



# NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 NO.7

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress reports went home today. If you did not receive a progress report this week for your child please contact your Child's Teacher immediately.

## **VISIT FROM DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Tomorrow Mrs. Susana Lapeyrade-Drummond, Associate Superintendent will be making her quarterly visit to St. Stephen School. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Lapeyrade-Drummond!

## **FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY**

Please join us this Sunday, October 2nd at 9:30 A.M. Family Mass honoring St. Francis of Assisi. Thanks to Mrs. Acosta and our Fifth Graders for planning this special liturgy.

## **HOLY CHILDHOOD MASS**

All parents and grandparents are invited to join us Tuesday, October 18th at 11:00A.M. Mass. Our Liturgy is being prepared by the Sixth Grade Class. Students should be in complete uniform. We look forward to having our families with us.

## **SEPTEMBER WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

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! What a wonderful meeting we enjoyed last week. Over 100 Moms attended the fun and informative evening. Special thanks to our Eighth Grade Moms who hosted the gathering. It's going to be a FABULOUS, FUN FILLED YEAR. Thanks to all who participated!

## **SEPTEMBER FREE DRESS FRIDAY**

September Free Dress Friday is this Friday, September 30th. Please earn your \$1.00 which will be donated to the Missionary Childhood Association.

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

### **OCTOBER WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

Please remember to mark your calendars for our October Women's Guild Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, October 19th at 7 P.M. We look forward to seeing all our Moms at this meeting and celebrating the exciting things happening at St. Stephen School! Thanks to our Seventh Grade Moms who will be hosting this meeting.

### **ST. STEPHEN STUDENT COUNCIL - OCTOBER FREE DRESS FRIDAY**

Under the direction of our Student Council, \$1.00 will be collected from any child who would like to participate in our FREE DRESS FUNDRAISER. Students are encouraged to earn their dollars. On October 29th, funds collected will go to Breast Cancer Awareness. As always your support is truly appreciated! Thank you!

### **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU**

A very special thank you to the Rizzo family for generously donating the pumpkins for our school Pumpkin Patch. This special "happening" will take place on Tuesday, October 25th. Proceeds support the 8th Grade Graduation activities. Pumpkins will be \$5.00 each.

### **UNIFORM REMINDER**

Students should be in COMPLETE uniform each day. Just a reminder - girls need to wear ANKLE SOCKS OR KNEE HIGHS and boys need to wear a BELT. Remember to get a haircut if needed. No FAD haircuts or dyed hair are allowed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### **KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS**

St. Stephen School is accepting applications for next year'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. Kindergarten Applications for siblings are due by September 30, 2022.

On Tuesday, October 4th and Wednesday, October 5th, we will be hosting our Kindergarten Tours. If you would like to sign-up for one of the Kindergarten Tours from 9:00a.m. to 10:15a.m., Please contact Mrs. Mullen in the school office at (415)664-8331.

**MRS. SHARON ALLEN'S NOTES CONT'D:**  
**SPAGHETTI BINGO THIS SATURDAY!**

Heartfelt THANKS to Spaghetti Bingo Chairs Jen Garlasco, Jennifer O'Keeffe, Andrea Murphy and Shawna Stecher for their hard work, energy and enthusiasm. We look forward to the FUN at this sold out event. Thanks to the Duggan Family and Original Joe's for their incredible generosity!

**LOCAL HOLIDAY**

Monday, October 11th is a Local Holiday. We celebrate and honor those who discovered America.

Stay Safe!

*Mrs Allen*

**BOOK FAIR**

**Book Fair is Back! October 21st though 26th**

Our annual book fair is just around the corner, and we need your help! Please click on the link, sign-up for a shift, and help us build **Bolder, Stronger, Prouder Readers!** This is a great way to earn some hours, while seeing the kids during the school day. Volunteers are also needed for our very special **Family Day** on **Sunday, October 23rd** after 9.30am mass. Morning and afternoon slots available. Just let us know if you can only do a partial shift. We appreciate your help!

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, Debora Hrvatin, and Nicole O'Boyle

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EADA62BA2FE3-sswg19>



## **"FESTA ITALIANA" SPAGHETTI BINGO**

Festa Italiana is just days away! We can't wait for our community to join us this Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> after the 4:30pm mass for dinner provided by Original Joe's, lively bingo games for all ages, and carnival games in the school yard. Please take a look at our attached flyers for important details about our raffle, volunteer opportunities (we need lots of help still!) and a detailed itinerary for the evening. The Spaghetti Bingo Chairs can be reached at [spaghettingo@gmail.com](mailto:spaghettingo@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns about this event.

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

**AUCTION NEWS** - The Queen's Ball will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> !

We are now seeking and accepting donations. If you would like to contribute items, family vacation rentals, cash, or services, visit the Auction Site by clicking here to donate!

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

If you would like to volunteer, visit our Sign-Up Genius here. Just email: Auction Chairs, Natalie Ocampo, Charlene Avila, Mandy Fesko, Tina Garza and Vanessa Usi at [auction@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:auction@sfststephenschool.org).

Visit the Auction Site by clicking here to donate and for more details!

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**SCRIP CHALLENGE** - This year's classroom challenge will be for SCRIP only and runs September 30<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> ! Donating SCRIP to the AUCTION is a WIN-WIN-WIN! You help your child's class win prizes; You get a 1 hour fundraising credit for each \$25 donation; and You get a % contributed to your yearly SCRIP requirement! Each class that contributes at least \$1500 worth of SCRIP will win a special treat to be chosen by the teacher. The Top Class Winners will win cash prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50, respectively, to their classroom funds!

Please label SCRIP donations with your child's name and grade. Donations may be submitted the following ways:

- Give to your Classroom Parent
- Give to an Auction Co-Chair on the school yard or email [auction@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:auction@sfststephenschool.org)
- Scrip donations in EC on Monday and Friday mornings

**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).



## **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.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Hey Cougars! I hope you are having a great week. Just a reminder that Friday Sep. 30 is Charity Free Dress. Please bring in a dollar to support the *Missionary Childhood Association*. Also the student council will begin selling Breast Cancer Awareness pins and bracelets for \$1 and pink scarves for \$5. In the morning we will sell them by the gym and in the afternoon, by the preschool. Also Spaghetti Bingo is this Saturday starting after 4:30 Mass. I hope you guys have a good weekend!

## 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 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.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- October 7th - Student Holiday
- October 10th - School Holiday
- October 12th - Picture Day - Please come to school in FULL UNIFORM
- October 24th - 28th - Minimum Days / 12:15 p.m. Dismissal
- October 28th - Charity Free Dress (Breast Cancer Awareness)