around the world and around the United States. It was an exciting conference that educated and inspired Catholic Leaders.

SCHOOL LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

We welcome everyone to join us for 8:00 a.m. Mass during Lent. Please see the schedule below. Please join us for Lenten Mass each day at 8:00 a.m.

Monday 8:00 a.m.	Gr. 1st & Gr. 7th
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	Gr. 3rd & Gr. 5th
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	Gr. 2nd & Gr. 4th
Friday 8:00 a.m.	Gr. 6th & Gr. 8th

NOTES FROM MRS. ALLEN CONTINUED:

When it is your child's Mass Day they need to be at school by 7:45 a.m. Thank you for your help and cooperation in making sure your child is on time for Lenten Mass.

RE-REGISTRATION

Re-Registration materials went home last week. Please be sure to read the contract carefully and sign both the Tuition Contract and the Final Acceptance. Re-Registration materials are due Wednesday, March 8th. Thank you!

THANK YOU WOMEN'S GUILD

Heartfelt THANKS to President Naomi Kelly and the Women's Guild who delivered a check to St. Stephen School on behalf of the Women's Guild. Thank you so much Moms! We appreciate your efforts!

COLOMA ADVENTURE

Our Fourth Graders return this afternoon after a two day Coloma Adventure. Thanks to Mrs. Hammel and our wonderful 4th Grade Chaperones who made this overnight adventure possible.

CAKEWALK TOMORROW

The Spring Cakewalk is tomorrow Thursday, March 2nd! Proceeds support 8th Grade Activities. Please turn in your \$2.00 cash to participate. 8th Graders will be collecting the money from each classroom. Thank you for your support.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Just a reminder that the Women's Guild Meeting this month will be held on Wednesday, March 15th. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Exciting updates about the Fashion Show will be made by the Fashion Show Chairs Jeryl Calios and Rachel Reed. Women's Guild Parliamentarians will report on nominations. Come hear all the wonderful things that are happening in our community. We look forward to seeing you.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY GREEN

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Students may wear GREEN accessories on Thursday, March 16th. This is not a free dress day (students must wear their school uniform) but a day to wear green hair ribbons, socks, buttons, hats, etc. Hurray for the Irish!

THIRD QUARTER NEWS

The Third Quarter ends Thursday, March 16th. Report cards will be given out March 23rd.

NOTES FROM MRS. ALLEN CONTINUED:

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Thanks to everyone who is making the effort to keep our children safe as they come and go from school. Please remember there is never any double parking in front of school or in front of the Church. The white zone on Eucalyptus Drive is for DROP OFF ONLY. Please do not park in the white zone. Thanks to all for driving slowly and carefully in the back parking lot. Your cooperation is truly appreciated - THANK YOU!

PARISH LOAN UPDATE

The re-registration materials set forth that the annual \$400.00 per child Parish Center Loan Fee is due via FACTS on June 15, 2023. We will apply all of these fees, which will total approximately \$120,000.00, towards our annual \$185,000.00 loan payment to the Archdiocese as required by the terms of the renegotiated Parish Center Loan. We will also apply all pledge payments from our Parents and Friends Pledge Campaign and one-time donations received in 2022-2023 towards this payment. If the collected fees and pledges do not cover this payment, we will withdraw from our school reserves any additional money needed to meet the balance due. We will submit our \$185,000.00 payment to the Archdiocese on June 30, 2023. If you have any questions about these fees, the pledge process or the loan terms, please contact Lydia Flocchini, Development Consultant at development@sfststephenschool.org.

RAINY DAY MORNING ENTRANCE

School will open at 7:45 a.m. on Rainy Days. Parents who would like to walk their children in please come down the side stairs on the left and proceed to the main front door. You can leave your child safely at the front door. The main yard is still just for students. Thank you for your cooperation and help. You are FANTASTIC!

SAVE THE DATE - FASHION SHOW

Please mark your calendars for the Tropicana Havana Luncheon and Fashion Show on Sunday, April 2nd. Thank you for your support!

MEN'S CLUB

Please join the Men's Club meeting on March 3rd at 7 p.m. Also please support the Men's Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 4th!

MOTHER SON DANCE

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 18th for the Mother Son Neon Lights Dance. Flyer included with today's newsletter.

STAY SAFE!

Mrs. Allen

CAKE WALK

Crazy for cake? You're in luck! The Spring Cake Walk is tomorrow Thursday, March 2nd! Please make a \$2 payment in cash to the teacher. All proceeds benefit 8th Grade graduation activities. Thank you for your support and remember cake is for life, not just for birthdays!

TROPICANA HAVANA FASHION SHOW!

Hola Amigas & Amigos,

Thank you for the tremendous support thus far with the Tropicana Havana Fashion show! We sold out of tickets within the first 72 hours of them being on sale! Due to the high demand, we have made 30 more tickets available for purchase. If you or a loved one have not purchased a ticket yet, please do so soon!

Fashion Show Student Model Update

Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up your child/ren to model in the show. We have a record number of students participating this year. Sign ups have now closed, please be on the lookout for upcoming communications surrounding practice times and outfits.

Underwriting & Advertising Opportunities

Ad space is available to purchase for your business and/or 8th grader! To purchase ad space and underwrite, please visit (live link in email):
<https://saintstephen.schoolauction.net/fashionshow2023/give>

For any questions, please reach out to the Fashion Show Co-Chairs, Jeryl Calios & Rachel Reed at fashionshow@sfststephenschool.org

Gracias, Jeryl & Rachel

MEN'S CLUB

As our St. Patrick's Dinner is scheduled for Saturday March 4th, the Men's Club is moving off of the standard Thursday evening schedule and will be hosting a **Friday Evening Men's Club meeting on March 3rd, 7pm Donworth Hall. Drinks and Food will be provided.**

The thought being that Men's Club attendees will be able to contribute to the setup of the event for Saturday evening and volunteer hours will be honored for attending the Friday meeting. There will also be additional opportunities to volunteer on Saturday, which will follow in a separate email. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Marty Murphy

STUDENT COUNCIL

Hello Cougars! I hope everyone had a fabulous February and a great start to March. The Student Council is planning some events to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Stay tuned for some green fun. That is all for this week!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

03/02 - Cakewalk
03/03 - Men's Club Meeting
03/04 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner
03/08 - Re-Registration Due
03/10 - Student Holiday
03/15 - SSWG Meeting @ 7 p.m.
03/16 - St. Patrick's Accessory Day
03/17 - HOLIDAY
03/18 - Mother Son Dance
03/21-23 - WASC
03/23 - 12:15 p.m. Dismissal
03/24 - HOLIDAY
03/27 - 12:15 p.m. Dismissal
03/31 - Charity Free Dress

OFFICE NOTES

- Re-Registration is due before March 8th, 2023. Your re-registration fee has been added to your FACTS account. Once you receive the invoice, please take the necessary steps to login to your account and complete the payment. If you do not have a FACTS account, please submit a check made payable to St. Stephen School at the office. More information can be found in the re-registration packet.
- Yard Duty - we would love more Yard Duty help! Please email office401@sfststephenschool.org if you are available. Thanks in advance!
- Newsletter: newsletter@sfststephenschool.org
- Attendance: attendance@sfststephenschool.org

THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Students are asked daily the following three questions:

1. What are you learning?
2. Why are you learning it?
3. How will you know when you learned it?

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.



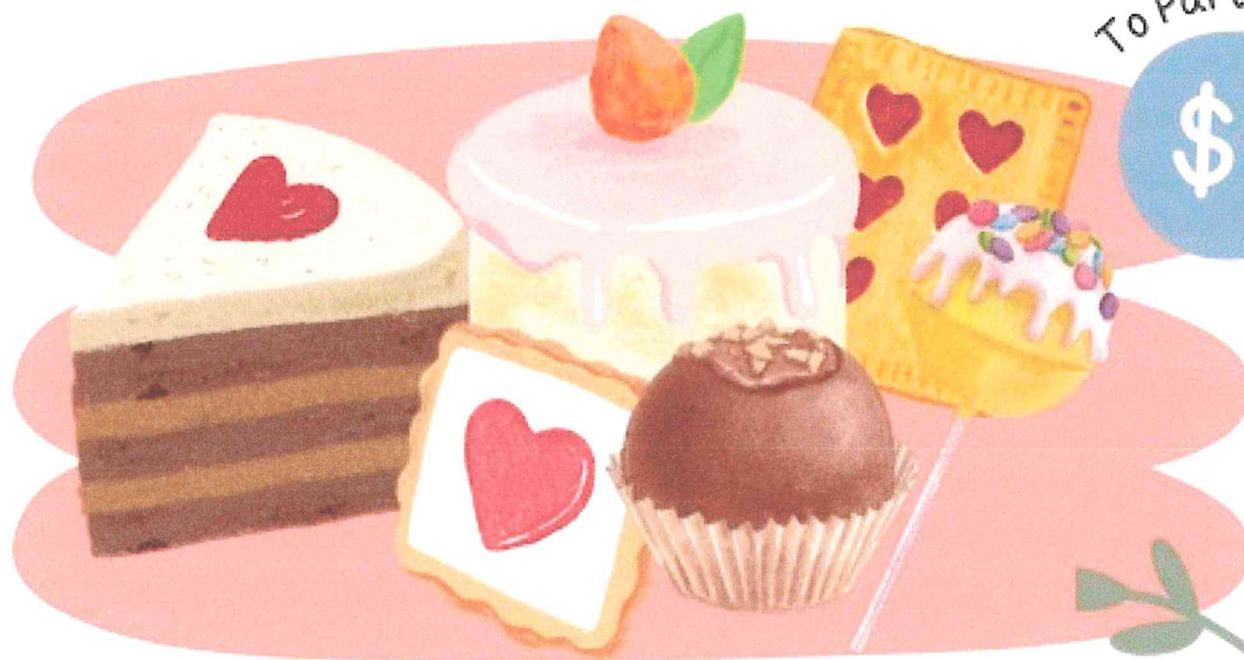
CLASS OF 2023 CAKE WALK

Supporting 8th-grade Graduation activities




To Participate

\$2



THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Please make payment to:
Cash to teacher





ST. STEPHEN WOMEN'S GUILD
MEETING

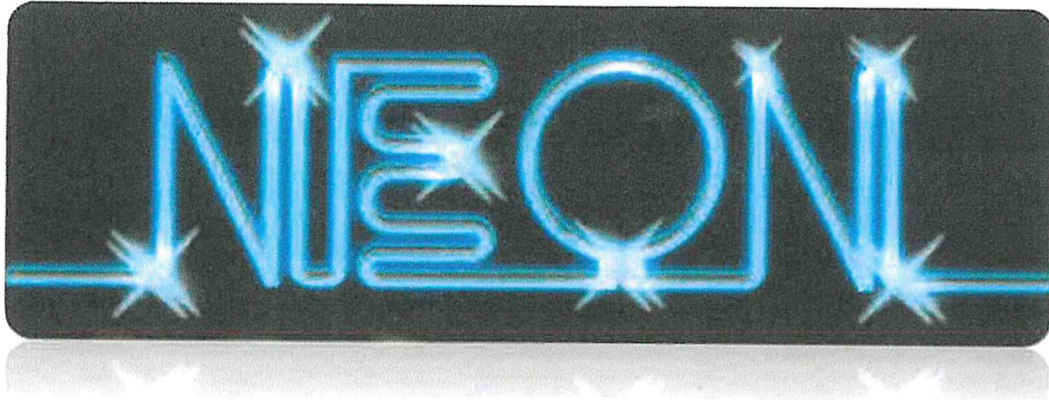
Wednesday, March 15
7:00p (6:45p Doors Open)

Please bring a bottle of wine and/or Scrip donation to support the Fashion Show and you will receive an extra ticket for the SSWG Meeting Raffle at the end of the evening.

HOSTED BY THE 6TH GRADE



**Please join us for the
St. Stephen School**



LIGHTS

Mother & Son Dance

Saturday, March 18th, 2023

5:30 -9:00 PM

**Dinner, Dancing, Photos and most importantly
Memories to Last a Lifetime!!!**

SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

WHITE SHIRTS & SNEAKERS REQUESTED

Mothers \$50

Sons \$25

Please make checks payable to:

SSWG and write M & S Dance in the memo line

Turn into the office, ATTN: M & S Dance

Any Questions???

Text ~ Lisa 650.490.0887 or Sue 650.219.1058

