



Saint Stephen Protomartyr School

FRIDAY NOTES SEPTEMBER 29, 2023



SAVE THE DATE... Camp Meeting

Grades 6—7—8 will be returning to the Outdoor Education program after a lengthy pandemic hiatus! *We require one parent from each family in Grades 6, 7 & 8 to join us for an information meeting.* This meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Before & After Care News

From the Finance Committee - Extended Care Rates 2023-2024

Many of you have inquired about the previously advertised pricing structure of choosing one of three extended care plans: Unlimited, 3-days per week, or \$25 per pay. After careful consideration, the Finance Committee determined it was best to return to an hourly rate per student who utilizes the Extended Care Program. Effective November 2, 2023, the hourly rate is \$9 per hour, per student. If you have any questions, contact June Tessin at june.tessin@saintstephenstl.org. Thank you.

Help Wanted: After Care Assistant Needed beginning January 2023

We will begin interviewing for an assistant to the After Care Director. We are looking for one or more candidates willing to work (or share) Monday—Friday from 3—6 p.m. Hours are perfect for high school or college students! Interested in this GREAT opportunity? Please send resumes to June Tessin at june.tessin@saintstephenstl.org.

WEEK IN PREVIEW 10/9—10/13, 2023



SUNDAY 10/8 NCEA Pastor Appreciation Day

MONDAY 10/9

Lunch: French Toast Sticks **Alternative:**

Bagel and Cream Cheese Wrap or **Salad:** Spinach

TUESDAY 10/10 HS Night Grades 6-8 @ Vianney 6-8 p.m.

Holy Name Society Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Grade 2 & 7 Mass Server: Olivia Kraus

Lunch: Popcorn Chicken **Alternative:** BLT Wrap or

Salad: BLT **Tuesday Treat:** Fresh baked Brownie

WEDNESDAY 10/11 BOE Meeting 4:30 p.m.

PTO Meeting 7 p.m.

Lunch: Grilled Cheese **Alternative:** Chicken Caesar

Wrap or **Salad:** Chicken Caesar

THURSDAY 10/12

All School Mass Servers: Cole Schellert & Gibby Fyvie

Lunch: Penne pasta with meat sauce **Alternative:**

Taco Wrap or **Salad:** Taco

FRIDAY 10/6

Servers: TBD

Lunch: Papa John's Pizza **Alternative:** Chicken Strip

Wrap or **Salad:** Chef

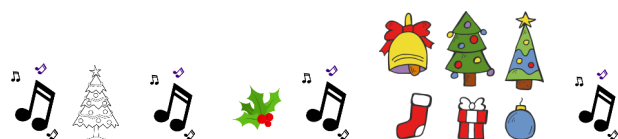
**** See pages 2 and 3 for Choral Club News ****

7 a.m. Sunday Masses will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church.

10 a.m. Sunday Masses will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Children's Liturgy of the Word is available during this Mass for children aged PreK-3 through Grade 2.

Saturday vigil Mass at 4 p.m. will continue to be celebrated at St. Stephen Protomartyr Church.

The 8 a.m. weekday Masses at Immaculate Heart of Mary (Monday, Wednesday, Saturday) moved from the chapel to the church.



CHORAL CLUB is about to begin!

All 3rd through 8th graders are invited to join Choral Club 2023!

Choral Club is a seasonal, fun, learning, informal, choir experience for SSP students in grades 3-8.

We want to bring the spirit of the Advent and Christmas season to the community just as we have in years past. We have had many students in the Choral Club for a number of years and we are hoping that many students join again this year. Students will learn to sing together in unison and in parts, as well as play bells and other instruments. We hope that student instrumentalists will also contribute to the joyous sound. Some music will be new, and some music will be old favorites. We always learn and have fun!

PRACTICES: In the Music Room or Church on Thursday and/or Friday starting October 12. We will begin with 3-5th grade on Thursday and 6-8th grade on Friday. The first few weeks we will have short practices 2:45-3:00 but we will go to longer practices in November. We will dismiss at 3:00pm.

Beginning October 16, we plan to post music online in the Choral Club Classroom so that students can sing along with pre-recorded music. This will help students learn their part.

Our 2023 plan is not completely finalized but here are some ideas:

- We will have outdoor and indoor performances. Stay tuned for dates and locations. Let us know if students or parents have any ideas for venues that we might investigate.
- It is likely that we will have both in-school-time and outside of school-time (evening or week-ends) events. Students will be expected to attend events and practices when possible.
- We will possibly make a video to share with the parish, community or families - especially those who are distant.
- We are planning for all available Choral Club members to sing at the SSP parish 10:00 AM Advent Mass on Dec 17 at IHM and at the 5:00 PM Mass at SSP on Christmas Eve. (Note: There will be a practice for Christmas Eve at SSP at noon with the adult choir after the Advent Mass on Dec. 17.)

All the plans depend on who joins, when they are available, and what they would like to sing. **We can't wait!**

The permission form is a separate form also coming home today and must be returned to the school office by Wednesday, Oct 11. Students in the Choral Club will get an email with a link to join the Choral Club Google Classroom. Details for practice, performances, and music to learn will be posted in the Google Classroom and we also be sent to parents by email.



Call/email any questions... (314) 752-2528 or Borgmeyer@saintstephenstl.org

Anne & Dave Borgmeyer

St. Stephen Protomartyr Choral Club 2023 PERMISSION FORM

I have read the Choral Club 2023 Information sheet and my student would like to join the Choral Club. I understand that:

- Choral Club practices and performances will in most cases be optional masking with distancing as much as possible. Students may need to mask for special situations or venues.
- My student(s) will commit to learning music at practice or via the Google Classroom.
- A calendar of events will be posted as soon as it is finalized. Events may be during school or outside of school time.
- My student(s) will attend all practices and performances unless they are absent from school or parents have notified the directors.
- There will be specific permission forms for field trips. There may be minimal cost of transportation.
- Communications regarding Choral Club will come by FACTS. Some info will be posted on the School Facebook site and in the Choral Club Google Classroom.
- Available students will sing at 5:00PM Christmas Eve Mass this year. (In places in church by 4:30.
- Choral Club shirts will be distributed to students for performances. There will be a charge of \$15 if the shirt is not returned at the end of the season.
- By giving permission for my child(ren) to participate, I understand that my child's image or video/audio recording will be utilized and shared with the parish / school community as well as nursing homes and any other beneficiaries of our talents. This will usually be facilitated by our parish website and parish and school social media channels, such as Facebook and YouTube. I understand that my child will not be identified by name in videos or photographs.

PLEASE RETURN FORM BELOW TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY OCTOBER 11!!

Student name _____ Grade _____ *Shirt size _____

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*Shirt sizes: Child S, M, L, XL; Adult S, M, L, XL

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent phone for text/call _____

Anticipated conflict(s): _____

Join SSP Women's Club for a...

Witches' Night Out!

THURS. OCT. 12 @ 7 PM

- Costume Contest & Photo Booth
- Pumpkin Carving Contest
- Frightful Refreshments

RSVP by Mon. Oct. 9





ST. STEPHEN PTO

TRIVIA NIGHT

Tease your brain.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 21**

in the Parish Center
Doors open at 6pm
Game starts at 7pm

\$25

per person
up to 8 per table
includes beer, wine,
soda & snacks

RAFFLES & GAMES



For registration and more information
www.sspstl.org / trivia-night



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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON OCT. 25 AT 7PM IN THE SSP PARISH HALL



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