

The San Francisco School's Weekly Community Newsletter



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, February 8**Rosalind Wiseman Presents "Queen Bees and Masterminds"**

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Public Purpose Committee Meeting

11:00 AM

Thursday, February 9**SFS Community Finance Meeting**

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Saturday, February 11**Adoptive Family Affinity Group Film Night**

6:00 - 8:30 PM

Monday, February 13**Learning Services Parent Chat**

8:15 - 9:15 AM

Diversity Committee Meeting

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 15**Wiseman Presentation Community Debrief**

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Friday, February 17**Taste of Soul****Black History Month Celebration**

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Middle School Dance

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Monday February 20 - Friday, February 24**No School - President's Week**

Thursday, March 2
Learning Services Parent Panel
 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Monday, March 6
No School - Teacher Workshop Day

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

Wednesday 2/8 Turkey Tetrizzini and Green Salad
Thursday 2/9 Burritos and Coleslaw
Friday 2/10 Picnic Lunch
Monday 2/13 Spaghetti Carbonara
Tuesday 2/14 Soup Day

FEATURE ARTICLE

Os Gêmeos Installation

In 2001, Os Gêmeos, twin Brazilian artists came to SFS and created this, then outdoor mural which hung on the playground fence, nearest the staff parking lot, for the next eight years. In 2009, the work was brought indoors in order to preserve it and lived in the 311 Conference Room until now. This past week, the painting was finally installed in the middle school stairwell in the Community Center.

Special thanks to Rick Paxson, member of 8th grader Ben Dyer's family, for sharing his time and installation expertise.

Watch this [short film](#) to see more works by Os Gêmeos.



ALL SCHOOL

The Auction for Tuition Assistance

Online Auction:
 Monday, March 13 - Friday, March 24

Silent & Live Auction Event:
 Saturday, March 18, 6:00-10:00 PM

**The San Francisco School
 Community Center**



www.sfschool.org/auction

Donation Goal	\$150,000
Donations to Date	\$15,000
Donation Deadline	Friday, February 17 (If you have items to donate already, please don't wait to submit them!)
Countdown to Deadline	10 Days
Donate Online	Click Here
Drop Off Locations	Front Desk or Building A (311 Gaven)

FAQs

"I'm planning to solicit local businesses, is there a [list of businesses](#) who have already donated?" **YES!!**

"I'd like to [schedule a community event](#). Is there a place where I can see other events that have already been scheduled?" **YES!!**

"Where can I see last year's catalog for ideas?" [Right here!](#)

"How can I get involved?"

There are so many ways that you can get involved! Talk to other parents in your child's class about a joint donation or hosting an event together, sell "Golden Paddle" raffle tickets after school during auction week or the night of, volunteer the night of, enter items into the Online Auction site from home, or make a suggestion to Jenn if there's something you'd like to be involved with. See the [SignUp](#) list of opportunities to help before, during and after the auction and feel free to sign up. Thanks!

Silent & Live Auction Event: March 18

Our Silent & Live Auctions takes place at the event on March 18. Items are varied, creative and distinctly special to our San Francisco School community: social dinners and outings with students, parents and faculty. Outings and dinners are popular every year! Art by Kids, which includes the unique creations of each class project, are also part of the Silent Auction. Finally, valuable wine, spirits and fine art items will be on display on auction night. The Live Auction features great one-of-a-kind items. Over the years, these have included vacation homes from Tahoe to Tuscany, special outings with faculty or admin, one-of-a-kind dinners and other unique experiences.

Online Auction: March 13 - 24

Our Online Auction will launch on Monday, March 13 and will run through Friday, March 24. Hundreds of items will be available for bidding and winning online only, and is an opportunity for family, friends, and those unable to attend on March 18 to participate and support Indexed Tuition at SFS.

The best-selling items in the Online Auction are those that are valuable to the greater community. Restaurant certificates, food items, services and entertainment or sporting tickets are huge hits online! Items that we all use and purchase everyday are available and proceeds will directly assist our students' access to an SFS education. When brainstorming your donations, think about the items that you would most like to bid on when the Online Auction launches in March.

If you have any questions, call Jenn and/or it may be on our auction webpage: sfschool.org/auction. You can reach Jenn at (jkeesepowell@sfschool.org or 415.287.2003).

"Queen Bees and Masterminds: Navigating Cliques, Bullying, and Social Hierarchies"



Tomorrow, The San Francisco School is hosting a presentation by Rosalind Wiseman, celebrated author of *Queen Bees and Wannabees* and *Masterminds and Wingmen*. Wednesday, February 8 from 9:00-10:30 AM. Wiseman is a widely respected parenting educator and media spokesperson on bullying, ethical leadership, and the use of social media. SPEAK is a coalition of San Francisco K-8 schools that have joined together to enhance parent education. It aims to enrich the education and learning experience of our families, our children and our communities.

To register for this event, please visit speakrosalindwiseman.eventbrite.com. There is no fee for SFS attendees. \$15 for non-members.

We will also be piloting a school community debrief of the talk the following Wednesday, February 15 from 6-8:00 PM. Even if you can't attend Rosalind's talk, feel free to come and get caught up on highlights and takeaways. We are very fortunate to have Anne Hipskind, an SFS parent and board member and Wiseman subject matter expert, to help facilitate this conversation. We will have some light bites and beverages. If you are inclined, bring something to share; however this should not prohibit you from just coming and bringing yourselves.

SFS Community Finance Meeting

Parents are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 5:30-6:30 PM. Jeanette Moore, Director of Finance, Anton Honikman, Treasurer, Steve Morris and Ellen Fey, Board Chair, will discuss the finances of SFS and independent schools more broadly, and will be available to answer any questions that you might have. No childcare is available for this event. The meeting will be in the Conference Room of Building A (311 Gaven Street).

Valentines and Story Time at AgeSong University

Show our elder neighbors some love! Our next visit will take place on Friday, February 10 after school - we will distribute handmade valentines and share story books from 3:15-4:00 PM. Please feel free to make Valentine cards for the residents even if you cannot join and leave them in the folder at the front desk by Friday morning. Please contact Michael (gaobestavenue@gmail.com) with questions.

February Break Mini-Camp at SFS, Deadline is Friday!

Students in Preschool through 5th Grade are invited to Edmo City Builders during Presidents' Week. Explore the exciting world of engineering in this mini camp program as we build bridges, design catapults, create balloon cars, and more! The camp will run from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM with optional morning care 8:00-8:30 AM and optional afternoon care from 5:00-6:00 PM. The price is \$100 per day with full week or daily options for February 20-24. The deadline to register is Friday, February 10. **If Mini-Camp does not meet minimum enrollment the**

deadline the camp will be cancelled.

[Register Here](#)

Learn How to Support Your Child with Homework

The next **Learning Services Parent Chat** will take place on Monday, February 13 from 8:15-9:15 AM in the Learning Services Office.

Is your child's stress about school and homework overwhelming the household dynamics? Do you need help supporting your child with homework and stress? Come hear Sarah Weidman share breakthrough insights and practical actions you can take immediately to communicate effectively with your child, get them to start their homework without the nagging, and give them the independence they crave while de-stressing the household.

Learn:

- How to communicate effectively and stop nagging
- How to get your child to start their homework...without nagging
- How to honor your child's values while setting effective limits
- How to stay or [get back] onto the same team with your child

Sarah Weidman is an academic life coach who works with stressed out teens who are overwhelmed by school pressure to help them get their work done without all the stress. As a classroom teacher for over ten years, and from her own experience as a student, Sarah knows that not being able to produce because of poor time-management and organization can feel insufferable! The program she uses consists of five tools to help your stressed-out student succeed in school... without the drama.

RSVP to Alberta (aneilson@sfschool.org).



Big Pizza Benefit at Paxti's Pizza Noe Next Wednesday!

Want to support our terrific SFS 8th graders and avoid the hassle of cooking weeknight dinner? Next Wednesday, February 15, is your big chance: From 11:00 AM-10:00 PM, 10% of all sales at Paxti's Pizza in Noe Valley (4042 - 24th Street between

Castro and Noe) will go toward this year's graduates.

Tell your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues. Organize a group for happy hour or dinner out. Cater your lunch meeting. Pre-order delivery or take-out. And don't forget to order half-baked pizzas for another time. You can even use gift cards that day. It will all count toward our Class of 2017 fundraiser! Dinner is solved, our 8th grade class benefits, everyone wins!

Questions? Ask Ruth (RuthChangHess@gmail.com). Thank you!

Taste of Soul

Carrying on yet another rich tradition of SFS, the African American Affinity group, with support from the Diversity Committee will be hosting Taste of Soul on Friday, February 17. Students and faculty are able to enjoy a delicious lunch as the

culminating event of the African American Heritage Celebration. To find out how you can further support this event, please contact Anne Roberts (anne.hipskind@gmail.com) or Suzanne Toller (suzannetoller@dwt.com).

Re-Enrollment Contacts

Please return the Re-enrollment Contract(s) and Reservation Deposit(s) by Friday, February 17 (before the mid-winter break). If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Moore, Director of Finance and Operations (jmoore@sfschool.org).

If you have other questions about Indexed Tuition or the School's budget, please consider joining us for the SFS Community Finance Meeting, described below, or contact Steve Morris (smorris@sfschool.org) or Finance Committee Chair, Anton Honikman (anton.honikman@gmail.com).

Spring Sports Gear Swap

If you have outgrown, unused, or gently used gear - soccer! baseball! tennis! - please leave it on the bookshelf between the Front Desk and North Class playground. And take what you need! Leftover items will be donated after Presidents Week.

Summer Camp Registration

Registration for summer camp has started! Don't get left out of the fun, register today. Visit [Summer Camp at SFS](#) to learn more about all of our amazing camps including River Camp, Bodies in Motion, Cooking Around the USA, Robotics, Sensational Summer and many more!

We are also offering discounted registration rates:

- Enter in Discount Code **2017EarlyBird** to receive \$20 off through March 15
- Enter in Discount Code **2017Sibling** to receive 5% off for siblings
- If you are a family on Indexed Tuition you should have received a discount code from the Business Office

Contact Sarah (swood@sfschool.org) with any questions.

SFS Basketball Teams Advance to Playoffs!

Many of our basketball teams have advanced to the playoffs!! In honor of that we are encouraging students to wear school colors (red, black or white), throughout the week to show their school spirit. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend the games! SFS Athletics Spirit Wear will be available for purchase at the front desk all week.



The games Tuesday through Friday will be held in the SFS Community Center unless otherwise noted. See Calendar on the website for more details.

Tuesday

6th Grade Boys - SFAL Semifinal
4:00 PM

7th Grade vs. 8th Grade Boys SFAL Quarterfinal
5:00 PM

Wednesday

6th Grade Girls - SFAL Semifinal @Burke's
4:00 PM

7th Grade Girls - SFAL Semifinal @ KIPP SF Bay Academy
4:00 PM

7th or 8th Grade Boys SFAL Semifinal @ Ella Hill (pending Tue. results)
4:30 PM

Thursday

6th Grade Boys SFAL Finals (pending Tue. results)
4:00 PM

7th or 8th Grade Boys SFAL Finals (pending Wed. results)
5:15 PM

Friday

6th Grade Girls SFAL Finals (pending Wed. results) @Ella Hill
4:00 PM

7th Grade Girls SFAL Finals (pending Wed. results) @Ella Hill
5:45 PM

Full Day Childcare for Teacher Workshop Day on March 6

Limited childcare will be provided on March 6 for Teacher Workshop Day. Extended Day care is also available from 3:00-5:00 PM.

- Lunch is NOT provided, please pack a nut free lunch and additional snack
- Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing in preparation for a day of walking
- Note there is no time allotted for nap time, so please consider how this may impact your preschool child
- Deadline to register is March 3 at 6:00 PM. NO drop-ins to ensure proper staffing ratios

[Register here](#)

IN THE COMMUNITY



Got Lemons?

We can always use them in the kitchen! And if we get a lot I can make the Greek lemon soup, Avgolemono, everyone's favorite!
-Patty

Easy Auction Donation for Bakers!

Looking for a fun and easy way to donate to the Auction!?
Do you enjoy baking desserts? If you'd like to join in on the

"Dessert of the Month" donation, or want to know more about it, please contact Corrine (colague@sfschool.org).



I bake.

SFS Student Performs in Mary Poppins

Musical Theater Works Presents *Mary Poppins* at the Scottish Rites Theater from February 9-11. SFS 8th Grader, Bella Mason, is the clumsy butler, Robertson Ay. Tickets now on sale [here](#). Don't miss it ... It will be Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

Workshop for Parents on ADHD & Homework

ADHD and Homework: What gets in the way, and what can I do? Join the Masonic Center for Youth and Families for a conversation about this complex topic. The workshop will be on Saturday, March 4 from 2:00-4:00 PM at 6 Funston Avenue.

Children who have ADHD may experience challenges when it comes to completing homework. Learn more about what ADHD is, how your child can be assessed, and how your child's emotions and family life may impact homework completion. Get practical suggestions for resolving conflicts over homework and how to help your child succeed. Featured speakers are Jack Fahy, Ph.D., Andrew Samuels, Ph.D., and Karen Shelton, M.Ed., ET/P.

RSVP by March 2 to 415.929.3000 or (information@mcyf.org).

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