



St. Stephen's News

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SPRING GALA...HOW CAN YOU HELP!

Today, I am excited to announce that this school year the St Stephen School PTA has agreed to do a **New Fundraising Event in April, 2017.**

This event will be a **GALA NIGHT** at our new Parish & School Hall, with Music, Food & Drinks!!! Our goal is to attract not only our school families to the event, but also the community by expanding our Marketing efforts throughout the city, utilizing the Chamber, Newspapers and more!! Yes, we are talking about a Large High End Event that will benefit our school!!!

How can you help...

Today, I am looking for volunteers to join our committee to help organize this event in different areas, such as Silent Auction, Sponsorship, Drinks, Food, etc... Meetings times are flexible (Can be after school hours) to accommodate those working and with previous commitments. So take this as an opportunity to volunteer for the school doing something different, where you get to know more people, socialize, use your abilities for a good cause or more!!!

Please contact me if you are interested In joining the committee, or want to help with something else...

Giovanna O. Kennedy
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Gran Gala esta Primavera 2017.

Me da gusto anunciar que este año la escuela San Esteban tendrá una gala en la primavera del 2017.

Este evento será una noche de gala en el nuevo salón parroquial con música, comida, y bebidas. Nuestra meta es de atraer no solamente las familias de la escuela pero también la comunidad de amigos, conocidos y familiares. Así expandir nuestros esfuerzos en promover la educación católica alrededor de la comunidad, utilizando los medios de comunicación, periódico, y mucho más. Si, este evento será grande y espectacular que beneficiara la escuela.

Como puede ayudar...

Estamos buscando voluntarios que gusten ser parte del comité. El cual consistirá de ayudar organizar la subasta, patrocinadores, bebidas, comida, etc. Las reuniones serán flexibles tomando en cuenta las personas que trabajan y con compromisos anteriores. Por favor considere ser parte de este evento diferente donde socializara, compartirá sus dones, y conocerá más amigos.

Por favor de comunicarse con Giovanna Kennedy (habla español) si está interesado(a) en ser parte de este comité o si quisiera ayudar de otra forma...

Bendiciones,



WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| SUNDAY, JAN. 15th | Children's Choir at 8am Mass |
| MONDAY, JAN. 16th | NO SCHOOL —Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| TUESDAY, JAN. 17th | Tuition Payments Due |
| TUESDAY, JAN 17th | ITBS Testing Begins for 2nd-8th grades |
| FRIDAY, JAN. 20th | Jersey/Scout Day |

HOT LUNCH

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| TUESDAY, JAN. 17th | Thor's Mexican Taco Bar |
| THURSDAY, JAN 19th | Mac-N-Cheese |

ATTACHMENTS

- ☆ Breakfast Burritos are BACK!!!!
- ☆ IOWA Testing Information

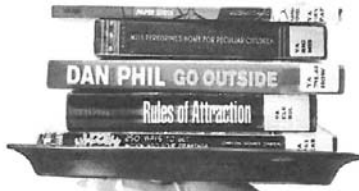
THURSDAY MASS—Jan. 19th:

Our worship leaders and our altar servers will be made up of students from the 8th and 5th grades, the bread servers are from the 1st grade and the wine servers are from the 2nd grade. Please join us!!



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| Commentator: | Samuel McDermott |
| Readers: | Grace Oliver and Tommy McMahon |
| Altar Servers: | Bridget Carrington, Jo John Ritter, Jesus Cervantes and Brigden Walter |
| Wine Servers: | Samuel Ramos and Owen Snoddy |
| Bread Servers: | Flor Roark and Caden Smith |

Book Tasting for Teens



Waiters will serve you a tasty book to review, and your opinion will be shared in the Juvenile and Young Adult sections of the library.

Drinks and appetizers served.

Receive a ticket for free admission by signing up at the library or calling before January 25.

Wednesday, February 1

4 pm

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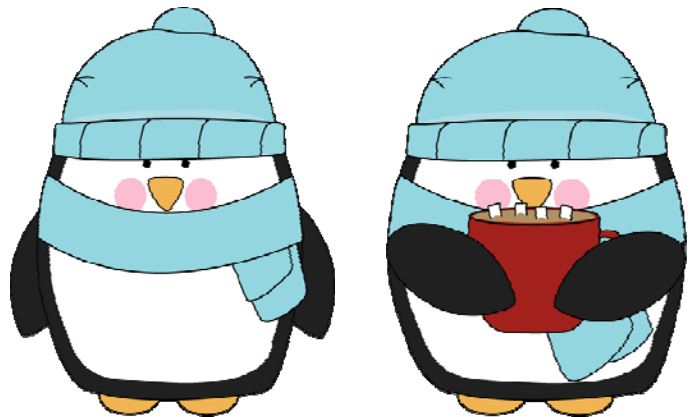
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The School Advisory Council (SAC) and the St. Stephen Parent Teacher Association (SSPTA) would like to invite our families to

**Family Fun and Open House on
February 2nd from 3:30-7:00 p.m.**

Please invite friends that are interested in attending and spread the word in the community. We have opening in most of our grades as well as our kindergarten. The best way to recruit new families to our school is through word of mouth! There will be activities for the kids and dinner will be served.

If you could contribute a soup in a crockpot, please email Barb Corcoran: barbrasexauercorcoran@gmail.com.

Iowa Testing

Our students in grades 2-8 take the Iowa Test, which is a nationally known, standardized test that many private and parochial schools throughout the country participate in annually. The Iowa Test is a Norm-based reference test as opposed to a Criterion-based test. We are testing what they know not just what they have learned this year. Thus, teachers do not need to cover anchor charts/posters in our classrooms. As professional educators we use this information to monitor student learning progress and to guide our instruction. These tests provide one more indicator, in addition to report cards, of your child's academic progress.

Please note that in second grade the Iowa test is a very guided test. This initial year of Iowa testing is largely about learning how to take a standardized test. While we do carefully review these scores, as well as all the other grades' scores, their second-grade teacher has read the entire test to them.

Our testing window this year, as directed by the Archdiocese of Denver Office of Catholic Schools, is January 9th – February 17th. At St. Stephen Catholic School (SSCS), we will begin our testing on Friday January 13th. Iowa Testing will conclude on January 20th. We include these testing dates on our school calendar that is available to parents in the annual summer letter to make sure that our students are in school during testing. The testing environment created during that week is optimal for student focus and concentration. With that said, if your child should fall sick during testing, please keep them home. No one tests well when they're sick.

If your child should be absent during Iowa testing at SSCS, we will do our best to make-up the tests. Please know that regular classroom work will go on and students will be responsible for the in-class work that they miss while they are being pulled out of class for make-up testing. We are under the time constraints of Archdiocesan testing window and given that constraint we may not be able to make-up all your child's tests; however, we will do our best. Parents are not allowed to test their own children in a one-on-one situation to maintain the validity of the test.

Test results will be sent to the parents directly within two – three months. In partnering with our parents, we leave the decision of sharing the results with your child. Whether their scores are high, low or right on track there are pluses and minuses to sharing these results with students. We trust the parents as their child's first teacher to know what is best for their child. We encourage all parents to keep their child's test results confidential. Staff members are required to keep this information confidential.

Please make sure that your child is well rested and that they eat a good breakfast. Plus, pack healthy snacks and lunches that have protein in them as protein feeds the brain. Hydration is also key in healthy brain function, so make sure that students have their water bottles.

Thanks for letting us work with your terrific kiddos!

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Glenda Oliver

Exámenes "Iowa"

Nuestros estudiantes en grado segundo a octavo tomarán el examen "Iowa", que es un examen nacionalmente conocido y regularizado en el cual muchas de las escuelas privadas y parroquiales participan anualmente. El examen "Iowa" está basado en lo que saben los estudiantes no en lo que han aprendido este año. Por lo tanto, los maestros no necesitan encargarse de exhibir gráficos/cartelones con instrucciones. Como educadores profesionales usamos esta información para monitorear el progreso del aprendizaje de sus hijos y para guiar nuestra instrucción. Estas pruebas proporcionan un indicador más, además de las calificaciones, del progreso académico de su hijo (a).

Por favor de tomar en cuenta que en el segundo grado el examen de "Iowa" es un examen muy guiado. El maestro de segundo grado les lee todo el examen a los estudiantes. La meta principal del examen en segundo grado es para que los estudiantes aprendan como tomar una prueba regularizada pero siempre revisamos cuidadosamente los resultados de los exámenes de todos los grados.

Los exámenes dirigidos por la Arquidiócesis de la Oficina de Escuelas Católicas de Denver serán el 9 de enero al 17 de febrero. En nuestra escuela San Esteban, los exámenes comenzarán el viernes 13 de enero y concluirán el 20 de enero. Estas fechas están incluidas en el calendario anual de la escuela para asegurar asistencia de los estudiantes. En habiente durante esta semana es importante para el enfoque y concentración de sus hijos. Con esto dicho, si su hijo se enferma durante los exámenes, por favor de mantenerlos en casa. Es difícil sacar buenos resultados cuando están enfermos.

Si su hijo llega a faltar durante los exámenes "Iowa", haremos lo posible para reponerlos. El trabajo diario en el salón continuara y los estudiantes serán responsables por el trabajo del salón que pierdan mientras estén tomando el examen. Estamos bajo las restricciones de tiempo y expectativas de la Arquidiócesis y dado a esto existe la posibilidad de que su hijo(a) no podrá reponer todos los exámenes requeridos. Padres de familia no se les permite dar el examen a sus hijos para mantener la validez de las pruebas.

Los resultados serán enviados a los padres directamente entre dos a tres meses. Al compartir los resultados con nuestros padres de familia, les dejamos la decisión de comunicar los resultados con su niño. Si sus calificaciones son altas, bajas, o exactamente donde debe estar, hay ventajas y desventajas en comunicarles a los niños los resultados. Confiamos en los padres a saber lo que sea mejor para su hijo. Recomendamos que mantenga los resultados confidenciales. Los maestros también deben mantener esta información confidencial sin excepciones.

Por favor asegúrese de que su hijo este bien descansado y que coman un buen desayuno. Además, por favor incluir bocadillos saludables y comidas que tengan proteínas (ya que la proteína alimenta el cerebro). La hidratación también es clave en la función cerebral saludable así que por favor asegúrese que sus hijos tengan sus botellas de agua.

¡Gracias por dejarnos trabajar con sus hijos fabulosos!

*Bendiciones,
La Directora Glenda Oliver*



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Washington, here we come!

Thank you for your support!