

### **NEWSLETTER**

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 NO.5

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

#### KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

During the year, we will have fire drills, earthquake drills and emergency procedures in place for catastrophes and natural disasters. Please know we will do everything in our power to keep your children safe. Please also be assured that we continue to be "pandemic prepared" with mandated health guidelines in place from the City, State and Federal Government.

#### KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS FOR SIBLINGS 2023-2024

Kindergarten Applications for 2023-2024 are now available at the school office. If you have a sibling who wishes to be part of the 2023-2024 Kindergarten Class, please return a completed application by September 30th. Just a reminder that all children applying for Kindergarten must be enrolled in a 5 day per week licensed preschool. Thank you.

#### HSPT PREP COURSE

This year St. Stephen School will once again be offering an HSPT Prep Course for our 8th grade students. The course will be taught by Mrs. Malia Peterson (English) and Mrs. Elizabeth Regalia (Math). Information went home last week. The course will be eight sessions, two hours each and cost \$240.00. Fees collected will go to course instructors. Contact Mrs. Regalia if you are interested at <a href="mailto:eregalia@sfststephenschool.org">eregalia@sfststephenschool.org</a>.

#### REMINDER

Monday, September 26th is a minimum day. Dismissal will be at 12:15 p.m. Teachers will be attending an Archdiocesan In–Service.

#### BEACH CLEAN UP DAY

Please join our St. Stephen School Community for Beach Clean Up day <u>this</u> Saturday, September 17th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Location is Ocean Beach and Sloat Blvd. Thanks to our Student Council for organizing this day and thank you for your support.

#### MRS. SHARON ALLEN'S NOTES CONT'D:

#### ROSTER

The Roster for 2022-2023 will go home next week. Thanks to Mrs. Mullen for all her hard work on this project.

#### FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

We will celebrate the feast of St. Francis with the blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please have your dog, cat, snake, fish, turtle, bird or other pet ready to join you for Mass that day and a special blessing. Stuffed animals are also welcome. Thanks to Mrs. Acosta and Grade 5 who are planning this liturgy.

#### PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th.

#### PARKING LOT SAFETY-PLANNING AHEAD

Please drive extra carefully and be extra cautious at drop-off and pick-up times. Please be extra careful when driving in the back parking lot. Please drive SLOWLY and do not make U-turns. We want every child at St. Stephen to arrive safely and get home safely. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Please plan on joining us next Wednesday at 7pm in Donworth Hall for the first Women's Guild Meeting. We look forward to welcoming you!

#### KINDERGARTEN PARENT NIGHT

Heartfelt thanks to the Kindergarten Room Parents who organized the Kindergarten Parent Social last Friday evening. It was a perfect event from start to finish! Thanks one and all!

Stay Safe!

Mrs Allen

#### NEW ALTAR SERVERS

All students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 are welcome to participate in our St. Stephen Altar Server Ministry.

Please contact Giovanna Hrvatin at hrvatin@att.net or 415-350-5848 to sign-up or for more information.

Thank you.

#### SCRIP UPDATE

The Scrip Team will be at the Women's Guild Meeting on September 21st selling Scrip in-person. It will be a great opportunity to pick up some scrip to donate to Spaghetti Bingo, physical cards for reloading or for asking questions. Come by the Scrip table and say "Hi!"

#### **REMINDERS:**

- Ordering and payment needs to be made online at <a href="https://www.RaiseRight.com">www.RaiseRight.com</a> or through the app
- Orders for physical gift cards placed by Tuesday each week will be available for pick up the <u>following</u> week on Monday mornings in front of the gym or from the School Office on Thursday afternoons
- If you don't remember your Username or Password or have any questions about the Scrip Program, email us at <a href="mailto:sswgScrip@gmail.com">sswgScrip@gmail.com</a>.



#### STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is very excited to host our first event: Beach Clean-Up! Please join us from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Sloat Blvd. & Ocean Beach. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided.

#### **BOOK FAIR**

#### Back by Popular Demand!

We are pleased to announce that our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to an in-person event! We can't wait to welcome you back to our school library, which will be transformed into a bookish wonderland. Our very special family day will take place on Sunday October 23rd, after 9.30am mass. We will also be open for sales during parent teacher conferences - October 24th through 26th. Please stay tuned for more information, and a variety of volunteer opportunities. This is a fun event that will be most successful with everyone's support. Email - ststephenbookfair@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you, and catch you at the fair!

Book Fair Co-Chairs: Marianna Madden, Sarah Barca, Mizuki McElroy, Deborah Hrvatin, and Nicole O'Boyle



#### SCHOOL AUCTION

#### Who shall rise as the Diamond of the Season?!

We hope you can join us on December 3rd for our Annual Auction, The Queen's Ball! Our team is hard at work, gathering donations, prizes, and underwriting.

If you are interested in donating items, hosting a sign-up party, or volunteering, please email: Auction Chairs, Natalie Ocampo, Charlene Avila, Mandy Fesko, Tina Garza and Vanessa Usi at <u>auction@sfststephenschool.org</u>.

Visit our table at the upcoming Women's Guild Meeting on Wednesday, September 21st!

- We will be collecting baskets at this meeting. Bring a basket to the meeting and receive an extra raffle ticket that night.
- Remember each \$25 donated equals one hour of fundraising!

  Visit the Auction Site to donate and for more details!

  https://saintstephen.schoolauction.net/auction2022/homepages/show

#### AUCTION ART

AUCTION ART VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Each classroom will create an art project to be sold to the highest bidder at the gala. This is a great opportunity to get creative and work with your child in the classroom. Please sign up online:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044eada62ba2fe3-20223

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact:

Auction Art Co-Chairs, Henry Tan and Patty Ignacio at <a href="mailto:style="color: blue;">style="color: b



#### SPAGHETTI BINGO

Our first event of the school year, "Festa Italiana" Spaghetti Bingo, is selling out fast! Buy your tickets today! You won't want to miss the delicious spaghetti dinner provided by Original Joe's, lively Bingo games and carnival booths in the yard. The fun begins after 4:30pm mass on Saturday, October 1st at Donworth Hall.

#### TICKETS

There are a limited number of tickets still available online at <a href="www.spaghettibingo.com">www.spaghettibingo.com</a> but they are almost sold out! 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 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 15th and Friday, September 16th. Each \$25 donation will earn you a volunteer hour! If you can't make these times, email us to connect. Donations will also be accepted at the first Women's Guild Meeting this month on September 21st!

There are also several volunteer opportunities available! Please check out our Sign Up Genius to find a time slot or two that fits your schedule. We need help with everything from Set Up to working our carnival game booths. Spaghetti Bingo is a "friendraiser" event, so all volunteer hours count toward your friendraising 20 hour requirement for the year. <a href="https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b044eada62ba2fe3-sswg18">https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b044eada62ba2fe3-sswg18</a>

#### BIKE E-TALIA RAFFLE

Lastly, and with great excitement, we are happy to announce that we will be raffling off an e-bike at Spaghetti Bingo. If you would like a chance to win an Aventon Pace 350 e-bike (valued at over \$1500!), raffle tickets will be available for purchase in-person at the Women's Guild Meeting on September 21st, or anytime by sending payment to the SSWG PayPal account at sswgtreasurer@gmail.com, noting that payment is for "Bingo Raffle." Tickets are \$25 each, or 5 for \$100. Raffle tickets will also be sold at the event. A winner will be drawn that night, and you need not be present to win. This is a great way to support Spaghetti Bingo if you can't make it that night! Good luck!

Please contact our **Spaghetti Bingo Chairs** (Jen Garlasco, Andrea Murphy, Jennifer O'Keeffe and Shawna Stecher) with questions at <u>spaghettibingo@gmail.com</u>.



#### TUITION

The third payment is due on October 15th. FACTS Management will be deducting payments on that day. There is a late fee of \$25.00 if your tuition is received after the 15th of the month. FACTS charges \$30.00 for all returned payments. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **OFFICE**

- If you have not signed into your FACTS Family Portal, please do so as soon as possible. Go to <u>factsmgt.com</u> and enter the school code SSC-CA. Enter your email address in the parent login info. You will then receive an email to set up your account and generate a password.
- Need to log hours? Log into your family portal, go to family on the left side, you will see a drop down list for family members and on the right, you will see "service hours." Click the add button and add your volunteer hours. Please list the Event Chair or Supervisor in the "verifies by" section.
- For newsletter items, please use the email newsletter@sfststephenschool.org
- For all attendance emails, please copy your child's homeroom teacher and send to <a href="mailto:attendance@sfststephenschool.org">attendance@sfststephenschool.org</a>.

Thank you!

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 21st SSWG Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- September 22nd Riordan High School 8th Grade Visit @ 11 a.m.
- September 23rd Sacred Heart Cathedral 8th Grade Visit @ 11 a.m.
- September 26th Dismissal @ 12:15 p.m.
- September 29th St. Ignatius 8th Grade Visit @ 11 a.m.
- September 30th FREE DRESS

#### SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Prayerful Christians
Effective Communicators
Accountable Citizens
Confident Learners and Problem Solvers
Empathetic Individuals



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 designed to reflect 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.

#### ABC'S FOR RAISING CHILDREN

#### BY: PATTI-MONROE-MOHRENWEISER

A is for accountability. Hold your children accountable for their behavior.

B is for boundaries. Set specific limits, and make clear the repercussions if those limits are exceeded.

C is for consistency in principles and practices.

D is for discipline. Make the punishment fit the crime. Never discipline in anger. E is for example. Children are in greater need of models than critics. Set a good example.

F is for forgiveness. Practice and teach the importance of forgiveness.

G is for giving. Teach the joy of giving, not only to family and friends, but to strangers in need.

H is for a sense of humor. Keep your sense of humor. Promote laughter with your children.

I is for imagination. Be creative and play with your children. Make up stories or songs when you read to your children.

J is for justice. Be fair, and insist that they be fair.

K is for knowing your children's friends and their parents as well as their teachers. L is for listening. Listen to your children. It will teach them how to listen to others, and their thoughts will give you insight.

M is for morals. Be sure that your own standard of conduct is sound.

N is for NO. Use it and mean it.

O is for outdoors. Provide as much outdoor activity as possible

P is for pressure. Reduce the pressure on our children, but insist that they maintain high standards.

Q is for questions. Pay close attention to these and give simple answers unless they demand more.

R is for respect. Show respect, teach respect, and earn respect.

5 is for source of strength. Share your faith or beliefs with your children. Faith can be their port in the storms of later life.

T is for togetherness. Have designated time to be together as a family, but know when to let go.

U is for uniqueness. Understand that uniqueness of each child, and let that child be who he or she is.

V is for visionary. Look forward not backward.

W is for word. Keep your word. Promises broken destroy trust.

X is for examine. Examine constantly, and be aware

Y is for you. Take care of yourself mentally, physically, and spiritually. A happy parent helps a child to be happy.

Z is for zowie! Who would have thought that they would grow up so quickly

# 8th Grade Ice Cream Fundraiser





#### ST. STEPHEN WOMEN'S GUILD WINTER AUCTION 2022 | DECEMBER 3, 2022, SAN FRANCISCO

September 1, 2022

Dear St. Stephen School Community,

Saint Stephen School is seeking your support for our annual live and silent auction fundraiser on December 3, 2022 at the Olympic Club Lakeside. We are excited to present St. Stephen's School Auction Gala, The Queen's Ball. Your generosity will directly benefit the over 300 kindergarten through eighth grade students who learn, thrive and treat each other with kindness and respect, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Since 1952, it has been the mission of St. Stephen School to educate children in a nurturing, supportive environment, focusing on the spiritual and intellectual needs of each child. We are able to provide exceptional technology, science, art and music programs, in large part because of generous donations from the community. The funds raised by our auction finance these special programs and enrich the lives of each student at Saint Stephen School.

Your tax-deductible contribution of goods, services, gift certificates or promotional items will be greatly appreciated by the Saint Stephen School community, the faculty, staff, parents, and most of all, our children. We will prominently acknowledge and recognize your donation in our program, offering an exciting opportunity for you to promote your business to the over 1500 members of our school community.

We can arrange pick up of your donation or it can be mailed to: Saint Stephen School Attn: 2022 Auction Chairs 401 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132

All donations to Saint Stephen School, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, are tax deductible – Tax ID number is 94-1156799.

On behalf of our community, thank you in advance for your kind consideration of our request. If you have any questions about donations or Saint Stephen School, please do not hesitate to contact us at auction@sfststephenschool.org.

With gratitude,

Event Chairs

From the Desk of Event Chairs:

NATALIE OCAMPO. CHARLENE AVILA. MANDY FESKO, TINA GARZA & VANESSA USI



Paying by check

Please make payable to SSWG

Please complete this form with your donation and mail to:

St. Stephen School

Attention: 2022 Auction

401 Eucalyptus Drive San Francisco, CA 94132

Email: auction@sfststephenschool.org Contributions are tax-deductible using St. Stephen Tax I.D. No: 94-1156799 Please keep a copy of this form for your records

Amount enclosed

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#### THE SOCIETY PAPERS

## The Queen's Ball

### The Olympic Club, San Francisco, CA Saturday, December 3, 2022

#### EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY NEWS

Dearest Reader,

The time has come to place our bets for the upcoming social season. The Ton are abuzz with the latest gossip, and so it is my honor to impart to you: The return of the St Stephen's School Auction Gala, *The Queen's Ball*. We shall transport you to the Regency Era (with a Cougar twist) to enjoy quite the evening. It is the anticipated event of the season, once-in-a-lifetime evening of live auction, food, music, dance and plenty of surprises.

As guests at this delightful *soiree*, prepare to mingle with other members of the Ton as you immerse yourself in an evening unlike any you have experienced before.

Ladies, perhaps you're thinking of the cotton-candy pinks, lemon yellows and saturated cornflower blues with poofy large sleeves. Or maybe of the women of the Ton who go sans bonnet, paired with a parasol.

Gentlemen, maybe you're thinking of cut high jackets with tails or a simple suit or a waistcoat with a vest with more color or embellished with a top hat and walking stick.

Amidst such sophistication, who shall rise as the *Diamond of the Season*?

- Lady Whistledown



## SPACHETTI BINGO

We need your help!

We are now accepting
Scrip donations for Amazon
& Safeway, as well as WINE!

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# We also need small new TOYS for Bingo prizes!

All Donations will be accepted at drop-off & pickup this Thursday, 9/15 and Friday, 9/16 at both gates!

Email us at spaghettibingo@gmail.com





Aventon Pace 350 e-Bike (\$1500 value)

\$25 PER ENTRY, OR 5 FOR \$100 PayPal sswgtreasurer@gmail.com