



Thursday, Sept. 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.

Dates to Jot Down

- Today: School Mass, 8:15 a.m.
- Tomorrow: Prevent Blindness Vision Screening
- Sunday, 13: Festival of the Americas & World, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, 14: Dads' Club Kick off Night, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, 17: Grandparent's Day, 7:15 a.m., Ross Hall
- Friday, 18: School pictures

Oklahoma's Promise Applications Available Now

Oklahoma Promise is a state program that provides college tuition for students who are eligible. You must be an Oklahoma resident enrolled in the eighth, ninth or 10th grade in an Oklahoma school. The child's parents' income from taxed and untaxed sources cannot be more than \$50,000 per year. Applications must be completed during the school year in the student's eighth-, ninth- or tenth-grade year and witnessed by the student's parents, custodians or legal guardians who also agree to help the student comply with Oklahoma's Promise requirements. Applications are available from Mrs. Shannon. For more information, visit www.okpromise.org.

Dads' Club Welcomes All CSSE Dads to Kick-Off Event

Hey Dads! Make plans to join the Dads' Club Kick-Off Event at 8 p.m., Monday, at the home of Matt Hughes, 10413 Lakeside Drive in Oklahoma City. Enjoy some yummy food, fun fellowship and find out what great things the Dads' Club does for our school.

Say Cheeeeeese! Picture Days are Coming Up

Get your student all gussied up -- picture day is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 18 for all students. These will be individual pictures, and school uniforms are not required, however, this is a "dress up" day where church clothing should be worn -- no jeans of any kind; dresses and skirts should be appropriate length; the only shorts allowed are uniform shorts; no spaghetti straps on dresses unless worn with a sweater; and if leggings are worn, the top should be no shorter than two inches above the knee. If you have any questions about if something is appropriate for picture day, please contact Mr. Luetkemeyer.

Wine, Whiskey, Scotch & Gift Card Donations Sought

This year's gala will feature a gift card and wine pull. And to go with the "the Roaring Twenties Speakeasy" theme of the evening, we will include a "Prohibition" pull featuring bottles of scotch and whiskey. What's a "pull" you ask? The various bottles are wrapped so that the labels and tops/corks are not visible, and then the bottles are beautifully packaged in tissue paper and gift bags. Each person who buys a \$25 ticket will "pull" a bottle of wine, whiskey or scotch from the assortment. You may score a \$100-plus bottle of wine, scotch or whiskey or a less inexpensive bottle, which is all part of the fun! The same approach applies to the gift card pull with some gift cards being significantly higher and some being worth \$25. And for \$100, you can pull five bottles of wine! **Parents, faculty and staff, we need your help!** We are still in need of bottles of wine – both red and white – along with several bottles of either scotch or whiskey. Gift card donations would also be appreciated! Should you have any questions or have a bottle or gift card to donate, please contact Susan Givens at [405-823-1730](tel:405-823-1730) or Pam Bradshaw at [405-820-7529](tel:405-820-7529) or p-bradshaw@sbcglobal.net. Jump on Facebook and "like" St. Eugene Catholic Church & School Annual Gala to see important updates and pictures of our fantastic auction items.

Grandparents Day is Next Thursday

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

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 is from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 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.

CSSE Tardy Count for the 2015-2016 School Year

Number of Tardies for the week of 8/31/2015: **21**
Tardies Year-to-Date Total: **124**

Gala Raffle Tickets Coming Home Tomorrow

Check your child's folder tomorrow – you'll find a pack of 10 raffle tickets to sell or buy for this year's gala and auction. Raffle prizes include \$2,500 cash, an Apple Watch "Sport" and a 64GB Microsoft Surface Tablet. As an incentive, we will hold a special \$1,000 drawing for families who sell 10 tickets or more. For every 10 tickets you sell, you'll get an entry into a special drawing for \$1,000. And if you sell your 10 tickets by the early bird date of Oct. 16, you'll get an additional entry in the special \$1,000 drawing! The raffle drawing and the drawing for the \$1,000 special 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.

It All Adds Up with First in Math Online Program

CSSE will again have the opportunity to access an outstanding educational website that will help your child master fundamental and advanced mathematical skills. First In Math® activities employ deep practice techniques to rapidly increase computation, problem solving, critical thinking and essential math basics. Although content is presented in a "game" format, the skills developed are key to success in higher mathematics. Content ranges from addition to complex algebra. Students in kindergarten through fifth grades will be sent home with passwords. They are encouraged to get on the website and try it out. The website is www.firstinmath.com. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ison at 405-751-0067, ext. 148, or ison@steugeneschool.org.

Eagle Soccer Season Kicks Off Saturday

The soccer season rolls out Saturday for the Eagles, and it's not too late to get your soccer player signed up. Please call Keiffer Trout by 6 p.m. tomorrow at [405-417-0840](tel:405-417-0840). Here's a link to the schedules for the season: <http://www.cgsaa.org>. This link goes to the Catholic Grade School Athletic Association and includes the schedules, rules, locations and parking -- everything soccer parents need to make it to the games.

It's My Party....Birthday Party Invitation Reminder

Party invitations that include the entire class can only be distributed on the school campus until the school directory is available. Invitations that do not include the entire class may not be distributed anywhere on campus. Once the directory is distributed, invitations must be emailed or mailed to the invited guests' home.

At the Carpool.... WHOAAAAA... At the Carpool, Yeah!

Please remember the following procedures to help dismissal for students run as efficiently and safely as possible:

1. Please post the family name on bright school-orange paper to the passenger-side visor so teachers will see your last name.
2. Once your child is in your car, please wait until the car in front of you pulls out. Do not go around the car in front of you.
3. Please make sure the visor is down and visible. If you have lost your sign or need another one, you can get a replacement in the school office.
4. Please remind your children who are in the same carpool to sit together while waiting to be picked up. Many times the older students want to sit with their class, but they must be with the youngest member of their carpool.
5. Please remember, do not use your cell phone while children are present in the carpool.

We Want to Brag About You

The Eagle Express wants to hear about the accomplishments of our current and former students. Let us know what you are doing inside and outside of the classroom. We are proud of all of you and want to share and spread the good news. Submit your articles to CSSE Communications at eagleexpress@steugeneschool.org.

Consider Joining a Small Community of Faith

This is an invitation. An invitation to grow closer to Jesus. An invitation to grow closer to members of our St. Eugene Community. Consider joining a Small Community of Faith. Next week, 27 small groups will begin meeting for an hour or so, once a week -- at the church and in living rooms -- to talk about the book of 1st Corinthians. It's a six- to eight-week study with a discussion guide written by our very own Deacon Bill Bawden. Thank you to these parents who have answered the call to facilitate a small group – Jenny Blevins, Robyn Duginski, Ruth Lange, Nicole Hughes, Mary Joyce, Trey and Anna Welker and Tom and Cari Earley. Childcare can be made available -- check with your facilitator. Please prayerfully consider joining one of their groups or the many others offered at several times throughout the week. To sign up, go to www.steugenes.org and scroll down to find the link. Enter your name, phone number and email address. And from the list of group leaders, times and locations, choose the one you'd like to join.

Welcome Our New Music Teacher Susan Mogilka

Susan Wright Mogilka has many years of experience performing music, dancing and teaching. She holds a Bachelor's Degree of Fine Arts from the University of Oklahoma and released an all-original Dance CD, entitled "St. Vitus' Dance Hall", in September 2008, with her writing partner, Chris Babcock. She has also performed with KC and the Sunshine Band, Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits, country artists Sammy Kershaw and Jodi Miller, and has opened for Gary Lewis and the Playboys, Barbara Fairchild and Billy Dean. She is the mother of three wonderful kids -- her greatest joy in life -- and is married to Henry Mogilka. They live in Edmond. Welcome, Mrs. Mogilka!

Eagles Soar with Accelerated Reader Competition

August and September are the official kick off months for Accelerated Reader. The class/house in grades second through fourth and fifth through eighth with the most AR points and 100 percent participation will win a Sonic drink party. One hundred percent participation means that everyone in the class/house has earned at least enough points to equal their grade level. (2nd grade = 2 points, 3rd grade = 3 points, 4th grade = 4 points, 5th grade = 5 points and 6th, 7th and 8th grades = 6 points). The last day to earn AR points will be Sept. 30.

Youth Group Adds Meeting Time on Mondays

Calling all sixth, seventh and eighth graders! Beginning Monday and every Monday after that, Middle School Youth Group will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for pizza, prayer and fun after school. Come hang out in the newly renovated youth room.

Turn Those Old Ink Cartridges Into Credit for Our School

Bring those used ink cartridges to school and drop them in the box in the copy room for reward points for our school.

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