

# ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** are a special time we set aside for the Teacher and Parents to share important information with regards to their child's learning. Keeping this in mind, conferences need to be confidential. This is not a time for children to be present. In this way, the Teacher and the Parents can speak freely about their child's social, emotional and academic progress.

Conferences will be held on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30-4 and 5 – 8 PM. This will be a half day of school. Pre-K will dismiss at 11:15 and grades K-8 will dismiss at 11:30. There is *No Extended Day* available on this day. Please be prompt with student pick-up so that teachers can prepare for conferences.

Our faculty, staff and administration has been very busy preparing for our ten-year evaluation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This process has been going on for over two years. Everyone has worked diligently to complete a very detailed self-study of the school. This is a prestigious re-accreditation for the school. The faculty and staff should be commended for their extensive work on this project. Evaluators will be visiting the school later in October for several days to meet with everyone. We are excited about the visit and we look forward to the outcome.

On another note, the staff is being trained in more safety preparedness. They will be doing ALICE Training, which stands for: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate.

In the area of school assessments for academics, we are training for the new Maps Growth Assessments, which will be very beneficial to everyday classroom instruction.

As you can see, we are full swing into another exciting year at St. Stephen School.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Mallozzi, Principal

### This Week's Brown Envelope Inserts...

- November Lunch Order
- October Calendar
- Milk Order Forms
- Picture Day flyer
- Sweetheart Dance flyer
- All Souls Day letter
- BoxTops Letter and Collection Sheet
- Basketball Permission Slip

### COMING UP

- First Band Lessons will be Thursday, October 4.
- NO SCHOOL** Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent Forum** will be held October 9 @ 9AM in the school.
- LifeTouch** will be coming on Wednesday, October 17.
- Friday, October 26 is the **End of Term**
- October 31 - Newsletter

### Value of the Month – Responsibility

Responsibility means taking care of your duties, being accountable for one's behavior and being dependable when you have things to do.

Put it into action: Follow through on all assignments at school and chores at home. Clean up your area after lunch and encourage your friends to do the same. Look for something extra to do at home or in your community that is helpful.

*"If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders."*

Abigail VanBuren

**Thank you** to the following students for their help with the recent Catholic Schools Appeal... Paula Kong, Spencer Boucher and Sarah and Mellany Lara. We would also like to thank their parents for their support and for allowing their children to participate.

## Save the Date

**Sweetheart Dance:** Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the annual Sweetheart Dance. This is a traditional event at St. Stephen School. Girls in Pre-K – Gr. 8 may attend this special evening with an escort; Dad, Uncle, Grandfather, or Special Person. Escorts must be 18 or older. Please see the enclosed flyer for details and ticket information. The cost is \$10 per person. Ticket orders are due by October 26<sup>th</sup>.

***Help is desperately needed*** to build decorations. Please contact the school ASAP. If you are able to donate a food item or a few hours to help set up or clean up please visit [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com), search for the event with the creators email ([Abraham.berlykim@gmail.com](mailto:Abraham.berlykim@gmail.com)) and sign up for what you are able.



Please bring in your **Box Tops** by Friday, October 19! Which classroom will have the most and win a surprise? Volunteers are also welcome for Clip & Count from 11:30-2pm.

**Thank you** to all the families and students who participated in the recent Genevieve Fundraiser.

Special thanks to Mrs. Michelle Mason for her assistance with this fundraiser. Orders will be delivered to the school in mid-October.

Any overpayment for lunch orders or missed lunches due to snow days will be credited back to you in May.

**Arrival and Dismissal:** We ask that all families be familiar with our Parking System for Dismissal and to share this information with any family members who will be picking up the children. We continue to have an issue with parents parking on Caroline Street at dismissal time. **There is absolutely NO PARKING on Caroline Street for afternoon dismissal and NO exit through the Hale Street Parking Lot Gate.** We very much appreciate your attention and cooperation in this matter. Thank you.

Parents and Guardians, please label your children(s) sweaters and other articles of clothing. If your child comes home with another student's article of clothing, please return it to school. We will make sure it is returned to the rightful owner.

Our first **Parent Forum** of the year will be held on Tuesday, October 9 at 9 AM in the school. Please feel free to join us to discuss upcoming events at our school.

## BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED!

*Basketball season is quickly approaching...*

- If you are interested in coaching one of our Basketball teams, please contact Mrs. Mangaudis at 508-755-3209 *as soon as possible*.
- Students were asked if they had an interest in playing basketball this year. If your child(ren) is interested in playing, the sports forms that were sent home in the summer mailer must be returned along with the concussion training certificate, the \$100 fee, permission slip and we **MUST** have a current health form on file. I have asked the students to please not sign up to play if they aren't ready to commit to a team.
- Teams are contingent upon having committed coaches and enough players.

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact Cathaleen Peloquin, Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line and confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.