The San Francisco School's Weekly Community Newsletter



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Thursday, December 1
Sibling and Faculty Applications Due

Saturday, December 3
Admissions Preschool-5th Grade Curriculum Open House
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, December 5
Diversity Committee Meeting
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 7
Public Purpose Committee
9:15 - 10:15 AM

Monday, December 12
Board Meeting
6:30 - 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 15
3rd-5th Grade Holiday Plays
6:30 - 8:30 PM

Friday, December 16
Community Coffee
8:15 - 9:30 AM

1st-8th Grade Ice Skating
8:30 - 12:00 PM

8th Grade Performance: St. George and the Dragon
1:00 - 2:30 PM

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

Wednesday 11/23 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Thursday 11/24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
Friday 11/25 No School - Thanksgiving Break
Monday 11/28 Turkey Meatballs on Pasta
Tuesday 11/29 Soup Day

FEATURE ARTICLE

A Note of Thanks

As we head into the Thanksgiving holiday and we reflect on all that we are thankful for, we'd like to acknowledge your involvement and investment in The San Francisco School. Trustees, Room Parents, Tour Guides, Class Captains, various Committee members, bakers, photographers, and chaperones ... your commitment to our community is so very appreciated. We wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving.

Special thanks to all who helped to make this year's Grandparents and Special Friends Day such a special experience for our students and guests. We had a wonderful turnout! Kids and adults all seemed to really enjoy the visit. In addition, we'd especially like to acknowledge the following volunteers:

Sigrid Anderson Kwun	Alison Diessner	Kim Milosevich
Rahul Apte	Caroline Donahue	Rebecca Munda
Rahna Brown	Nikki Ford Morthel	Sam Osborn
Samantha Campbell	Daria Hutchinson	Neha Palmer
Jeanie Chang	Michelle Karma	Bethany Paves
Mark Clendenin	Miles Lasater	Erika Price
Todd Van Horn	Robyn McGrath	Raveena Rihal
Sanjeev Datar	Alice Miller	Lisa Yepez

and all the parents and guardians who contributed baked goods!

ALL SCHOOL

2016-17 Annual Fund Update

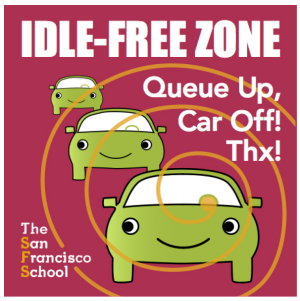
We would like to thank those who have made gifts or pledges to the 2016-17 Annual Fund to date! We have received pledges valued at **$248,000** with **30% parent** participation, 95% faculty & staff participation, and 100% Trustee participation.

The Fund for SFS is our most important annual fundraiser as it is the largest source of non-tuition revenue. The School relies on these unrestricted contributions to provide educational resources for students and faculty not covered by tuition. Gifts of all sizes are welcomed and appreciated.

Please help us reach our goal of raising $425,000 through 100% parent, faculty & staff, and Trustee participation before December 31, 2016. Gifts can be made directly online at **www.sfschool.org/donate** or if you prefer to pledge now and donate before June 30, 2017, please complete a **pledge form**.

Why give to the Annual Fund?

Updated Carpool Guidelines and Expectations



In response to earnest and heartfelt recommendations from concerned neighbors and parents, we have made some adjustments to carpool and will need each driver who drops off or picks up your child(ren) to understand guidelines and expectations. Please use the link to familiarize yourself with the guidelines. We also ask that you pass along the information to any caregivers who may drop off and/or pick up your child(ren).

Revised Carpool Guidelines and Expectations

IN THE COMMUNITY

SFS Student Dancing in ODC's *The Velveteen Rabbit*

Third grader, Ella Ford, is dancing in ODC's Velveteen Rabbit on December 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11 at the Yerba Buena Theater. It's a great holiday performance of modern dance and perfect for all ages. Use the link below for tickets and details. We'd love to see you there!
-Marlene and Rich Ford

Read More

Common Sense Tip of the Week

As we are all trying to move forward from the vitriolic comments from the election, we hope this holiday season all families can start with a simple pledge! Put your devices away at the table! Families everywhere are pledging to put down their devices at the table. Why? The holidays are all about connecting with each other, not devices. Whether you're going to dinner at Grandma's or teaching the kids an old (or new) family recipe, those special moments deserve to be treasured. Take the **#DeviceFreeDinner** challenge this holiday season! Use these sample Facebook and Twitter posts and share the challenge with your friends and networks. Now, more then ever, we need to come together at the holiday table, and your dinner table, and talk to each other, face to face!

Twitter:
Keep holiday celebrations focused on family, not phones. Create memorable moments w/#DeviceFreeDinner! Free tips **here**.

Facebook:
Thanksgiving is the perfect time to be together. This year, take the #DeviceFreeDinner challenge with the whole family, and focus on what you're really thankful for: each other. Take the pledge **here**.

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