

The San Francisco School's Weekly Community Newsletter



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, November 2**6th Grade Round Table**

8:15 - 9:00 AM

Saturday, November 5**Adoptive Family Potluck**

5:00 PM

Sunday, November 6**Daylight Savings Ends****Monday, November 7****Diversity Committee Meeting**

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 8**Election Day****Wednesday, November 9****Public Purpose Committee Meeting**

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Friday, November 11**No School - Parent Teacher Conferences****Saturday, November 12****Nunya Academy Concert**

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Monday, November 14**Board Meeting**

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Tuesday, November 15**Preschool and Kindergarten Class Photo & Make-Up Day for 1st-8th Individual Photos**

Tuesday, November 22
Grandparents and Special Friends Days

Wednesday-Friday, November 23-25
No School - Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, December 1
Sibling and Faculty Applications Due

WHAT'S COOKIN' IN PATTY & JANE'S KITCHEN?

Wednesday 11/2 Enchilada Casserole and Coleslaw

Thursday 11/3 Tuna Noodle Casserole

Friday 11/4 Picnic Lunch

Monday 11/7 Pasta and Salad

Tuesday 11/8 Soup Day

FEATURE ARTICLE

Call for Family Photos

We are excited to announce the release of another new feature on SFS Today -- the Photo Directory! The Parent Directory now has the ability display a family photo next to a student's contact information. So now, if you find yourself thinking, "was that Julien's parent that I ran into at the grocery store? Is his name Michael?" You can look at the photo in the Parent Directory.

Please send a family photo to photodirectory@sfschool.org. For families with multiple households, please send multiple pictures. Thanks!

Reminder, to access the Parent Directory:

- Log in to SFS Today
- Click "Parent Directory" from the menu on the right
- If you'd like to see your whole class, click on the "show all records in the directory" link below the search field
- Select the desired grade from the "Search by grade" dropdown menu



ALL SCHOOL

Fall Athletics Sale

Support our Bears! SFS Athletics is holding its annual Fall Athletics apparel sale! Cheer on our teams while wearing our school colors. Orders will be taken online until Wednesday, November 16. Delivery time is approximately 3 weeks (given the Thanksgiving holiday), so apparel should arrive by the end of the second week of December. Please visit our spirit wear store at:

https://stores.inksoft.com/the_san_francisco_school.

Thanks for your support! GO BEARS!!!

Día de los Muertos Altar

We are continuing to build our Día de los Muertos altar in the library this week. Día de los Muertos is a Meso-American Pre-Hispanic tradition dedicated to the ancestors. Dating back more than 3,000 years, it honors both death and the cycle of life in Mexico, Central and parts of South America, when neighbors share food, music and fun with their community, both living and departed. The altar will soon be ready to receive your offerings, photos, drawings, flowers, sugar skulls, memories, etc. of dear departed loved ones, whether people or pets, who have departed. Please bring your offerings directly to the altar in the library.

Adoptive Family Affinity Group Potluck

Hello Fellow Adoptive Families - both New and Returning,

For our first Adoptive Family Affinity Group potluck of 2016-2017 we'll be meeting at James, Kevin and Reilly's fabulous home on the north side of Bernal. As in previous years, we'll have babysitters on hand to take kids to a nearby park so adults can talk about issues related to raising and supporting our children at and beyond school. And we'll talk about plans to hold additional events later in the year. For families new to the affinity group: our children appreciate the solidarity that comes from meeting off campus and knowing they have a shared experience- which they might not know otherwise. And the parents are great sources of support and information for one another. We hope you can make it.

Saturday, November 5, 5:00 PM

Please let Suzanne or Cece know if you are planning to attend and to learn the address of the event (suzannetoller@dwt.com) or Cece (cececronin@gmail.com).

Warmly,

Suzanne (Zara, 5th Grade) and Cece (Nanya, 6th Grade)

4th-7th Grade MAP Test Schedule

Next week 4th-7th Grades will take the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test. Here is the schedule that will guide the classes.

Monday 11/7

8:45 to 10:00 AM 4th & 5th MAP Reading

Tuesday 11/8

8:15 to 9:15 AM 6th & 7th MAP Reading

9:30 to 10:30 AM 4th & 5th MAP Math

Wednesday 11/9

8:45 to 9:45 AM 4th & 5th MAP Language

12:05 to 1:30 PM 6th & 7th MAP Math

Thursday 11/10

8:30 to 9:50 AM 6th & 7th MAP Language

8:45 to 9:45 AM 4th & 5th MAP Make Ups

10:40 to 11:40 AM 4th & 5th MAP Make Ups

Save the Date for the Nunya Academy Benefit Concert

On Saturday, November 12, at 2:00 PM, The San Francisco School will host a fabulous concert featuring our own special performing Middle School group in collaboration with Synergy School and a star-studded cast of adult musicians. Besides the pleasure of sharing wonderful music in a unique format of mixed ages, the concert is a benefit for an exciting project: the building of Nunya Academy of Music and Dance in Dzodze, Ghana.

Children most welcome! \$20 donation requested, \$5 for children. If you can't come to the concert, but would like to donate, please contact Doug at (music@sfschool.org).

Preschool/Kindergarten Class Picture Day and Make-Up Day for Individual Photos

North and South Class Picture Day has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 15. It is especially important to have your children arrive at school on time to insure they are included in their class picture. November 15 will also be our Individual Photo Make-Up Day for 1st through 8th Grade students who missed having their individual picture taken by MugsyClicks in October.

The 8th Grade Pie Sale is Coming!

Each year the 8th Grade students and parents host a pie-sale fundraiser just in time for Thanksgiving. The proceeds are used to fund the class graduation party in May for the students and their families.



This year, in addition to pies, we are offering bags of freshly-roasted coffee beans, roasted and donated by the Mason Family, parting SFS after 13 years!

You can place orders for pies and coffee [here](#) until Friday, Nov. 18. Pies will be distributed Tuesday, Nov. 22. Questions? Contact Sheila Cahill (sheilacahill@gmail.com) or Mary Jean Koontz (maryjeankoontz@cs.com). Thank you for your support!

Siblings Applications Due December 1

If you have another child you are interested in enrolling for the 17-18 school year, please submit an online application by December 1. The application can be found at: <http://www.sfschool.org/admissions/apply>. If your child is currently enrolled in a school or day care program, please also have his/her teacher complete a teacher evaluation form before the December 1 deadline and have him/her send the form directly to SFS. If your child is applying for 1st-8th grades, we will also need grades and test scores from his/her current school. All forms can be found on our website under "Admissions" on the SFS website.

The Preschool/K sibling assessment and interview will take place on Wednesday, January 11 at 3:30 PM. 1st-8th grade assessments will take place in February. We will let you know more details as the date approaches. Please contact Stewart

(sdorsey@sfschool.org) or Jessica (jcamacho@sfschool.org) with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Congratulations to Middle School Cross Country!

Congratulations to Julietta Seimarco for finishing in 1st Place in the 7/8th girls division and Lucas Harding who placed 3rd Place in the 7/8th division! A big congratulations to our 5/6th boys who have finished in 3rd Place for the past 3 meets! The hard work and effort is really showing with many personal bests and improved times at every meet.

Please come out to cheer us on at the final meet on November 7 in Golden Gate Park. Go Bears Go!



Extended Day Reminder - Pick Up by 6:00 PM

A friendly reminder that Extended Day ends at 6:00 PM. We recognize that an accident on the road can add unexpected delays, but as stated in the Family Handbook, extra fees apply for children picked up after 6:00 p.m. **These extra fees are \$1.00 per minute late per child.** Thanks in advance for understanding.

IN THE COMMUNITY

October Community Coffee

We were pleased to have so many parents brave the rain to gather for coffee and breakfast in the art room last Friday. In addition to the regular crowd of parents, there were Diwali celebrants and blood donors getting ready for the morning's activities -- all were happy to have a cozy, warm place with a cup of coffee and a sweet bite.

Trick or Treat at AgeSong University

After an exciting day of celebration at SFS, several Preschool/Kindergarten & Elementary students proceeded to visit our neighbors at AU a few blocks away. The children paraded through the lounge and at the bedside, showing off their Halloween costumes. They were treated with generous helpings of candy & greeted with smiles from the elder friends.



Chrysalis Studio Art Show and Sale

You are warmly invited to Chrysalis Studio's annual Open House and Group Show on Tuesday, November 15 from 7:00-9:00 PM. There will be art for sale and just to enjoy, demonstrations of mono printing and linocuts, food and drink - this is a great way to start of your holiday shopping while supporting local artists. Chrysalis Studio is in the SOMArts building at 934 Brannan Street between 7th and 8th Streets. There will be work from over 20 artists -- including onesies and cards hand printed by Jane Loeser of the kitchen! Hope to see you there!

Common Sense Tip of the Week



If you want to monitor the amount of violence your kids see playing video games, curate what they play. The truth is, the majority of the hyper-realistic, hyper-popular games are really best left to mature players. But instead of saying "no" all the time, Common Sense thinks you'll be more successful if you say "wait" and offer kids alternatives in the same genre, that are more age-appropriate. Click here for our just released list of the **10 Most Violent Video Games of 2016 (And What to Play Instead)**, and check out our **list of non-violent games** for kids of all ages.

And, for tweens and teens who have constant access to devices, they can stumble across actual scenes of real-life violence in their social media and news feeds. But just because we have 24/7 access to news doesn't mean we have to let our kids witness everything from war to street violence. Check out **How to Handle Violent Videos at Your Kid's Fingertips** for practical ways to help children make informed decisions about their social media feeds -- and help put things in perspective for them when they do scroll by those violent videos and images.

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