



# NEWSLETTER

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, OCTOBER 12th, 2022 NO.9

NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MRS. SHARON ALLEN:

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thanks to all the families who have returned their forms. Your conference times will be sent home this week by the classroom teachers. During conference week (October 24th through October 28th) dismissal will be at 12:15 p.m. Conferences will be in person. We look forward to welcoming you!

## SIXTH GRADE MASS

Thanks to Melissa Garcia and our Sixth Grade Class who are preparing a beautiful liturgy in celebration of the Holy Childhood Association. Special thanks to Father Michael who will celebrate this Mass on Tuesday, October 18th at 11:00 a.m.

## WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Please plan on attending the Women's Guild Meeting on October 19th. Thanks to the 7th Grade Moms for hosting.

## HALLOWEEN ANNOUNCEMENT

Just a reminder - Halloween will be celebrated Monday, October 31st. We look forward to a wonderful day with our students. St. Stephen School, as part of the festivities encourages the 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, bicycles (anything with wheels) will also not be allowed. Thank you for your cooperation.

## KINDERGARTEN TOUR THANKS

Thanks to the following members of our school family who helped during our Kindergarten Tours last week: Megan Harty, Teresa Anastasio, Lydia Flocchini, Naomi Kelly and Nicole Mullen. Our school representatives spoke to prospective Kindergarten Parents during the tours. Thank you one and all!

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

### EMAILS

Communication between home and school is important to all of us at St. Stephen School. Just a gentle reminder that teacher emails received after 4:30 p.m. will be answered the following day. Emails received over the weekend will be answered on the next school day.

### BOOK FAIR

Please support our Book Fair. Please email [mariannacorvan@yahoo.com](mailto:mariannacorvan@yahoo.com) with any questions. Read! Read! Read!

### CONGRATULATIONS MRS. STRUEBING

Congratulations to Mrs. Struebing who is expecting her first child in November. We are thrilled for you! Mrs. Struebing will be returning to St. Stephen School after her maternity leave.

*Mrs. Allen*

### 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 while supply lasts!

\*\*\*Bonus\*\* Iphone Charging Cable included

Cost: \$25 Venmo: Mil-Pasquini or Paypal [millomaup@gmail.com](mailto:millomaup@gmail.com)

Order by Thursday at 4 p.m. and pick-up 7:35 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. or after school on Fridays.

**We also have a limited supply of St. Stephen Shopping Totes! Available in red or black, please use the form to order.** Thank you for supporting our 8th Grade

Fundraiser! Questions: Contact Anna Marie Concannon at [annadunne75@gmail.com](mailto:annadunne75@gmail.com)

### WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING - OCTOBER

Please save the date for the second Women's Guild Meeting on Wednesday, October 19th, hosted by the 7th Grade Moms. Donworth Hall doors open at 6:45pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm. See attached flier. Remember, time spent attending a Women's Guild Meeting counts toward your 40 hour volunteer commitment. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **SPAGHETTI BINGO**

Grazie Mille to our entire St. Stephen School community for all of your support for our Spaghetti Bingo event last weekend! We loved the opportunity to gather for this event, and couldn't have done it without our school families. First and foremost, we thank the Duggan Family and Original Joe's for spoiling all of us with a delicious meal! We also thank the Hrvatin Family and Claudio's Auto Repair for keeping our bar stocked with beer, and the Mendiola Family for their generous sponsorship of our photo booth. If you stopped by the photo booth that night, you can look for your photos at

<https://boothbrossf.smugmug.com/GALLERIES/St-Stephens-Spaghetti-Bingo-Night> and access the gallery by using the password "cougars."

We want to acknowledge everyone who contributed, in any way, to the success of our night. Please see our attached flier that lists every volunteer who so generously gave of their time, every underwriter who graciously donated Scrip or cash toward this event, and every family who contributed toys or wine. We appreciate every one of you!

Jen Garlasco, Andrea Murphy, Jen O'Keefe and Shawna Stecher - Spaghetti Bingo Chairs

## **BOOK FAIR FUN STARTS THIS WEEK!**

Help us to keep kids reading, and raise funds for our school library by supporting our annual Scholastic book fair! **We'll be in the library from October 21st through October 26th.** See the attached flier for all the details. We still have some volunteer slots available. 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. Save the date for our very special **Family Day on Sunday, October 23rd** after 9.30am mass. Drinks and treats will be provided. 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>



### **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 every Friday in October. Ice cream and popsicles are \$2 each. All proceeds go toward 8th grade graduation activities.

### **SCOLIOSIS TRAINING**

Please contact Mrs. Mullen ([office@sfststephenschool.org](mailto:office@sfststephenschool.org)) by **this Friday** at 9 a.m. if you are interested in earning Parent Participation Hours by attending Scoliosis Training **next Tuesday**, October 18th from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. at St. Anne School. The office will then coordinate when the scoliosis screening at St. Stephen for students will be scheduled with your assistance. Thanks in advance for your help!

### **GENTLE REMINDER**

We love to see our four legged friends but please remember to keep your dog on a leash when visiting St. Stephen School. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**10/17 - 12:15 P.M. DISMISSAL**

**10/19 - 7 P.M. SSWG MEETING**

**10/24-28 - 12:15 P.M. DISMISSAL**

**10/24 - NOVEMBER LUNCH ORDERS DUE!**

**10/25-27 - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

**10/25 - PUMPKIN PATCH**

**10/28 - FREE DRESS**

**10/31 - 8:15 A.M. HALLOWEEN PARADE**

**12:15 P.M. DISMISSAL**

## **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.