The Eagle Express

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF SAINT EUGENE

Thursday, Oct. 1, 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. ***Joseph King***, grandfather of student Anna King, who passed away.

Dates to Jot Down

- Today: School Mass, 8:15 a.m.
- Tomorrow: Teachers' Professional Day, no school
- Oct. 5: Dads' Club Meeting, 8 p.m., outside of school library
- Oct. 9: Spirit & Popcorn Day
- Oct. 15: Donuts with Dad, 7:15 a.m.
- Oct. 16: Fall Break, no school
- Oct. 16: Early bird deadline for Gala raffle tickets
- Oct. 26: Deadline to purchase Gala tickets
- Oct. 17: Happy Birthday, Señora Fox!
- Nov. 6: Annual Parish & School Gala

Blessing of the Pets Today in School Parking Lot

In celebration of Sunday's Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Father De Loera will bless our pets at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, in the school parking lot by the playground. All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier or container. Sunday's feast day commemorates the life of St. Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment.

CSSE Hoops Sign-up Forms Coming Home Tomorrow

Basketball sign-up forms will come home in the kids' folders tomorrow and also can be found on the school website. They can be turned into the school office and are due Oct. 16. Call Basketball Coordinator Barry Schwarz at 405-919-6976 with any questions.

Student Store Opens for Business on Tuesday

The School Store officially opens its doors for business at 7:40 a.m. on Tuesday. Our fifth-grade students are selling a fabulous selection of school supplies. All proceeds from the store will be given to the Friends of Bolivia. The store will be open from 7:40 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

The smell of buttery goodness will waft through the school halls next Friday as CSSE volunteers pop some yummy popcorn! Students may wear jeans with their CSSE spirit shirts if they have not had three or more uniform infractions leading up to Spirit Day.

Help Make the Gala's Dessert Auction a Sweet Success

Do you have that special dessert everyone asks you to bring to your family or friend get-togethers? Then we need your skills to help make the Gala Dessert Auction a success! You can bring your sweet treat to the church on Friday, Nov. 6, and we will deliver it to the Gala venue that night. If baking isn't where your talents shine, you can make a simple phone call to order a dessert. We have arranged with local bakeries to have the order you place delivered to the Gala venue. Check the Eagle Express and the church bulletin next week for more information on how to order a dessert from a local bakery. Please help us make the Gala Dessert Auction a sweet success.

The Race is On to Sell the Most Gala Raffle Tickets

Lucky raffle winners will walk away with $2,500 in cash, an Apple Watch "Sport" and a 64GB Microsoft Surface tablet. For every 10 tickets sold, your family is entered into a sellers' drawing for $1,000. Double your entries by turning in your stubs and money to your child's teacher, the school or the church office by Oct. 16.

Reserve Your Room Now at Aloft for Our Gala Night

Reserve your room now for the Nov. 6 gala and auction at the stylish hotel Aloft. Under the block name of St. Eugene Church and School, you can now book one of 10 rooms available. Once the first block is reserved, 10 more will become available. There are seven kings and three doubles for a $129 rate. Parking will be $9, and rooms must be booked with a credit card by Oct. 16 for this price. Please call 405- 605-2100.

Grandparent Gala Auction Package Donations Sought

Thanks to all of the grandparents who have made generous contributions to the grandparent gala auction package. If you'd like to make a donation, there is still time. Any amount is gratefully accepted. Please send a check made payable to St. Eugene Catholic School and put "grandparent gift" on the memo line. If you have any questions, contact Madalene Corsoro at 405-664-8347 or m.corsoro@yahoo.com.

CSSE Tardy Count for the 2015-2016 School Year

Number of Tardies for the week of 9/21/2015: **51**
Tardies Year-to-Date Total: **256**

Enjoy Some Delicious Donuts with Dads on Oct. 15

Calling all dads (and special grandpas, too)! Make plans to join your sweet student for a delicious donut at 7:15 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 15 in Ross Hall. And then join your little love for school Mass afterward at 8:15 a.m. Those who volunteered to help should arrive at 7 a.m. in Ross Hall. Any questions? Call or text Veronica McCasland at 405-412-9927 or Cari Earley at 580-216-4074.

Challenge Club Seeks New Members for its Ministry

Challenge is a youth ministry for girls in grades fifth through eighth. It's not too late to join. Our next meeting will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday in the meeting rooms.

Please Hang Up Altar Robes Properly After Use

Altar servers and parents of altar servers, please remember to hang your robes up properly after using them to serve at Mass. There is an ever-increasing pile of robes on the floor every Monday, which causes them to look disheveled and wrinkled. It's an honor to serve, and we need to take care of our belongings. Parents, please help supervise your child to ensure their robe is hanged up correctly.

Gala Website Goes Live – Order Tickets and Much More

The Gala website is now live! Formal invitations will be sent out soon, but if you'd like to reserve your spot now, please go to steugenes.ejoinme.org/2015 to RSVP by credit card, donate an auction item, be a sponsor or make a cash donation.

Box Top Bonanza Contest Starts Next Week

Raid the pantry and start cutting out those Box Tops! This year, we will have both individual and class prizes. Students will get to "Pick a Prize" from the Box Top collection sheets that went home last week. Each sheet submitted will be an entry to a drawing for that prize. The class that submits the most Box Tops by Friday, Oct. 23 will win a sweet treat! Box Top collection sheets will be sent home with students today. Questions? Please contact Monica Del Valle at 405-213-9956 or guimodel@att.net.

Calling All 6th Grade Parents – We Need Your Help!

The 6th grade class is in need of a parent to help put together a basket for the upcoming Gala auction. Your responsibility is minimal – you'll need to email the parents in your class about donating themed items to put in the basket and then collect those items. If you are willing to help, please contact Ashley Bass at 405-206-8906 orashleybass@cox.net as soon as possible.

Catechists Needed for Sundays, Mondays & Wednesdays

The duty to raise our children in the Catholic faith belongs to all the baptized. A special way to do this is to serve as a catechist – one who will echo the word of God to our children – for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays, as a religious education catechist on Monday or Wednesday evenings or as a confirmation catechist on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. Each is a unique calling. Excellent materials and catechist guides are available for each position. Call Judi Wilkinson at 405-751-7115, ext. 115 or email her at jwilkinson@steugenes.org to serve or with questions.

You Have Ours -- Do We Have Yours?

Please remember to contact the school office when your phone number changes. The school needs to be able to reach you in the event of an emergency, sick child or other urgent situation.

Dads' Club Tourney Raises $896 for Bereavement Fund

Thanks to all the dads who rolled out for the recent poker tournament. Congrats to champion Tim "the Grinder" Mattingly.

Keep Calm and Pray the Rosary

October is the month the Catholic Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary. Please consider joining our Rosary Group during this time. We meet Monday mornings when school is in session in church after drop off. All are encouraged to come, whether you pray the Rosary daily or never have. We need your voices as we pray for our St. Eugene community, priests, teachers, principals, staff and families. St. John Paul II said the Rosary is "contemplating the face of Christ with Mary." Make time to spend in prayer for just 20 minutes on Mondays.

Support Our School with CSSE Restaurant Nights Out

Take a break from cooking in the kitchen and support our school! Join us for St. Eugene Restaurant Nights Out (RNO). Don't forget to tell your server you are with St. Eugene. A part of your tab is donated to our school. Head to Hideaway Pizza, 5950 W. Memorial, on Oct. 6. Get your fill at Freddie's, 12900 N. Penn Ave, on Oct. 13. Drop by Johnnie's at Britton Road, Edmond 33rd, Memorial and May or any Northwest Express locations on Oct. 20. And pop into Papa Murphy's, 9501 N May Ave., on Oct. 28.

Youth Group Focuses on Becoming God's Disciples

Middle School Youth Group will meet from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and again from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday. We'll continue our discussion on making disciples with the topic, "God is Love." We will also have lots of fun activities and food.

From the Principal's Office

I will be out of the building from Oct. 5-7 to attend the Region X: Catholic School Administrator as Spiritual Leader Conference in Dallas with my fellow Archdiocesan principals. I never like being out of the building, but as an educator, I must never consider my own education complete. In my absence, I leave you in the incredibly capable hands of Mrs. Ison. We are blessed to have a full-time assistant principal, and Mrs. Ison will handle any immediate concerns. I will have limited availability because of our schedule, but the school office can get a hold of me quickly if needed. A friendly reminder: if your child forgets his or her homework and needs to come back to the school, they must do so by 3:45 p.m. Organizational skills are something that require work and sometimes even some failure to learn from. We will not allow students to return to the classroom after 3:45 p.m., and this is not intended to be a punishment. Please come to the office if you need to bring a child back, and I will assist you in retrieving the work. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Tardies are beginning to add up for some students. Please remember that you and your child will have Saturday school if they record 15 tardies at any point during the year. It does seem that we are doing much better as a school this year, so please keep working on this vital life skill. We are quickly approaching our first non-school day of the academic year. In the past, St. Eugene has offered child care for families when school is out of session. Unfortunately, providing child care for non-instructional days will not be offered again this year due to limited demand. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you should have any questions, please contact the school office.

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