

# NEWSLETTER



ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, August 24, 2022 NO.2

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN



## THANK YOU FOR A GREAT BEGINNING

A heartfelt thank you to all students, parents, faculty and staff for a great beginning to our school year! We look forward to seeing all parents tonight at our BACK TO SCHOOL/PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT! We recognize this is a challenging time for families. Please know we are working hard at school to make sure your children not only receive an outstanding faith-filled experience and a quality academic experience but emotional and social interaction and support. Thank you!

## WHY CHOOSE A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence. We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children. We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!!**

Grade	Time	
Grades K-8	7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	
Break	7:30 p.m. - 7:40 p.m.	
Grades K-8	7:40 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.	

Our Back to School/Parent Orientation Night is tonight! This is a mandatory meeting. We ask EVERY parent to attend. Two presentations are planned in grades K-8 ( 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and 7:40 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.) to accommodate parents and multiple siblings. We look forward to seeing everyone this evening!



### **EMERGENCY FORMS**

Emergency forms are on the School website. You will need to fill out a complete emergency form for each child at St. Stephen School. Emergency forms should have been received by the office last Friday. If you haven't sent one in yet, please call Mrs. Mullen immediately at 415-664-8331. Thank you!

### **DROP OFF AND PICK UP SAFETY PROCEDURES**

The white zone on Eucalyptus Drive is for "Drop Off" and "Pick Up" only. It is a drive thru zone. Please do not park in the white zone because then we have parents needing to double park. Please, please, please honor this simple request for everyone's safety. Thank you!

### **SCHOOL MASS SEPTEMBER 20th**

Our first School Mass of the year will be celebrated Tuesday, September 20th at 11:00 a.m. Eighth Graders are planning this special liturgy and Fr. Michael will be the celebrant.

### **ONLINE FAMILY ENVELOPES**

We want to help out the Moms and Dads who do so much to HELP us through their efforts in the Women's Guild and Men's Club. To make life easier and the Family Envelope process run smoothly, please give any items for the FAMILY ENVELOPE to Mrs. Mullen by 3:00 p.m. each Monday. Please be sure the item has been proofread and approved by Mrs. Allen. We will be happy to include the item in our online Weekly Newsletter. Family Envelope information will continue to be online.

### **THANK YOU WOMEN'S GUILD**

Thanks to our fantastic Women's Guild who support the school through their fundraising and friendraising events. Please join us for the First Women's Guild Meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 21st at 7 p.m. in Donworth Hall. Thanks Moms for all you do!

### **THANK YOU MEN'S CLUB**

Special thanks to our wonderful Men's Club who volunteer their time and talent. The Men's club helps out with many jobs that enhance our school environment. Thanks Dads. We appreciate you! The Men's Club will hold their first meeting on Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m.

### **VISITING DOGS**

We love our four legged friends but all dogs must be on a leash and with their owner at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

The \$400.00 per student Parish Center Loan Repayment Fee was due on June 15th. All families must pay this fee via FACTS TUITION MANAGEMENT. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Mullen. Thank you for your continued support. As of June 30, 2022 the school has given \$2,035,000.00 towards the Parish Center Loan Repayment. Previously, the school has made payments of \$185,000.00 on June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013, June 30, 2014, June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, June 30, 2017, June 30, 2018, June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021. Congratulations to all and heartfelt thanks for your support!

*Mrs Allen*

## **TUITION**

The second tuition payment is due to FACTS Management on September 15th. There is a late charge of \$25.00 for all payments received after the 15th of the month. FACTS also charges \$30.00 for returned payments. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **A Student's Prayer for a New School Year**

Lord Jesus, I ask you for your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen.

## **BULLY FREE PLEDGE**

I pledge to think more about the words I use.

I will try to see how gossip hurts people, including myself, and work to eliminate it from my life.

I will try harder to replace words that hurt with words that encourage, engage and enrich.

I will not become discouraged when I am unable to choose words perfectly, because making the world better is hard work.

I am pledging to do that, one word at a time.

## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The Men's Club invites all dads in our community to save the date for the first **Men's Club Meeting** on **Thursday, September 1st at 7:00pm**. The meeting will be held at Donworth Hall. Food and beverages will be provided. Please email Men's Club President **Marty Murphy** at [ststephenmen@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenmen@gmail.com) to RSVP or with any questions.



\*Please send in your completed Emergency Form as soon as possible. Thank you!

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT IS  
TONIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

**7:00-7:30p.m. Classrooms Session #1**

**7:30-7:40p.m. Break**

**7:40-8:10p.m. Classrooms Session #2**



## 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. Instructional programs are designed to reflect the justice in the world. Instructional programs designed to reflect the Gospel teaching of Jesus Christ prepare students to become empathetic, responsible members of society, who are committed to working within their diverse community and the global society.