



NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL August 31, 2022 NO.3

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT BEGINNING!

A big thank you to all students, parents, faculty and staff for a great beginning to our 2022-2023 School Year! It was wonderful to have almost 100% attendance at our BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT. Thank you for making this a priority and thank you for your ongoing support! We will work together and make this the BEST year it can be! Let us all strive to do our best and be the "Better Angels." Happy New School Year!

STAR RENAISSANCE TESTING

IMPORTANT - STAR Renaissance Testing will take place on Wednesday, September 7th for all students in K-8. Thank you!

HIGH SCHOOL VISITS AT ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL 8TH GRADE

- Archbishop Riordan High School - Thursday, September 22nd
- Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep - Friday, September 23rd
- St. Ignatius College Prep - Thursday, September 29th

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Please plan on attending the first Women's Guild Meeting of the 2022-2023 School Year. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. See you there.

ROSTER 2022-2023

Please complete the school roster form with your information. This Google form link can be found in this week's newsletter email. The roster will go out on September 21st. Thank you!

STUDENT HOLIDAY/SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Friday, September 2, 2022 is a Student Holiday. All Principals and Teachers in the Archdiocese will be attending a Faith Formation In-Service Day.

Monday, September 5, 2022 we celebrate Labor Day. School will be closed.

MRS. SHARON ALLEN'S NOTES CONT'D:

MINIMUM DAY

Just a reminder that Monday, September 12th is a MINIMUM DAY and dismissal is at 12:15p.m. The teachers will be working on our WCEA/WASC Report.

Mrs Allen

AUCTION

WINTER AUCTION - Who shall rise as the Diamond of the Season?!

Save the Date!

The St. Stephen Women's Guild Annual Winter Auction will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 at the Olympic Club Lakeside! Event chairs, **Natalie Ocampo, Charlene Avila, Mandy Fesko, Tina Garza and Vanessa Usi** shall transport you to the *Regency Era* (with a Cougar twist) to enjoy the most anticipated event of the season with a live auction, music, food, dance and plenty of surprises!

If you would like to volunteer, host a Sign-Up Party, or donate an item, please contact the Auction chairs at auktion@sfststephenschool.org.

Look for weekly updates in this newsletter!



SCRIP UPDATE

Welcome back to school! It's always a great time to get working on your Scrip profit and the Scrip Team is here to help. Here are some reminders and updates:

- Ordering and payment need to be made online at www.RaiseRight.com or through the app
- Orders for physical gift cards placed by Tuesday each week will be available for pick up the following week on Monday mornings in front of the gym or from the School Office on Thursday afternoons
- We are excited to announce that we now carry Sports Basement scrip in a \$25 physical gift card at a 16% rebate!

If you don't remember your Username or Password or have any questions about the Scrip Program, email us at sswgScrip@gmail.com

SPAGHETTI BINGO

Our "*Festa Italiana*" Spaghetti Bingo is returning after a two year hiatus, and you won't want to miss it! Plan to bring the entire *famiglia* to enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner provided by **Original Joe's**, a lively game of Bingo and carnival games in the yard. The fun begins **after 4:30pm** mass on **Saturday, October 1st at Donworth Hall**.

TICKETS

Tickets are available online at www.spaghettingo.com and will sell out very quickly! We recommend buying your tickets today if you are interested in bringing your family to this fun event! Each ticket will include a bracelet for dinner and a bingo card. Additional bingo cards, drink tickets and carnival game tickets are also available for purchase online. Anything purchased online will be ready for you upon check-in on October 1st.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Spaghetti Bingo is always so much fun for the kids! But, the fun is made possible by generous donations from our community. To ensure a *festa* that is *splendido* for everyone, we are seeking donations of Amazon and Safeway Scrip, small new toys for Bingo prizes, and bottles of wine (worth \$20+). We will be stationed at both the lower and upper gates at drop-off and pick-up this Thursday, September 1st. Each \$25 donation will earn you a volunteer hour! Stay tuned for future drop-off opportunities, or email us to connect. Donations will also be accepted at the first Women's Guild Meeting this month.

Please contact our **Spaghetti Bingo Chairs** (Jen Garlasco, Andrea Murphy, Jennifer O'Keefe and Shawna Stecher) with questions at spaghettingo@gmail.com.

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 to RSVP or with any questions.



TUITION

FACTS Tuition Management is our tuition management system for 2022-2023. Payments will be deducted on the 15th of each month. There is a late fee of \$30.00 for payments that are returned from the bank. St. Stephen School charges \$35.00 for all late payments. Please contact the office directly if there is a concern. We are here to help!

EMAILS

office@sfststephenschool.org - Mrs. Nicole Mullen

attendance@sfststephenschool.org - School Attendance Reporting - Please send any attendance reports, appointments, etc. to this email and be sure to include (cc) your child's homeroom teacher.

office401@sfststephenschool.org - Mrs. Linda Setiadi

newsletter@sfststephenschool.org - All Newsletter Items

Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES

September 1st - Men's Club Meeting @ 7 p.m.

September 2nd - PS, K-8 Formation Day / Student Holiday

September 5th - Labor Day / School Holiday

September 7th - First Communion Meeting @ 6 p.m.

September 7th - STAR Testing

September 8th - Confirmation Meeting @ 6 p.m.

September 9th - Kindergarten Social @ 6 p.m.

September 13th - Student Council Installation @ 1:30 p.m.

September 21st - SSWG Meeting @ 7 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. 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.