



NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, OCTOBER 5, 2022 NO.8

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

SPAGHETTI BINGO

Heartfelt THANKS to Spaghetti Bingo Chairs Jen Garlasco, Jennifer O'Keeffe, Andrea Murphy and Shawna Stecher for their hard work, energy and enthusiasm. The event was absolutely fabulous from start to finish. Each and every detail was done to perfection. Thanks to our donors, our volunteers and all who participated! Thanks to the Duggan Family and Original Joe's for their incredible generosity! Spaghetti Bingo was a spectacular success!

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT VISIT

Thank you to Associate Superintendent Susana Lapeyrade-Drummond who visited St. Stephen School last Thursday. We are always happy to welcome visitors from the Department of Catholic Schools. Mrs. Lapeyrade-Drummond was inspired by all she observed.

FAMILY MASS

Thanks to all who joined us for our Family Mass last Sunday. It was a beautiful liturgy prepared by Mrs. Acosta and our Fifth Graders and celebrated by Fr. Michael. Thanks to all who attended. It was a wonderful morning from start to finish.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday, October 25th through Thursday, October 27th, we will be having Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences are very important meeting times for parents and teachers. Please be on time for your appointment. Thank you! Last week you received a letter regarding Parent/Teacher Conferences. Forms needed to be returned yesterday. Teachers are scheduling conferences today at 3 p.m. During Conference week, dismissal will be at 12:15 p.m. Conference Days are October 25th through October 27th. Don't forget you can shop at the Book Fair event during Parent Teacher Conference week!

MRS. SHARON ALLEN'S NOTES CONT'D:

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Please 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.

BOOK FAIR

Please mark your calendars for BOOK FAIR week! We look forward to a wonderful event and thank you in advance for your support and participation. Special thanks to Book Fair Co-Chairs Sarah Barca McGrillen, Marianna Madden, Mizuki McElroy, Debora Hrvatin and Nicole O'Boyle.

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 and be currently enrolled in a Five day Pre-K or Kindergarten Program. Kindergarten screenings will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2023. Thank you!

St. Stephen School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Stephen School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Yesterday and today we hosted Kindergarten Tours. We had a tremendous turnout with great numbers of interested parents. Thank you for spreading the good news about St. Stephen School.

MRS. SHARON ALLEN'S NOTES CONT'D:

HALLOWEEN

Halloween will be celebrated Monday, October 31st at school for all students in Grades K-8. St. Stephen School, as part of the festivities, encourages all children to come in costumes that are nonviolent characters. No knives, guns, swords or weapons of any kind are to come to school as part of any costume. Skateboards, Razors, or bicycles (anything with wheels) will not be allowed. Thank you for your cooperation.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All St. Stephen students will be completing the San Francisco Archdiocesan Youth Safety Program, during November. The Touching Safety Program Lessons were created for four specific age groups: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. The material is developmentally appropriate for each group and will be taught by homeroom teachers. As always, our goal is to keep the children at St. Stephen School safe.

PUMPKIN PATCH NEWS

We are excited about our Second Grade Pumpkin Patch in Donworth Hall. Pumpkins will be on sale Thursday, October 25th for \$5.00. All proceeds benefit Eighth Grade Graduation activities. Thanks to Linda and Sal Rizzo who are donating all the pumpkins.

Mrs Allen

LEXIA SUPERSTAR DAY

Our Kindergarten, First, Second and Third grade students celebrated reading skill mastery last Friday on Lexia SuperStar Day! The young readers donned superstar glasses, wristbands and stickers to participate in the fun. A large banner now hangs in the Tech Lab and every student who completes a Lexia level will see their name added to our celebration of readers.

Please encourage your student to complete their individual Lexia weekly minutes and units. Most of this is done during the academic day. Your child's teacher will let you know if your reader needs extra time at home. Once your child has completed the weekly requirement, please encourage your child to read a good book and foster a love of reading!

"Lexia is an adaptive blended learning program that accelerates the development of literacy skills for students of all abilities, helping them make that critical shift from learning to read to reading to learn."

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Phone out of Battery? We have got you covered!

Pick up your exclusive St. Stephen School pocket friendly portable power bank by placing an order [HERE](#) while supply lasts! ***Bonus** Iphone Charging Cable included

Cost: \$25 Venmo: Mil-Pasquini or Paypal millomaup@gmail.com

Pick Up Order by Thursday at 4p.m. and pick up 7:35 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. or after school on Fridays. Thank you for supporting our 8th Grade Fundraiser!

Questions: Contact Anna Marie Concannon at annadunne75@gmail.com

ICE CREAM SALE

I Scream! You Scream! We all Scream for Ice Cream! Please support the 8th grade by buying an ice cream after school on Thursday, October 6th. Ice cream and popsicles are \$2 each. All proceeds go toward 8th grade graduation activities.

PUMPKIN PATCH

Our wonderful St. Stephen Annual Pumpkin Patch will be on Tuesday, October 25th! The Second Grade class is excited to transform Donworth Hall into a Pumpkin Patch for the day. Students will have the opportunity to visit the pumpkin patch with their class and choose a pumpkin to take home for \$5. All proceeds from this event will go towards supporting 8th Grade graduation activities. If you would like your child to participate please send \$5 to their teachers by October 21st and remember to include your child's name and grade.

Questions? Contact Linda Char at maielectronicmail@gmail.com.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Hey Cougars! I hope you are having a good week. We are continuing to sell Breast Cancer Awareness pins and bracelets for 1\$ and pink scarves for 5\$ on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday throughout the month of October. I hope you have started to figure out your Halloween costumes! Have a great 4 day weekend!

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our annual book fair is just around the corner! **We'll be in the library from October 21st through October 26th.** We need your help to make this our best fair yet! 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! Thank you, and catch you at the fair!

Email the co-chairs at ststephenbookfair@gmail.com with any questions. Marianna Madden, Sarah Barca, Mizuki McElroy, Debora Hrvatin, and Nicole O'Boyle

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

The Queen's Ball will be held on Saturday, **December 3rd**! Contact the **Auction Chairs**, **Natalie Ocampo, Charlene Avila, Mandy Fesko, Tina Garza and Vanessa Usi** at auction@sfststephenschool.org with any questions or if you would like to donate. Remember each \$25 donation equals 1 hour of fundraising!

We welcome all donations, including:

- Travel-related donations: Vacation Homes, Timeshares, Travel Vouchers, Frequent flier miles, hotel loyalty reward points
- Sports Items: Game Tickets, Memorabilia, Outings, Excursions
- Entertainment: Tickets (Music Festivals, Concerts, Plays, Events, Ballet, Opera)
- Culinary: Restaurant Gift Cards, Wine Pairings
- Spa/Beauty: Gift Cards, Spa Day Packages, and Products

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

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

SCRIP CHALLENGE

The SCRIP Challenge has officially begun and runs **NOW through November 1st**!

*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, for their classroom funds!

- Purchase eGift Cards and email them to the Auction team at auction@sfststephenschool.org
- Purchase physical gift cards online at www.RaiseRight.com, email both auction@sfststephenschool.org and sswgScrip@gmail.com which cards are for donation, and the cards will be given directly to the Auction Team when they arrive.

SIGN-UP GENIUS

Auction Volunteers are needed! Volunteering is a great opportunity to meet new people, earn service hours, and help your school raise funds! Many volunteer opportunities are still available. Visit our Sign-Up Genius [link here](#) today!

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