



# NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 NO.6

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

## EIGHTH GRADE INTERVIEWS

Next week I begin interviewing the 8th Graders and discussing their High School choices. We wish our 8th Graders the best as they navigate the High School Admissions Process.

## WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Our first Women's Guild Meeting of the year is tonight at 7pm in Donworth Hall. Thanks to Naomi Kelly, our new Women's Guild President, Officers, Board Members, Room Parents and ALL members of the St. Stephen Women's Guild who will lead us this year! It's going to be a FABULOUS, FUN FILLED YEAR. Thank you all!

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be sent home with students on Wednesday, September 28th. If you do not receive a progress report please email Mrs. Mullen in the school office.

## FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

Sunday, October 2nd is the Feast of Guardian Angel. Our prayer for all of our wonderful St. Stephen Students is that they may always be safe, always be protected and always be loved.

## FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with the blessing of the animals Sunday, October 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please bring your dog, cat, snake, fish, turtle, bird or other pet to Mass with you for a special blessing. Stuffed animals are also welcome. Thanks to Mrs. Acosta and our 5th Graders who are planning this Liturgy.

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

### **PARISH ATHLETICS**

Please contact Kurt Bruneman, Parish Athletic Director at [ststephensad@aol.com](mailto:ststephensad@aol.com) if you have any questions regarding the CYO Sports Program. Thank you!

### **LET'S READ!**

Read! Read! Read! Let's Read! We are reading at school each day. Please take 15 minutes at home to have your child read aloud or read silently and then ask them questions about what they have read. Strong readers become strong students!

### **PICTURE DAY**

Picture day is scheduled for October 12, 2022.

### **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 the completed application by September 30th. Just a reminder that all applicants for Kindergarten must attend a 5 day per week licensed preschool. **Kindergarten Applications for siblings are due by September 30th, 2022.** Thank you.

### **KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS**

St. Stephen School is accepting applications for next August's Kindergarten class. Please call the school office at (415) 664-8331 if you are interested in obtaining an application. Children must be five years old by September 1, 2023 and be currently enrolled in a five day Pre-K or Kindergarten Program. Kindergarten screenings will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2023. On Tuesday, October 4th and Wednesday, October 5th, we will be hosting our Kindergarten Tours. If you would like to sign-in for one of the Kindergarten Tours please contact Mrs. Mullen in the school office at (415) 664-8331. You are welcome to see St. Stephen School in person on Sunday, January 29th, 2023 at our school OPEN HOUSE.

### **SPAGHETTI BINGO**

We look forward to seeing many of you at Festa Italiana Spaghetti Bingo on Saturday, October 1st. If you are unable to attend but would like to help please email our fabulous CHAIRS at [spaghattibingo@gmail.com](mailto:spaghattibingo@gmail.com). Spaghetti Bingo is sold out! Thank you for your support!

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

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to all the St. Stephen School Community - teachers, staff, students and parents for making my birthday celebration at St. Stephen School so special. I enjoyed a perfect birthday from start to finish because of YOU! Thank you! You are the best!

**CHARITY FREE DRESS**

Please note that the donations for next Friday's Charity Free Dress will be going to the Missionary Childhood Association. Thank you for your support.

**KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

Throughout the year we 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.

**BEACH CLEAN UP DAY**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Beach Clean Up. We appreciate your help!

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](mailto:hrvatin@att.net) or 415-350-5848 to sign-up or for more information. Thank you.

## "FESTA ITALIANA" SPAGHETTI BINGO

### TICKET SALES

Our first event of the school year, "*Festa Italiana*" Spaghetti Bingo, is less than two weeks away, on **October 1st after 4:30pm mass!** Our dinner tickets are officially *SOLD OUT!* However, you can still plan to attend this event to have your children play games and win prizes at our carnival booths. Game tickets and adult drink tickets are still available for purchase at [www.spaghettribingo.com](http://www.spaghetribingo.com). Carnival booths will be open 6pm-10pm, and we'd love to see you there!

### 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 22nd and Friday, September 23rd**. 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 tomorrow night, **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 to Clean Up afterward. Spaghetti Bingo is a "friendraiser" event, so all volunteer hours count toward your friendraising 20 hour requirement for the year. Eighth grade students are also asked to volunteer with this event. Eighth graders can volunteer using a separate link included in this newsletter.

### 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](mailto: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 Spaghetti Bingo. A winner will be drawn on the evening of October 1st, 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'Keefe and Shawna Stecher) with questions at [spaghattibingo@gmail.com](mailto:spaghattibingo@gmail.com).

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

**AUCTION NEWS** - **The Queen's Ball** will be held on Saturday, **December 3rd!** If you're 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 [auktion@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:auktion@sfststephenschool.org).

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!

- Need to dress up your outfit? Exclusive accessories will be available to purchase at the SSWG meeting. Crowns, gloves, etc!

We are looking for Auction Sign-Up Party Hosts! Grab a friend and throw a party! Here are some ideas:

- Cooking or Baking Party
- Sports Tournament: Volleyball, Dodge Ball, Basketball, Softball
- A day exploring Golden Gate Park
- Tea Party for Kids and Dolls
- Tacos and Margaritas for Cinco De Mayo
- Family Game Night: Pictionary, Cards Against Humanity, Family Feud
- Oscar Party
- Backyard Movie Night Pajama Party

Visit the Auction Site to donate and for more details!

<http://www.thequeensballauction.com/>

**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 [ststephen.artauction@gmail.com](mailto:ststephen.artauction@gmail.com).



## 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 [www.RaiseRight.com](http://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
- If you don't remember your Username or Password or have any questions about the Scrip Program, email us at [sswgScrip@gmail.com](mailto:sswgScrip@gmail.com).



## BOOK FAIR

**Back by Popular Demand!** Our annual **Scholastic Book Fair** will be returning to an in-person event! We can't wait to welcome you back to the 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**.

We need your help to set-up and staff the event. Please sign-up for a shift and help us build **Bolder, Stronger Readers!** Morning and afternoon slots available. Email the co-chairs at [ststephenbookfair@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenbookfair@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thank you, and catch you at the fair!

Marianna Madden, Sarah Barca, Mizuki McElroy, Deborah Hrvatin, and Nicole O'Boyle



## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Thank you for coming to Saturday's beach clean-up! We really appreciate the time and effort everyone put into keeping our Ocean Beach beautiful. In October, the Student Council is participating in Breast Cancer Awareness Month by selling bracelets for \$1.00 and pink scarves for \$4.00. You can purchase bracelets and scarves in October on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays before and after school.



## **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**

\* Please make sure your child is sent to school with a water bottle, snack for recess time and a nutritious lunch. The Lunch Program offers a daily meal Tuesday thru Friday. If you are interested, please email [sswglunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:sswglunchprogram@gmail.com) to sign up. The school office does not provide additional snack or lunch options. Thank you for your understanding.

\* Have you signed into your FACTS Family Portal yet? Go to [factsmgmt.com](http://factsmgmt.com) and enter the school code SSC-CA, enter your email address and receive instructions on how to set up your account. The FACTS portal will have your child's grades and attendance. You can also log your volunteer hours!

## ACADEMIC CHESS

If your child has signed up for academic chess class beginning on 9/22, please inform your teacher. Students will be escorted to the 5th Grade classroom after dismissal and will be supervised by a staff member until the class begins at 3 p.m. Pick up will be at 4 p.m. from outside the 5th Grade Classroom outside doors. Thank you!

## 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.

**Think about this:**

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”

- Pericles

**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**