



Thursday, Aug. 27, 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. If you'd like to include someone here, please email his or her name, relation to you and what you'd like prayers for to eagleexpress@steugeneschool.org.

Dates to Jot Down

- Today: School Mass, 8:15 a.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 1: PTO meeting, 6 p.m., school library
- Friday, Sept. 4: Spirit & Popcorn Day!
- Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day, no school
- Sunday, Sept. 13: Festival of the Americas & World, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, Sept. 14: Dads' Club Kick off Night, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 17: Grandparent's Day, 7:15 a.m., Ross Hall
- Friday, Sept. 18: School pictures

Join Us for Festival of the Americas & the World

Don't miss St. Eugene's multi-cultural celebration of the year! The 19th annual Festival of the Americas and the World begins at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 28 in Ross Hall, the gym and throughout the school campus. Enjoy food and treats from around the world for sale to benefit the church. There will be entertainment all day, including a 3 p.m. performance by Edgar Cruz. Admission is free, so bring the entire family.

Please Double Check Your Contact Info in Jupiter Grades

If you have a first through eighth grader, please log in to Jupiter Grades and double check your home address, phone numbers and emails. You will have the opportunity to correct any info that's not accurate. Log-in information was sent home. It's vital that we have correct contact information to communicate.

The Trash Bags Are Back! Help Support CSSE 8th Graders

Back by popular demand, the eighth grade class is again selling heavy-duty trash bags. The price is \$12 per roll for these high-quality trash bags. Order Yellow Yard size (39 gallon/25 bags per roll), White Tall Kitchen size (15 gallon/65 bags per roll) or Blue Super size (55 gallon/16 bags per roll). Check out the samples in the school office to feel the quality for yourself. Place orders until Sept. 25 by contacting an eighth grade family or contacting Martine Buck at 405-919-1300 or martinemb@cox.net. Look for a flier that will come home soon.

School & Parish Gala Raffle Tickets Coming Home Soon

Look for your book of raffle tickets coming home with students on Friday, Sept. 11. Raffle ticket sales are a critical component of the St. Eugene annual gala. Last year, raffle tickets alone generated almost \$25,000 in revenue. This year's raffle prizes will include \$2,500 cash, an Apple Watch "Sport" and a 64GB Microsoft Surface Tablet. As an incentive, we will again include a special drawing for families who sell 10 tickets or more. For every 10 tickets sold, your family's name will go into a special drawing for an additional \$1,000 cash prize. The raffle drawing, and the drawing for the \$1,000 cash prize will be held during the gala on Friday, Nov. 6 at the Oklahoma History Museum. Please remind potential purchasers they do not need to be present to win, but we would love to see them there. For more information or to learn more about how to get involved with planning our parish and school's biggest fundraiser of the year, please contact Pam Bradshaw 405-820-7529 or p-bradshaw@sbcglobal.net. And stay tuned for updates and developments through the Eagle Express and the school and parish websites. And jump on Facebook and "like" St. Eugene Catholic Church & School Annual Gala to receive important updates and pictures of our fantastic auction items that will be posted soon.

Grandparents Day is Thursday, Sept. 17

Invite your grandparents or special someone to join your student for coffee, juice and donuts at 7:15 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 17 in Ross Hall, followed by Mass at 8:15 a.m. Our special guests can then tour the classrooms immediately after Mass.

Gimme a C-S-S-E! First Spirit Day is next Friday

The first Friday of each month is Spirit Day – a day for all kindergarten through eighth graders to wear their CSSE Spirit shirts and proudly show their school pride. And Spirit Day always means POPCORN! Pop! Pop! Pop! And same as last year -- students may wear jeans with their CSSE shirts if they have not had three or more uniform infractions leading up to that Spirit Day. Students with three or more infractions must wear their full regular uniform on that day, which means no spirit shirt or jeans. Parents, you will be notified if your child can't participate. If your student doesn't want to wear jeans, he or she can wear uniform shorts, pants or jumpers.

GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOAAAAAALLLLLLLL...

There's still time to sign up for fall CGSSA soccer for kindergarten through eighth grade. Print the registration form on the school's website. Tomorrow is the deadline. Games start Sept. 12. Contact Keiffer Trout with questions at [405-417-0840](tel:405-417-0840) or katjr@alliancephi.com.

School Directory Goes Green with Online Access

CSSE is going green. Online access to our school directory will be free this year. Print copies of the directory will cost \$10. To be included in the school directory, families must fill out the Online and Print Directory Form available on the school website or in the school office. All ads will be placed in both online and print directories. If you're interested in placing an ad, please contact Lisa Rooks at lrooks@moroch.com, and an order form will be e-mailed to you. The deadline is Aug. 31.

MSM Cheer Clinic Open to All St. Eugene Students

Give your future cheerleaders a chance to cheer on the Mount St. Mary football team at its Sept. 4 game by attending a cheer clinic! The clinic is open to all CSSE students and will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 2 in the MSM gym, 2801 S. Shartel Ave. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt and snack. Go to www.mountstmary.org to register.

Cuddle Up with a CSSE Stadium Blanket

The eighth-grade class is selling cuddly soft stadium blankets with the CSSE logo again this year. Keep warm during all your fall sporting events with a black blanket with the orange CSSE logo. The cost is \$35. All proceeds benefit the 2015 CSSE 8th grade class. To order one, please contact Ashley Bass at [405-206-8906](tel:405-206-8906) or ashleybass@cox.net.

Dads, Make Plans to Join the Dads' Club Kickoff Night

Come join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Learn how this great club will benefit CSSE this school year. The Dads' Club has a dual purpose -- supporting the school's physical needs while providing tuition support for students who have lost a parent while attending CSSE. We'd love for you to help us with that mission. The kickoff night begins at 8 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, at the home of Matt Hughes, 10413 Lakeside Dr. Please park on the street. For questions, call or text Matt at 405-361-2361.

Get Your Pair of St. Eugene Socks that Rock

Help support the eighth grade by ordering St. Eugene socks. The first pair is \$20, and each pair after that is \$15. There are four sock options to choose from, and they can be worn at school. Order yours by contacting Ashley Bass at 405-206-8906 or ashleybass@cox.net. This fundraiser helps cover the costs for retreats, graduation and other eighth-grade activities.

PTO Corner – News You Need to Know

The PTO extends a big thanks to every parent and student who turned out for the first-ever Family Fun Run and annual Back-to-School picnic. The school parking lot was a sea of orange with kiddoes bouncing back and forth between games, inflatables, Kona Ice and face painting. Congratulations to everyone who completed the 1k Fun Run. And thanks to everyone who helped make the event such a great success!

Braggin' Bulletin Board

A volley good job goes to the seventh and eighth grade volleyball team for taking first place in the Jenks 8th Grade Invitational Tournament this past weekend. Congrats to players Ashley Fair, Dylan Sokolosky, Elana Macias, Elsie Offiah, Hannah Lee, Kira Jones, Mallory Winfrey, Nory Ashworth, Sarah Martin, Shelby Savely and Traci Redwine. Come out and support our seventh and eighth grade team in the St. Eugene Preseason Volleyball Tournament this Saturday in our gym. Games are at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Good luck to the team this weekend!

Challenge Club to Celebrate First Meeting Sunday

Join the Challenge girls for food, fun and fellowship from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. this Sunday in Ross Hall. Please bring a snack to share. Challenge is a youth ministry for all girls in fifth through eighth grades and is led by high school team leaders.

Welcome to Our New CSSE Teachers

Kirk Ashworth, one of our new middle school teachers, has taught for 24 years, mostly at the college level. He has a master's degree in creative writing and did his PhD coursework at the University of Oklahoma. He recently returned to Oklahoma City in 2013 after being in Vermont for 10 years. Jill Redwine, our new fourth grade teacher, attended Christ the King and Bishop McGuinness High School and has taught at Christ the King and Bishop John Carroll, as well as in Edmond and Arkansas. She has four kids, three of which are at CSSE -- Traci in eighth, Cori in third and Trinita in kindergarten. She has not taught for five years because she was an attorney practicing patent and family law. She is an OSU fan and especially loves basketball. Welcome!

Have You Completed Safe Environment Training?

Any adult who has any type of interaction with children (including field trips, classroom volunteering or coaching) is required to complete the Safe Environment Protocol. This includes completion of the paper application, background check, reference checks, signing the receipt and agreement of the code of conduct and the training. Safe Environment classes are offered several times throughout the year and will be listed on the school calendar and in the Eagle Express. If you need to schedule a time to take the training, please call or e-mail Jen Goodrich at 405-414-4256 or jgoodrich6@cox.net.

Calling All Parents – We Need YOU to Volunteer!

Are you wanting to get involved but don't know where to start? We have many opportunities, and we need your help. Our annual school and parish gala and auction, Christmas luncheon for teachers, Field Day and making popcorn for Spirit Days are fun ways to get to know other parents at St. Eugene or a great reason to spend time with old friends. If you're interested or have questions, please email Lauren Rogers at laurenrogers@gmail.com.

Stay Calm and Pray the Rosary

Please join us at 8 a.m. Monday mornings when school is in session in the church as we unite in prayer for our priests, principals, teachers, staff and families. All are welcome. Whether you have never prayed the rosary or pray the rosary daily, we need your voices and your hearts.

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