



THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

Tuesday Note Home Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of October 16, 2017



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday October 18

4th + 5th Grade MAP Testing (Morning)

Thursday October 19

4th Grade MAP Testing (morning)
Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill

Friday October 20

4th Grade MAP Testing (Morning)

8th Grade Ropes Course
9:00 am-3:00 pm

Saturday October 21

Board Retreat
8:30 am-12:30 pm

Wednesday October 25

6th-8th Grade MAP Testing (Morning)

Common Sense Media Event at SFS
6:30-8:00 pm

Thursday October 26

6th-8th Grade MAP Testing (Morning)

3rd Grade Field Trip
12:00-3:30 pm

Friday October 27

6th-8th Grade MAP Testing (Morning)

Diwali Celebration (Reminder: Lunch Provided)
2:00-2:45 pm

Middle School Dance
7:00-9:00 pm

Middle School Parent Round Table
7:30-9:00 pm

Sunday October 29

New Families Picnic
10:30 am-1:00 pm

Full Calendar

In the Spotlight...



Full STEAM ahead! 7th/8th Grade Science teacher Eugene Stampley and SFS Alum Alec Grey '09 teamed up to create an exciting and unique robotics unit for the 8th Graders this fall. Read all about it right [here!](#)

School News



Mean-Spirited by Mistake

Please join Dana Blum, Bay Area Director of Common Sense Media **right here on campus next week at SFS** to learn more about cyberbullying and digital drama, and how to help your kids cultivate an online culture of respect and responsibility.

When: Wednesday, October 25, 6:30-7:30 pm

Register [here](#) to reserve your spot!

Cyberbullying is something most families hope they never have to deal with. But if your kids are texting, sharing photos, and posting comments, it's important to talk to them about ways to deal with online harassment. Understanding how to deal with the aftermath is just as important as understanding how to lay a preventive foundation.

Celebrate Diwali at SFS!



On **Friday, October 27**, thanks to the gracious organization by and donations from a group of SFS families, we will have an exciting afternoon learning about and celebrating Diwali, the Indian festival of lights! **Lunch will be provided for all grades, Preschool through 8th Grade, as well as all staff members - no need to pack**

lunch that day! Students and faculty will also enjoy a cultural program in the Community Center from **2:00-2:45 pm**; all families are invited to join us as well!

Save the Date for a New Family Picnic!

Sunday, October 29, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Palega Park & Playground

Everyone is invited to attend the New Family Welcome Picnic so we can all welcome our new SFS Families! This will be a great opportunity for new and less-new families alike to connect, mingle, and hear about ways to get involved in our school community. And given its proximity to Halloween, feel free to let your kiddos test-run their costumes!

Food, beverage, and activities provided by members of the Family Association, Public Purpose Committee and Diversity Committee.

New Middle School Schedule Updates

- The 6th/7th Grades will have classes as usual this week. Their Outdoor Education trip to Skylark will now be the **week of April 2nd**, right before Spring Break.
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade MAP testing will now take place on **October 25-27**; details to follow soon.
- **Friday, October 27** now has two events: the first Middle School dance of the year (7:00-9:00 pm) and our first MS Round Table discussion in the Terrace Room for parents/guardians to talk to each other about helping our kids engage with a social world that is often tied to phones and social media. This will be a great time to debrief for those who are able to attend the Common Sense Media event at SFS that Wednesday evening, and to catch up on what was discussed for those who are unable to attend. We can't promise any magic answers, but will offer a place to talk, ask each other questions, and offer support - even if it's as simple as commiserating that there's no simple or single solution! Please drop in anytime between 7:30-9:00 pm.

Make Sure to Register For Upcoming Childcare Days!

Just a friendly reminder that deadlines are approaching quickly for childcare registration at upcoming conference and Teacher Workshop days. Make sure to [register your child\(ren\)](#) ASAP!

November 10 Parent Teacher Conference Day: deadline is **November 3**

January 16 Teacher Workshop Day: deadline is **January 5**

March 5 Teacher Workshop Day: deadline is 2/23

Sibling & Faculty Applications Due Dec. 1st



The deadline for sibling and faculty applications is **December 1st**. To begin the process, please create an account with Ravenna, our new application hub, [here](#). 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 grades 1-8, we will also need grades and test scores from their current school.

The Preschool/K sibling assessment and interview will take place on **January 10th at 3:30 PM**. Middle School Assessment Day is **February 10th from 8:30-12:00**. We will let you know more details as the date approaches. Please contact Stewart (sdorsey@sfschool.org) with any questions.

Carpool Safety & Good Neighbor Reminders

To ensure good relations with our neighbors, please be sure **never to block a neighbors' driveway, even a little bit**. When pulling away from the white zone after a drop off or pick up, please do not stop along Gaven or any of the surrounding streets, including Sweeny, Bowdoin, and Boylston Streets.

The following is from the Department of Public Works: A driveway begins at the top of the sloped edges, or the "curb cut." Some driveways may have red tips—red curb coloring on the curb cuts and space adjacent to it. Parking in the red tip or within the cut curbs may result in your vehicle being cited and/or towed. For a visual, click [this link!](#)

We are very grateful for the ample white zone we have for safely dropping off and picking up our students. **Please do not park in the white zone from 7:30-9:00am or from 2:30-3:30pm.**

One last (possibly obvious) reminder: please **STOP at the STOP sign** on Gaven and Boylston, as you approach the school. There are often children and adults walking in the intersection, and they can be difficult to see when stepping off the sidewalk.

Thank you for your help in making carpool as safe and painless as possible!

Grandparents & Special Friends Day is Coming!

Please mark your calendars! We are hosting our annual Grandparents & Special Friends Day on **Tuesday, November 21**. This fun day will include a musical performance and classroom visits. We look forward to welcoming your student's grandparents and/or special friends to SFS!

Invitations will be mailed at the end of this week to those grandparents and special friends who are in our database. Please make sure your family and friends are included!

Returning families, please send any outstanding or updated grandparent or special friend's contact information to Jackie Ennis (jennis@sfschool.org). New families, you will be receiving information and a form in the mail to submit to the school. Please read through the packet and either drop off the form at the Front Desk or simply send an email to Jackie. Thank you!

8th Grade Graduation - Time Change!



It's never too early to be thinking about June! 8th Grade Graduation will be held on the same day, June 8, but at a new time: **2:00 pm**. We look forward to gathering at this new time to celebrate our fantastic 8th Graders, with refreshments to follow. See you then! And perhaps a few times before then...

News From the Family Association



We had a wonderful and well-attended gathering on Friday, October 6th for our first Coffee in the Gazebo of this school year. Thank you to everyone who contributed the delicious baked goods and to everyone who was able to make it! We had a lively and interesting discussion facilitated by SFS parent and SPEAK board member Nadya Ramsaroop, as well as our fantastic SFS school counselor Christina Hughes, on the SPEAK event featuring Susan Cain's work on introverts. In case you weren't able to attend the SPEAK event or the Coffee in the Gazebo but want to learn more about Susan Cain's work, please contact Christina at chughes@sfschool.org.

What's Cookin' This Week?*



Wednesday: Veggie Chow Mein w/ Cucumber Salad & Fruit

Thursday: Teriyaki Chicken w/ Roasted Carrots & Fruit

Friday: Picnic Lunch (for Preschool/Kindergarten)

Monday: Ravioli w/ Cucumber Salad & Fruit

Tuesday: Soup Day w/ Salad, Cornbread, & Cheese

*Menus subject to change due to delivery changes and general human fallibility

Beyond the Gates

SF's First Bike Park is Opening Soon!



San Francisco's first bike park, McLaren Bike Park, is opening **Saturday, October 21** with a big celebration from **10:00 am-2:00 pm**, including kids' races, food, raffles, bike demos, and more! 2050 Sunnydale Ave. next to Gleaneagles Golf Course - check [here](#) for more info and cool photos of the construction!

Song of the Soul:

A Benefit Concert for Project Udaan with Vikram Hazra

On **October 28th**, musician Vikram Hazra from India is playing a benefit concert for Project Udaan at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center. Vikram fuses jazz, rock and spiritual music together, and his soulful voice is singing for Project Udaan this time. Project Udaan is an initiative for building a residential school for the women and children in the red light district in Kolkata.

More details for the concert are at www.vikramtour.com. Tickets are on sale [here](#) - for limited time, buy one, get one 50% off.

If you would like to volunteer for the cause or have any questions, please feel free to contact Jiazhen at jzhang@sfschool.org

Cookie Drive for SF Fights Fire/North Bay Efforts



Local day camp A Little Yumminess is trying to help [SF Fights Fire](#) and those affected by the Napa/Sonoma fires by collecting 900 cookies to be delivered to shelters and first responders. They'll be making cookies Wednesday morning (**October 18**) from 9:30 am-2:30 pm; [email them](#) if you'd like to join! But if you can't come, please still consider dropping off cookies Wednesday evening - follow [this link](#) for details and to sign up.

Portola Art Fest & Open Studios

October 27-29 will be an exciting weekend in the Portola with two free major events and several smaller ones around the neighborhood! Please join us for the Portola Art Fest (featuring 20 local artists and 10 musical guests) and the SF Open Studios (featuring 9 artists) all at the corner of Silliman and Brussels. Art, Music, Dance, Food, Drinks, Kid's Activities and "Trick or Treating". You don't want to miss this! The additional neighborhood Open Studio events will be at FDR Brewery, Phillip Hua Studio, Art Hive, and Public Glass. For specific times and details about each event, click [here](#)!

Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

Some kids go into the school year already discouraged: either they struggle with certain skills or they've decided certain subjects are the enemy. While it can be a challenge, it's not impossible to turn things around and use some tech tools to help kids boost skills or crack open a window of interest.

For kids who feel math was created as a way to make life miserable, there are [apps that could win them over](#) through the sheer power of fun. And if your kid claims to hate reading, spark some motivation with [content that comes at reading from intriguing, digital angles](#). Sometimes kids with learning differences dislike subjects for good reason, so try [some of these tools that might help build skills](#) and establish the critical confidence that keeps kids motivated.

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