



THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

Tuesday Note Home Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of October 23, 2017



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday October 25

6th-8th Grade MAP Testing (Morning)

Digital Citizenship with Common Sense Media 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 for ALL grades
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 at Palega Park
10:30 am-1:00 pm

Monday, October 30

Diversity Committee
8:00-9:30 am

Tuesday October 31

Halloween (see below for division details)

Wednesday November 1

Late Start for Elementary/Middle School
9:00 am

[Full Calendar](#)

In the Spotlight...



The 2017-18 Annual Fund Campaign is officially underway! In the coming weeks, we will be asking every school family to support this important and critical community effort.

The Annual Fund provides a richer, deeper education for all SFS students. It supports everything that makes SFS so special - small classes, master teachers, exceptional academics, socio-economic diversity, and our world-renowned music and art programs. Our goal is 100% family participation and \$450,000 in contributions through gifts and pledges by December 31, 2017. Each gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and your participation is paramount to our success. Please join us in supporting the Fund for SFS!

Thank you in advance for your support of the school and for all you

do throughout the year on behalf of our students and the school community. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Keese-Powell (jkeesepowell@sfschool.org)

School News



Mean-Spirited by Mistake

Please join Dana Blum, Bay Area Director of Common Sense Media, **TOMORROW right here on campus 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

While we appreciate advance registration [here](#), feel free to show up should you become unexpectedly available !

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 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!

Middle School Dance and Parent Roundtable

The Middle School Dance begins at 7:00 pm on **Friday, October 27** and is open to all SFS Middle School students. It will end promptly at 9:00 pm. \$5 entry - snacks and drinks included. Sorry, no guests. All students must leave campus at 6:00 pm when extended care is over (unless they are student council officers) and return for the dance no later than 7:30 pm. All students must be picked up on time. Please consider carpooling. Please do NOT double park and leave your car to come inside to find your child. We will escort students out of the gate at 9:00 pm. If you want to walk in to pick up your child

after parking legally, you are welcome to do so. Do NOT block ANY neighbors' driveway even for a short time for pickup.

Let's talk while they dance! We will host our first **Parent Round Table conversation** at 7:30 pm on the Terrace level about social media, our role as parents and guardians, as well as have a chance to follow-up on Wednesday's Common Sense Media event on Digital Citizenship for those who can attend both events. Nicole Nastari, SFS parent and educator, will facilitate our conversation. Please join the conversation anytime between 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm.

'Cause We Can Thrill You More (Than Any Ghoul Would Ever Dare Try)



SFS will be celebrating Halloween on Tuesday, October 31.

Preschool Halloween Schedule:

Halloween will be celebrated in the morning from **8:45-9:45 am**. Students may wear a costume to school or bring one to change into. Please pack a bag with your child's name on it containing regular clothes to change into after the celebration. Parents are invited and encouraged to visit until the end of the party. No masks or weapons at all please.

Elementary/Middle School Halloween Schedule:

Halloween will be celebrated in the afternoon from **1:00-3:00 pm**. Students arrive at school in regular clothes, with their costume in a bag marked with their name. Elementary students dress up after lunch and perform a special Halloween show in the Community Center from **1:00-1:30 pm**, and all parents/guardians are invited to join this event! From **1:30-2:30 pm**, Middle School students run carnival booths and a haunted house for Elementary students. From 2:30-3:00 pm, there is an Elementary Storytelling and Singing Time for students only, while Middle School students finish the cleaning-up process with the help of all available adults.

Please park legally and do not block neighbors' driveways. If you can come for the fun, thank you in advance for sharing in the afternoon and joining the students and staff to clean up at 2:30 pm after the festivities are done. Many hands make light work!

Carpool for all divisions remains at normal times: for Preschool/Kindergarten from 2:45-3:00 pm, for Elementary from 3:00-3:15 pm and for Middle School from 3:15-3:25 pm.

Costume Guidelines for All Grades:

- No weapons of any kind (swords, guns, light sabers, etc.).
- Reserve the blood and gore for outside of school. Our younger students are frightened by scary masks and makeup so we ask that all students choose appropriate masks and face paint for a Preschool through 8th Grade campus.
- SFS encourages homemade and creative costumes as time permits.
- SFS does not permit gender and ethnically stereotypical costumes.

Note: Students may not bring candy to school. Some classrooms will have planned treats that day.

Please do not hesitate to contact your respective Head Teacher, Advisor, or Division Head if you need further clarification.

On Wednesday, November 1, school will start at 9:00 am for all divisions. As it normally is, childcare will be available beginning at 7:30 am and is free after 8:00 am.

Register For Conference Day Childcare

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline to register for childcare for the **November 10** Parent Teacher Conference Day is **November 3**. Make sure to [register your child\(ren\)](#) ASAP!

Lost & Found



Did you leave sunglasses, a water bottle or a Samsung mobile phone at the Walkathon? How about a water bottle at the Board Retreat? If so, please check in with the Front Desk!

Grandparents & Special Friends Day is Coming!

We look forward to hosting your student's grandparents and/or special friends to SFS on **Tuesday, November 21**. Invitations were mailed last week to those grandparents and special friends who are in our database. Please make sure your family and friends are included!

New families, you should have received 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 Ennis (jennis@sfschool.org). Returning families, please send any outstanding or updated grandparent or special friend's contact information to Jackie as well. Thank you!

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.

Public Purpose and Walking School Bus

Have local, national, world events left you wondering, "How can I get involved?", "How can I help my kids learn how to step up and make a difference?", or "What are we doing as a school to help respond to the world around us?" Maybe you are just wondering how that swing ended up in the new "street park" at the end of Gaven Street, or how to start a Bernal walking school bus to meet up with the Glen Park one...no matter the reason, please join us for the next Public Purpose meeting, **November 1 at 8:45 am** in the conference room at 311 Gaven.

Does your child want to walk to school, but you don't have the time? Join us for our "Walking School Bus" every Walk-in Thursday. Meet at the corner of Miguel and Chenery at 7:55 am or at the gate of St. Mary's Park on Benton just off of Justin Drive at 8:05 am. We have group of kids from kindergarten to 8th grade walking with adult chaperones. It is a fun way to start the day and great for the environment and building community.

Questions about Public Purpose? Want to join the walk? Contact Cathy Manshel at 415-706-1553 or cmanshel@gmail.com.

What's Cookin' This Week?*



Wednesday: Turkey Tetrazzini w/ Green Salad & Fruit

Thursday: Sausage & Bulgur w/ Broccoli & Fruit

Friday: Picnic Lunch (for Preschool/Kindergarten)

Monday: Thai Coconut Tofu w/ Rice & Fruit

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

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

Beyond the Gates



The View From Here

Looking for an unusual and rewarding experience this coming weekend? Check out a performance of "The View From Here," the life story of artist Marc Chagall and his wife Bella, told through dance, gymnastics, and aerial acrobatics. Two of our own middle school students, Malia Hillyard-Chow and Caroline Clendenin, are part of the chorus. For tickets, additional information about the performance, and classes (aerial yoga, anyone?) offered in a beautiful warehouse in the Bayview District, go [here!](#)

Celebrate Early Halloween With The Portola Neighborhood Association

Join the Portola Neighborhood Association for a Halloween Community Open House this **Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Palega Rec Center!** Give the kids a practice run with their costumes and come trick or treat! For more details, head to the PNA's [Facebook](#) page.



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

Math can be one of those subjects that's enjoyable and helpful to practice online. Whether your kids need some basic skills bolstered or extended, or are just looking for more fun, there are tools that can give them a boost.

First, for little kids, consider [some apps that build early math skills](#) to lay a strong foundation. Then, as kids move into later grades, they can start to [play games with math embedded naturally](#) to take them beyond worksheets and drills. For kids who need some [extra encouragement and motivation](#), check out titles that bring the fun and make the math more relevant.



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