



# Taking Flight: October Highlights

## **Greetings from Mrs. Goldsworthy!**

It's already October! Fall has begun and the pumpkin patches are open! It's a beautiful season of celebrations! Last month at Curriculum Night, I highlighted my vision as our school leader. The four "Ps" that guide my leadership vision (purpose, passion, potential, and principle) are at the forefront of every decision I make. Our school is grounded in our Catholic principles, growing with purpose, increasing its potential, and full of passionate students, teachers, and community.

Let's look at the many exciting celebrations in the first quarter and upcoming information!

## **Enriching our Soil: Chromebook Launch!**

Our chromebook launch is soaring kids into a new style of learning! Our 6th through 8th graders have used their google accounts to publish essays, conduct research, and utilize their first digital textbook "Discovery Education Science Techbook". This is an interactive digital book that embeds video clips, interactive tools, demonstrations, etc. It allows Mrs. Redwine to collaborate in student learning through an interactive module- complete with lesson assignments and immediate feedback. We are excited to have our first "techbook" come alive in middle school!

Our 5th graders have opened their google accounts as well, and will begin using chromebooks soon. All 2nd-5th graders have recently explored the use of chromebooks to varying degrees. It is wonderful to have this mobile learning tool at CSSE!

## **New to CSSE Staff:**

We have two new additions to our superb staff!

- Ms. Robyn Simpson has joined our middle school staff teaching Algebra I. Ms. Simpson has taught middle school math for many years and is recently retired from Edmond public schools. She came out of retirement to join our St. Eugene family and we are delighted to have her with us.
- Mrs. Kim Hattaway is joining our team part-time as the Media and Marketing Specialist. Kim has an extraordinary talent in marketing and has been our website and social media developer. She is now on staff to coordinate school marketing and library management. We are glad to have her as part of our team!

### **Mornings with Molly:**

I am starting a new monthly gathering that centers around a specific topic and targeted audience. This month, I would like to invite **all parents new to CSSE** to join me on Friday, October 24th at 8:00am for refreshments and conversation. This month's topic, ***Welcome to the Eagle's Nest***, is for new parents. Please follow this link to RSVP!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4BABA72FA2F85-welcome>

**Stay tuned** the November **Morning with Molly** topic, date, and targeted audience!

### **Middle School Advisory & Collaboration Update:**

The Advisory and Collaboration time is built into the schedule to support core instruction, social development, and mentorship. The middle school teachers have organized the collaboration time to be utilized as:

- Coaching/Tutoring Sessions: small group one-on-one customized support
- Advisory (Responsive Classroom for Middle School) Session to focus on social development, leadership, and mentorship

### **SALT Service Program Kick-off!**

Our school-wide service learning curriculum kicked off with Mass on September 27- the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. Throughout the year, students will focus on a topic specific to their grade. Working in collaboration, teachers and volunteers will give students opportunities to learn about the topic, take action on that topic, and reflect on it. October will mark the beginning of classroom activities for most grades and might include speakers, crafts, and prayerful reflections. This includes Michael Korenblit of the Respect Diversity Foundation, who will speak to middle school students on October 9, and Sister BJ Foley of Sister BJ's Pantry, who will speak to all students at morning assembly on October 10.

### **Uniform Updates:**

Last year, CSSE chose Dennis Uniforms as our official uniform company after the closing of Parker. After parent feedback, we have decided not to continue with Dennis for next year. Our uniform committee is currently reviewing other uniform companies. We will be looking at quality, availability, price, and options as we evaluate the best fit for CSSE.

As Fall approaches, please remember to **label** your child's outerwear, layers, and accessories. Check our family handbook for specifics on dress code.

### **Eagle Express:**

Have you been receiving the Eagle Express newsletter every Thursday? If not, please subscribe today! The newsletter combines school announcements, PTO news and parish information all in one place. All families should subscribe! Send an email to [eagleexpress@steugeneschool.org](mailto:eagleexpress@steugeneschool.org) with the word “subscribe” in the subject line.

### **St. Eugene Gala:**

Did you know that the first \$60k raised at the St. Eugene Gala goes to our school to benefit our students' education? The Gala is a great way to meet others who support our school and to enjoy a fun-filled evening! What a wonderful contribution our parishioners and school community make to enrich the education of our children. Thank you for all you do to support this important fundraiser! Please join us! [steugenegala.com](http://steugenegala.com)

### **Gala Raffle Ticket Sales:**

We have raised a little over \$10,000 and counting! With full student participation (by selling at least 1 ticket) we will have an All School Spirit Week. The top 10 student sellers get to help design the spirit week's events! Also:

- For every 5 tickets a student sells, his or her name will be entered into a student ticket seller raffle for \$250!!!! WOW!!!
- At the gala, the winning ticket will be drawn for the \$10,000. The seller of that ticket will win \$250!!!! Wow again!
- Lastly, the student with the highest number of tickets sold will receive a Family Night: Dinner and Movie!

**So let's have ONE ticket sold by EACH Eagle!!!! Let's Go Eagles!**

You can pick up tickets at the school or church office!

Tickets and money are due **Friday, Oct. 12th.**

### **Safety Audit Update:**

The Office of Homeland Security conducted a safety audit in August of our school and church campus. We are currently developing a team to review the report and build a plan for improvements based on their suggestions.

*Look for another Taking Flight Highlights next month!*