



Thursday, Sept. 3, 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, 4: Spirit and Popcorn Day!
- Monday, 7: Labor Day, no school
- Tuesday, 8: LEGO League info meeting, 6 p.m., library
- Thursday, 10: Girl Scouts info meeting, 6 p.m., library
- Friday, 11: 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

### Sport Those Spirit Shirts for Popcorn & Spirit Day

Pop! Pop! Pop! The smell of buttery goodness will waft through the school halls tomorrow as CSSE volunteers pop some yummy popcorn! Students may wear jeans with their spirit shirts if they have not had three or more uniform infractions so far this school year. Sport those Spirit shirts! Go St. Eugene!

### Everything is Awesome! FIRST LEGO League Forming

CSSE is starting teams to compete in Science and Technology competitions through FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). The teams are presented a real-world challenge and have to research the problem, come up with and build a solution from LEGOs and prepare a presentation poster. There will be two teams -- JrFLL for kindergarten through third grades and FLL for fourth through eighth grades. The JrFLL will build a simple machine from LEGOs to solve their problem. The FLL teams will design, build, program and test a LEGO MINDSTORMS autonomous robot to solve the problem they are presented. Teams can compete at regional and state-level competitions. The teams focus on problem-solving skills, teamwork, presentation skills and time management. The JrFLL team is limited to six teammates, and the FLL team is limited to 10. Each team needs two coaches. We will hold a parents' meeting at 6 p.m., Sept. 8, in the library to gauge interest and recruit coaches. For more information, visit [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org) or email Bob Taylor at [bob.taylor79@gmail.com](mailto:bob.taylor79@gmail.com).

### Themed Baskets Make Second Gala Auction Appearance

This year's gala and auction will again include themed baskets for the silent auction. Each class/grade will be responsible for a classroom basket. Teachers, parents and students can all participate by providing ideas for the basket themes. The more creative, the better! Once a theme is determined, we request that each child contribute to their classroom basket by either providing items related to that grade's theme or a cash donation. If you provide money or a gift card, please put them in an envelope marked "auction" and give to your child's teacher. Each basket will be included in the silent auction. If the bidding exceeds \$500 on any basket, the basket will be moved to the live auction. Baskets will need to be completed by Friday, Oct. 30. Shelley Reidy will provide information to the homeroom parents, who will ask volunteers to assist in deciding a theme, collecting donations, purchasing items and assembling the baskets. If you have any questions or need theme ideas, please contact Shelley at [reidys@att.net](mailto:reidys@att.net) or Pam Bradshaw at [bradshaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bradshaw@sbcglobal.net).

### Youth Group Adds Meeting Time on Mondays

Calling all sixth, seventh and eighth graders! Beginning Monday, Sept. 14, 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 with us in the 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.

### Girl Scouts Informational Meeting is Next Thursday

Please join us for an informational meeting hosted by Girl Scouts Western Oklahoma and your St. Eugene Troop Leaders. Our current troops are always open to new members, and we are looking to form new kindergarten and first grade Daisy Troops. The meeting is open to all girls K-8 and their parents. It will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10 in the school library.

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

Number of Tardies for the week of 8/24/2015: **24**  
Tardies Year-to-Date Total: **103**

## Volunteers Sought for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program that gives the words and materials to share our Catholic faith with the youngest children here at CSSE. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is rooted in the educational principals of Maria Montessori, the Bible and the liturgy of the Church. This program has shown to encourage a greater participation in Mass and a strong foundation for the reception of the sacraments. Students in pre-k through first grade participate weekly in this program. We need volunteers to help set up and take down the Atrium, prepare materials and assist the catechist during the students' atrium time. If you can help in any capacity, please contact Petra Hutchison at [petrahutchison@yahoo.com](mailto:petrahutchison@yahoo.com) or Susan Ison at [sison@steugeneschool.org](mailto:sison@steugeneschool.org).

## 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](http://www.firstinmath.com). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ison at 405-751-0067, ext. 148, or [sison@steugeneschool.org](mailto:sison@steugeneschool.org).

## Round of Applause for Textbook Pick-up Volunteers

A big thank you goes out to parents Bob Taylor, Chad Goodman and Mitch Blevins for picking up and delivering our textbooks throughout the summer. This was a big job, and all of their help was greatly appreciated!

## Support CSSE When You Shop or Buy Groceries

**Target** -- Sign up for a Target Visa or link your current Target card to St. Eugene School's ID# 14399. One percent of each purchase comes right back to St. Eugene.

**Buy For Less & Super Mercado** -- We are collecting receipts from Sept. 1 through March 31, 2016. Drop them in the box in the school lobby.

**Office Depot** -- Give our school's name or ID# 70082542 when you check out and five percent comes back to St. Eugene. Also, bring your empty ink cartridges to the school office and Office Depot will give St. Eugene credit toward school supplies.

**Homeland** -- Link your Homeland One card to our school. Part of each purchase comes back to St. Eugene. Our ID# is 61043.

**Labels for Education** -- Save labels from all Campbell's products. UPC's are worth one, five or 10 points based on the type of product. Keep your eye out for Labels for Education on these brands: Campbells, Dannon, Bic, Glad and Pop Secret. These don't expire.

**Box Tops for Education** -- Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. We will have classroom contests throughout the year. You can also put box tops in the collection box in school lobby. These do expire, so please check dates before turning them in. Also, more than 100 popular retailers give eBoxTops to our school when we shop on-line at [www.btfec.com/marketplace](http://www.btfec.com/marketplace). Just click on your favorite retailer, and eBoxTops will be donated directly to us with a qualifying purchase. Our school code is 183755.

## 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. In mid-September, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 to Our New CSSE Teacher Emily McConnell

Emily McConnell, our new P3 teacher, has two kids, Sophia, 10 and Charlie, three. Her husband teaches theology at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. She has a master's degree from Oklahoma City University in Early Childhood with a Montessori Certification, and Montessori is her passion. She was born and raised in Oklahoma City. She attended Westminster School and BMCHS. This is her fourth year teaching, and she has wanted to be a teacher ever since she can remember. She is a huge animal lover. She loves art, crafts, yoga, traveling, cooking, gardening, garage sale and estate-sale shopping, being outside and reading. Her favorite thing in the world, though, is being with her family and their seven pets. Welcome, Mrs. McConnell!

## In-House Free Lunch Program Applications Available

If your child was on the in-house free lunch program last school year, Friday will be their last day of eligibility. If you'd like to re-apply, please stop by Tina Hackett's office and pick up an application. This program is open to all who qualify and is based on income. If you have any questions, please call Tina at 405-751-0067, ext. 149 any time after 1:30 pm.

## Cub Scout Informational Parent Meeting Wednesday

The official Cub Scout Troop for CSSE is now Chapel Hill Cub Scout Pack 163. If you have a son in grades first through fourth, there will be a Join the Scouts Night at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9 in the parlor at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. This event is for parents only. If you have questions and can't attend the meeting, please contact Keiffer Trout at 405-417-0840 or [katjr@alliancephi.com](mailto:katjr@alliancephi.com).

## 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. (2<sup>nd</sup> grade = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade = 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> grade = 4 points, 5<sup>th</sup> grade = 5 points and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades = 6 points). The last day to earn AR points will be Sept. 30.

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