



Thursday, Dec. 10, 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. **Mia Lucas**, former CSSE student, as she heals from surgery and 10-plus weeks of recovery and rehabilitation.

### Dates to Jot Down

- Today: School Mass, 8:15 a.m.
- Saturday, 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Saturday, 12: Happy Birthday, Mrs. Flynn!
- Thursday, 17: Happy Birthday, Mr. Luetkemeyer!
- Friday, 18: Christmas parties, 2:15 p.m.
- Friday, 25: Happy Birthday, Jesus!
- Dec. 21- Jan. 1: Christmas break

### Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa on Sunday

The Knights of Columbus will prepare a yummy pancake breakfast for everyone. Children also will have the chance to visit with Santa. Bring your camera or cell phone to take pictures.

### Youth Group to Feed Homeless & Celebrate Christmas

Join us from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday as we celebrate Christmas together! Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament if you would like to participate in an ornament exchange. We will meet to help with Hotdogs for the Homeless on Sunday. Meet us at noon two doors north of Old School Bagel Cafe at May and Hefner. We will help pack lunch bags and head downtown to pass them out. We are also still collecting hats and gloves for the homeless to take with us and distribute. Call Christi Benites for more information at 405-206-5885.

### Confirmation Candidates Offer Drive-Thru Prayer

The holidays can be a challenging time for many. For others, the struggle exists every day. Help us bring hope to those who are hurting. Help be a light in the darkness. Confirmation candidates will be outside the St. Eugene Hefner parking lot from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow to pray with people as they pull up in their cars.

### St. Eugene Socks Make Great Stocking Stuffers

If you're looking for a few more stuffers to top off your stockings, consider some stylish St. Eugene socks. There are four different styles to choose from in a variety of sizes. Contact Ashley Bass at 405-206-8906 or [ashleybass@cox.net](mailto:ashleybass@cox.net).

### From the Principal's Desk

I want to thank everyone who came out to support our Christmas program on Monday. The students did a fantastic job, and we are so proud of their hard work. I would like to thank all of the parents for doing a great job of getting students and their costumes prepared. A big thank you also goes to all of our teachers for their preparations. I especially want to thank Mrs. Mogilka for putting together a wonderful program. Bravo!

### Hoop! There It Is! Eagle Basketball Needs Your Help

It's the most wonderful time of the year -- basketball season! St. Eugene will host games on seven Saturdays of the basketball season, and we need volunteers to help in the gym. Middle school students can earn house points working in the concession stand, and high school students can earn service hours -- or cash money -- for their time. To sign up, contact Susan Wagner at [slw424@gmail.com](mailto:slw424@gmail.com) or go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4fa4ae28a46-20142015>.

### "Wish List" Trees Are Up – Take a Star & Grant a Wish

The teacher "wish list" Christmas trees are up! Please remember to stop by your child's classroom or have your child take a "star," so our teachers can get great things for their classrooms. Many of the requests are simple -- like pencils, pens, erasers or gift cards from Walmart, Target or Lakeshore. Please help take care of our teachers who take such great care of our kids.

### Altar Servers Needed for Christmas Masses

Altar servers are needed for all Christmas Masses. If your child is interested in serving, please contact Owen Canfield at [OCanfield@oklahoman.com](mailto:OCanfield@oklahoman.com) by Dec. 17.

### Gift Cards Needed for Teachers' Christmas Luncheon

Parents, please bring a gift card to be given to our awesome teachers during this year's Christmas luncheon. Drop them off in the school office by tomorrow.

### CSSE Tardy Count for the 2015-2016 School Year

Number of Tardies for the week of 11/30/2015: 49  
Tardies Year-to-Date Total: 613

### Start Practicing Those Spelling Bee Words

Spelling bee lists have gone home for grades first through eighth. Classroom spelling bees will be held sometime in February or March, and the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee will be April 13. Access the spelling word lists and the spelling bee rules and procedures from the Archdiocesan website at [www.archokc.org](http://www.archokc.org). Click on offices, education, Catholic schools and then spelling bee.

### Make This Your Best Advent Ever

Click on [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com) to sign up to receive daily inspirational emails with short videos, encouragement and Advent coaching from author Matthew Kelly.

### Clear Outstanding Balances for Jupiter Grades Access

Report cards will go home for the second quarter on Friday, Jan. 8. Parents will not have access to Jupiter Grades from Friday, Dec. 18 through Jan. 8, 2016. This will allow teachers time to enter grades and prepare report cards. Access to Jupiter Grades will be restored for all families that do not have any outstanding cafeteria or tuition balances on the day report cards are distributed. Parents will also be able to print extra report cards from Jupiter Grades. Please make sure to take care of any outstanding balances to receive your child's report card and have continued access to Jupiter Grades.

### Out of Uniform and Spirit Day Guidelines

**Spirit Day** -- Spirit Day takes place on the first Friday of the month unless otherwise indicated. Students may wear any kind of St. Eugene shirt with blue jeans or their uniform pants. Leggings, athletic pants, cargo pants, etc., are not allowed on these days. If a student has physical education on Spirit Day, he or she must remember to wear tennis shoes.

**Out-of-Uniform Day** -- When students are allowed to dress out of uniform, they may wear something other than jeans if they would like, but they must follow the following guidelines: Any apparel worn must fit properly, be clean and without holes. If leggings are worn, they must be worn with a dress or tunic that is no shorter than two inches above the knee. If a skirt or dress is worn, they must not be any shorter than two inches above the knee. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather, for example, dresses or skirts should have some kind of leggings if the weather is cold. If the temperature is above freezing, they will still have to go outside. No shorts, yoga pants, hats, Crocs, flip flops, backless shoes or sandals. All shoes must fit properly. Students should remember to wear tennis shoes if they have physical education on an out-of-uniform day. Jeans or exercise pants may be worn but must fit properly and be without holes. No t-shirts with inappropriate messages are allowable.

### 'Tis the Season for Snow and School Closings

The school will communicate closings using email and Facebook. Closings also will be posted on the television stations. Of course, if school is in session and you feel the roads are dangerous around your neighborhood, please stay home or arrive at school a little later. Your family's safety is our priority.

### St. Tony, Look Around...What Was Lost, Now Be Found

The lost and found bin is located on the first floor of the school by the drinking fountains across from the library. Please check the bin before you leave for Christmas break. Those winter coats might come in handy with the chilly winter weather ahead.

### Braggin' Bulletin Board

Support fifth grader Brayden Tran's performance at the Lyric Theatre's Christmas Carol Show. Performance dates are Dec. 10-11, 15-16, 19-20, 23 and 27.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade academic bowl team were runners up in their recent district meet. Members include Ainsley Bice, Kathy Bustillo, Amelia Goodrich, Maddie McLaughlin, Charlotte Mounger and Jacob Vu. They will go on to compete in the upcoming regional competition. Good luck!

### 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](mailto:principal@steugeneschool.org) for a form. Please turn in the form to the school office by Friday, Jan. 8.

### 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.

### A Beautiful Christmas Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance. Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you, shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

### The last Eagle Express for the year will be next Thursday.

#### Spots Still Remain for Popular Gala Sign-Up Parties

We're still raising money for our school and parish gala. Get in on these awesome sign-up parties before it's too late! Leave a check and note with your child's name in the school or church office.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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