



Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015

We, the Catholic School of St. Eugene, dedicate ourselves to keeping Christ in our vision by nurturing spiritual growth and academic excellence in our students, their families and the community in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith.

Thoughts and Prayers

April Ferguson, sister of Tara Allison, who's battling stage 4 colon cancer. **Gisela Rodriguez**, great grandmother of Emily, Anneliese, and David Brown, as she recovers from surgery. **Parker Grace Mayfield**, three-year-old friend of Ryan Hughes, who continues to be cancer free, thanks be to God.

Dates to Jot Down

- Today: School Mass, 8:15 a.m.
- Tomorrow: Free Dress Day for paying participants
- Saturday, 21: Turkey Bingo, 6:15 p.m., gym
- Nov. 23-27: No school, Thanksgiving break
- Thursday, 26: Happy Thanksgiving!
- Dec. 4: Spirit and Popcorn Day

Turkey Bingo is Saturday! Gobble Gobble

It's here! It's time! Get ready to shout "BINGO!" Bring your family and friends to the ever-popular Turkey Bingo following the 5 p.m. Mass Saturday in the school gym. Come join us for a fabulous evening of family fun -- including food, raffle prizes, and of course turkeys, for some lucky Bingo winners! The proceeds will support the 8th grade Class of 2016.

Help Us Fill St. Nick's Shoppe at Catholic Charities

St. Eugene students will collect children's gift items for St. Nick's Shoppe at Catholic Charities. A flyer was sent home last Friday with a list of items that they are requesting. These items are to be unwrapped with their original tags on them. Please have the gift items to your child's class by Friday, Dec. 4. These gifts will be delivered on Monday, Dec. 7. If you can help deliver these gifts, please email Señora Fox-Arrington at cfox@steugeneschool.org.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

We are excited to announce that our Christmas program this year will include all students at St. Eugene. The show will take place on Monday, Dec. 7, and will feature two performances. The first performance will be held at 8:45 a.m. and will feature the entire school. This performance will be the only showing for our younger students in P3 through kindergarten. Our 6:30 p.m. evening performance will feature our first through eighth grade students. Both performances will take place in Ross Hall. More details will follow, and we hope to see you there!

Spots Still Remain for Popular Gala Sign-Up Parties

Time is running out to sign up for Free-Dress Day and Laser Tag with Father De Loera. For \$15, your stylish student can wear the outfit of their choice tomorrow. And the super popular laser tag game happens from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. tomorrow too! Kids will play two games and enjoy snacks and drinks for \$45 per child. Leave a check and note with your child's name in the school or church office. And check out the rest of these awesome parties and events still available:

Get Your Message on the Marquee

One week per month/\$100 per month

The school marquee on Hefner is yours for one week, in the month you specify. Display birthday wishes, congratulations or any other message during the week you select.

Lunch with Principal Luetkemeyer

\$45 per child

Your student will enjoy getting all the school scoop and eating lunch once a month with Mr. Luetkemeyer and a handful of other classmates.

Kids' Night In or Parents' Night Out – You Choose!

\$45 per child/6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 11 in the gym

It's the premier party of the year for our students of CSSE! The kids will enjoy a homemade Breakner Feast (breakfast for dinner) made by our very own Annie Swink, a Christmas flick on a huge inflatable movie screen and tons of activities hosted by several teachers.

Made-to-Order Pancake Breakfast by Mr. Luetkemeyer

\$25 per child/7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 22, 2016

Enjoy made-to-order pancakes crafted by our very own Principal Luetkemeyer. Choose from a table full of sweet toppings and score a skip pass for the assembly that day with no tardy!

Thunder Playoff Watch Party with Fr. De Loera

Date in April 2016 (to be determined)/\$65 per person

Watch a 2016 first round Thunder playoff game in style at one of the nation's coolest home theatre stores! Enjoy the game on a 150-inch Super HDTV Digital Theater valued at over \$175,000. The night includes wine, beer and food. Adults only please.

CSSE Tardy Count for the 2015-2016 School Year

Number of Tardies for the week of 11/9/2015: 34

Tardies Year-to-Date Total: 564

ITBS Results Going Home Tomorrow

Please watch for your second through eighth grader's ITBS results in a sealed envelope that will be sent home tomorrow. Take this opportunity to discuss with your child's teacher ways you can help enhance your child's strengths and address their weaknesses.

Lost & Found Coats No Longer Borrowable on Cold Days

As the temperature begins to drop, please remember to make sure your child has a warm coat for recess and dismissal. In years' past, students have used jackets from the lost and found bin when they forgot a coat. While this is a common practice at many schools, some students become dependent on the backup if they forget their coats. Unfortunately, multiple students wearing a single coat raises the chance that germs and even lice can be spread. For that reason, students will no longer be allowed to borrow jackets from lost and found. It is incredibly important that your child bring a coat to school each day, as our Oklahoma weather is ever changing.

Middle School Youth Group Takes Turkey Break

There will be no middle school youth group meeting on Monday because of Thanksgiving Break. We will resume our weekly meetings on Monday, Nov. 30. Have a blessed Thanksgiving. And save the date -- we will join Challenge Club on Sunday, Dec. 13, to help with Hotdogs for the Homeless. The Youth Group will also be collecting winter hats and gloves to pass out with the Challenge girls' homemade scarves. Stay tuned for more information.

Geography Bee Preliminaries Next Month

In December, fourth through eighth grade will have the preliminary geography bees. Ten finalists will be selected to participate in the Fourth Annual St. Eugene School Geography Bee from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 8, 2016, in Ross Hall. The last two years we have had two students qualify for the state geography bee at the University of Oklahoma! If there are any questions, parents can contact Kathy Shannon at kshannon@steugeneschool.org.

Stay Calm and Consider an Hour of Adoration

Please consider "promising" an hour on Wednesdays to be in prayerful silence with Jesus in the chapel during Eucharistic adoration. Slow down, relax, be grateful and focus on what's truly important -- our relationship with Him. For more information, please call Barbara Curcio at 405-755-9163.

Make Plans to Attend Mount St. Mary's Open House

Spend two hours at the Mount from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, to find out why it could be the school for your child. Meet the teachers, students and administrators and tour the campus. Learn about their academic, spiritual, technology, fine arts and athletic programs. Ask questions and experience the friendly atmosphere. And look for 9th grade admission applications online at www.mountstmary.org.

Baby, It's Cold Outside

Children will not go outside to recess if temperatures are below freezing. We will continue to do dismissal and evacuation drills throughout the winter. We will not have students outside at dismissal for over 15 minutes if the temperatures are low. It is important for students to dress appropriately for winter even if temperatures are cold in the morning as they might warm up as the day goes on.

Braggin' Bulletin Board

Congratulations to the St. Eugene fifth grade Super Eagles basketball team for finishing third in the Take the Cake pre-season basketball tournament. This year, the fifth grade basketball team included three boys from Bishop John Carroll School. Congratulations to the team members: Ethan Bredy, Diego Otero, Amir Sweis, Patrick Offiah, Vincent Shivers, Diego Arenas, Wyatt Hargrove and Quan Lu. These boys, along with Coach Bredy and Coach Shivers, are looking forward to the regular season. Go Eagles!

Book about Fr. Stanley Rother to be Released

The new book, "*The Shepherd Who Didn't Run*, Father Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma," will be released soon. Get your copy at a book signing event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 1, at the Catholic Pastoral Conference Center. After a brief introduction by the author, María Ruiz Scaperlanda, books will be available for signing for \$20 each. This book is inspired by the story of this humble priest from Okarche who gave his life for his faith.

Please Clear Tuition and Extended Care Balances

All accounts for tuition and Extended Care must be brought current before Thanksgiving break to avoid additional late fees. If you need to make arrangements, please contact Mrs. Swink at 405-751-0067, ext. 118.

Confirmation Candidates Offer Drive-Thru Prayers

The Candidates for Confirmation are invited to offer their service on the first three Fridays in Advent for an Advent Drive-Thru Prayer Ministry. Between the hours of 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Fridays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, we will minister to folks driving past the parish by being available for drive-thru prayer in the parking lot on Hefner. Registration forms can be found on the church website on the Confirmation page for the Candidates. Remember to pray for our candidates as they prepare for Confirmation. Service hours apply. For further information, contact Patty Yardley at confirmationpatty@gmail.com.

Distinguished Graduate Nominations Sought

Do you know an exceptional St. Eugene alumnus who deserves recognition for his or her outstanding stewardship or recent accomplishments? Nominate him or her for the Distinguished Graduate Award. Forms are available in the school office or email Mr. Luetkemeyer at principal@steugeneschool.org for a form. Please turn in the form to the school office by Friday, Jan. 8.

Make This Your Best Advent Ever

Advent begins on Nov. 29. Click on BestAdventEver.com to sign up to receive daily inspirational emails with short videos, encouragement and coaching for Advent from Matthew Kelly.

From the Principal's Desk

I want to thank everyone who took part in the first quarter principal survey. I am compiling the results and using them to identify areas for improvement. As we prepare for Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude for this amazing community. I am incredibly thankful to be at St. Eugene! I hope having a week off next week will enable you and your family to spend time together. Happy Thanksgiving!

Theme for the School Year: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."