



# THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

## Tuesday Note Home Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of November 27, 2017



## Upcoming Dates

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### **Wednesday, November 29**

Public Purpose Committee Meeting  
8:45-9:45 am

### **Friday, December 1**

Sibling & Faculty Child Applications Due

### **Tuesday, December 5**

Preschool-8th Grade Class Photos & Individual Make-Up Photos

### **Wednesday, December 6**

Creating a More Inclusive Community: A Discussion of the School's  
Family Event Guidelines & More  
4:30-6:00 pm

NERT Personal Readiness Training Workshop  
6:00-9:30 pm

### **Thursday, December 14**

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Holiday Plays

6:30 pm

## Friday, December 15

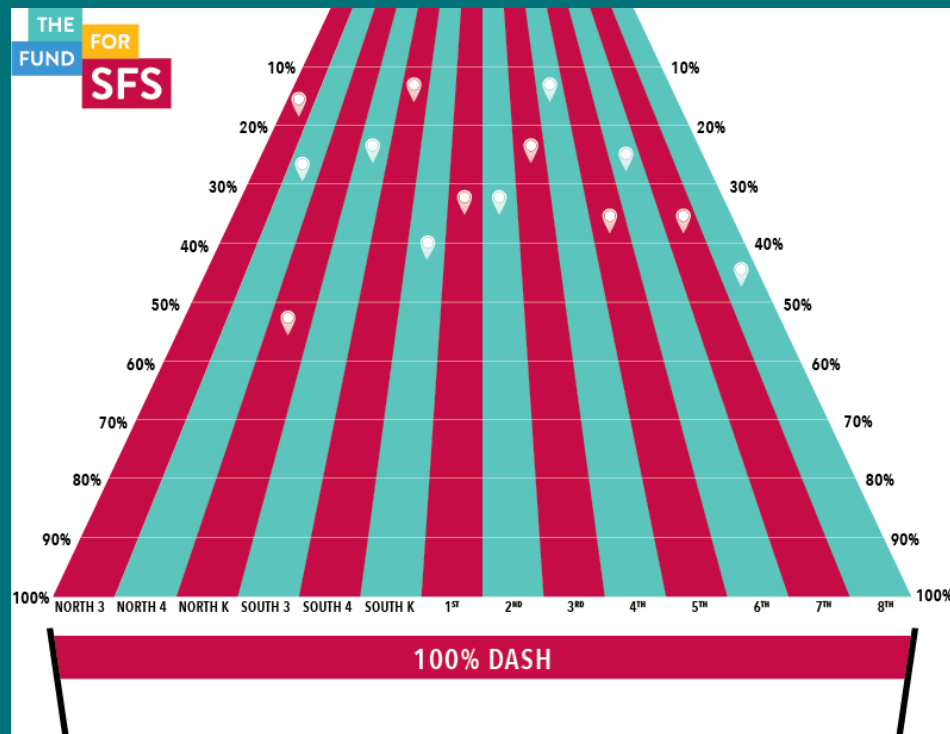
1st-8th Grades Ice Skating

Community Coffee & Tea

8:00-9:15 am

Full Calendar

## In the Spotlight...



## It's #GivingTuesday, A Great Day to Make a Gift to the Fund for SFS!

On this global day of giving that kicks off the charitable, end-of-year donation season, please consider making SFS one of your primary philanthropic causes. Every gift makes a difference for our SFS students and staff!

Our goal is 100% parent/guardian, faculty/staff, and trustee participation before December 31, 2017. We are currently at 31% parent/guardian participation, 95% faculty/staff participation, and 100% trustee participation.

The Class-by-Class 100% Participation Race is on! Which class will cross the 100% line first? Donate today! Check out our website to [donate now](#) or if you prefer, [pledge now](#) and donate before June 30, 2018.

The North 5 Dolphins have passed the halfway mark and are in the lead! Help your class reach 100% by donating or pledging today!

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!

## School News

### Register Now for Winter Enrichment Courses!

Just like that, the fall term is over and winter is here! Click to view the [Winter Extended Day Catalog](#) or continue to our [online registration site for a complete list of enrichment classes](#).

For those students interested in starting instrumental music lessons, we do still have a few spaces remaining. Please email Sarah Wood ([swood@sfschool.org](mailto:swood@sfschool.org)) to schedule an instrumental music lesson. To minimize confusion, payment for these courses (violin, flute, drumming, trumpet, saxophone) will start after the schedule has been set.

Winter Term starts this week, but it's not too late to register today!

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### Calling All SFS Community Builders!

**Creating a More Inclusive Community:**  
A Discussion of the School's Family Event Guidelines & More

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**  
**4:30-6:00 pm in the 8th Grade Room**



Come join in this exciting opportunity to engage in our work as parents and guardians as we build community through the events we create. **Everyone is welcome** – whether you're new to SFS or are in your 11th year. Alison Park of [Blink Consulting](#) will lead us in this important work as we review the new [SFS Family Event Guidelines](#) (see Steve's latest [Headspace](#) article), work with others to discuss scenarios that emerge when designing activities, and brainstorm community and class activities that bring our vibrant community together in ways that align with our mission and values. We hope to see you there!

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### Reminder from the Business Office: Indexed Tuition

For current families interested in applying for Indexed Tuition for next school year, the application through School and Student Services (SSS) by NAIS is due by Thursday, January 18. For those who are new to the Indexed Tuition application process, please feel free to reach out to Jeanette Moore with any questions ([jmoore@sfschool.org](mailto:jmoore@sfschool.org)) or 415.287.2008. Click the link below for more details on the application process, and click [here](#) for a PDF of the

Workbook & Instruction Booklet. Key steps include:

- Going to the website [sssbynais.org/parents](http://sssbynais.org/parents).
- If you have previously received IT from SSS, login to PFS Online as a Returning Family. If you are new to the IT process, create a PFS Online account.
- The school code for The San Francisco School is 7100.

Key dates, as also highlighted on the website are:

- **January 18, 2018:** The PFS is due. Use estimates for the 2016 calendar year, and update as more information (such as W-2s and 1099's) become available.
- **February 9, 2018:** Submit 2017 tax returns.
- **End of February 2018:** SFS will communicate 2017-2018 Indexed Tuition awards to families. For families that are unable to submit a 2017 tax return before this date, the Indexed Tuition award will be based on information available and is pending until a final 2017 tax return is received.

**Please note, a new section has been added this year: a *Monthly Income and Expense Statement*.**

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## Last Week to Get Your SFS Spirit Wear

Get your SFS Spirit wear now through **Sunday, December 3** at our online store. We have apparel with both the new logo as well as the Athletics logo. The store will close on Sunday so that the items can be delivered to SFS before Winter Break. Items will be distributed at the Front Desk, or to carpool upon request. Please visit our spirit wear store [here](#) - thanks for your support! Go Bears!



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## SFS 2018 Calendars Available for Pre-Order



SFS School Calendars are back and will be here just in time for holiday giving. This is a revival of the annual calendar project some of you may remember that features student artwork. We have created a new 12" x 12" format that features this year's K-8 Pacific Coastline "Save Our Seas" paintings. Calendars will cost \$15 each and will be available by preorder only. Please list your name and the quantity that you

would like to order in this [Google Sheet](#) or send an email to [jkeesepowell@sfschool.org](mailto:jkeesepowell@sfschool.org) if you prefer. We will contact you later regarding payment. Calendars will be available prior to the Winter Break via the Front

Desk. A sample of the calendar is currently available at the Front Desk.

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## January Teacher Workshop Day Childcare

Limited childcare will be provided for SFS-enrolled preschool, elementary, and middle school students for the **January 16, 2018** Teacher Workshop Day.



### Camp Hours: 8:30-5:00pm

- Weather permitting, students will be traveling to a local attraction.
- 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 that there is no time allotted for naptime, so please consider how this may impact your preschool child
  
- **Deadline to register is January 5, 2018.** There will be NO drop-ins to ensure proper staffing ratios.

[Register Here!](#)

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## 2018-2019 School Calendar

Can you believe we're already thinking ahead to next year? Don't worry; there's lots of fun left in the 2017-18 school year, but for those who enjoy planning as much as we do...the 2018-19 calendar (with general dates and holidays) is ready for your perusal! Find it and download it [here](#).



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## In Search Of...

Solveig Dimon's sister Elizabeth would love to house-sit for any days from December 16-26! Solveig will make sure all animals are fed and walked, cuddled etc.! Please text Solveig at 415-418-9471 and/or email her at [sdimon@sfschool.org](mailto:sdimon@sfschool.org)



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## SFS Hosts Upcoming SFFD NERT Trainings



Do you feel prepared should disaster strike? NERT is a free program of the San Francisco Fire Department, teaching emergency preparedness and prevention, and hands-on disaster response skills. NERT connects community volunteers in an emergency response network in our neighborhood. NERT members are trained citizen first-responders who can help save lives.

SFS is hosting two upcoming NERT events, both of which are free (!), open to all members of the SFS community *and* any other San Francisco residents, *and all right here on campus!*

### **Personal Readiness Program**

**Wednesday December 6, 6:00-8:00 pm**

A two-hour workshop focusing on preparing our homes and neighborhood for emergencies big or small, risk awareness, disaster supplies, and personal/family disaster planning.

Register [here](#) for the one-night Personal Readiness Program!

### **Full NERT Training**

**Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 13, 6:00 – 9:30 pm**

A comprehensive program taught in six three-hour class sessions. Hands-on disaster skills training, earthquake and fire response, disaster medicine, light search and rescue, team organization, etc. NERT trainees learn to help as members of an emergency response team, acting independently or as an adjunct to City emergency services.

Register [here](#) for the six-week Full Nert Training!

Questions? Email Bill Metke at [portolasafety@gmail.com](mailto:portolasafety@gmail.com) or head to their website [here!](#)

## **What's Cookin' This Week?\***



**Wednesday:** Baked Chicken & Polenta w/ Green Salad & Fruit

**Thursday:** Rice & Beans w/ Coleslaw & Fruit

**Friday:** Picnic Lunch (for Preschool/Kindergarten)



**Monday:** Cheese Ravioli w/ Broccoli & Fruit

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

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

## News from the Family Association

**Coat & Boot Drive!**  
**New and Used Child & Adult Sizes Needed!**



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There will be two bins in the front hall starting  
Wednesday 11/29 to collect:

- (1) New children's winter coats and raincoats, as well as new boots, for North Bay fire victims
- (2) Gently used adult and children's winter/warm coats for [One Warm Coat](#)

Please bring **new coats and boots by Friday, December 8** and **gently used coats by Friday, December 15**, both by **3:00 pm**.

Questions? Comments? Contact [FA@sfschool.org](mailto:FA@sfschool.org)!

## Beyond the Gates

### ODC's The Velveteen Rabbit at YBCA Theater



Featuring SFS students Nola Burd (2nd Grade) and Ella Ford (4th Grade) in the kids' cast!

In its 31st season, the Velveteen Rabbit is a beloved Bay Area holiday tradition. ODC/Dance enlivens Margery Williams' classic tale of a well-worn nursery rabbit that becomes real. Told through music, dance and a powerful narrative, The Velveteen Rabbit celebrates the unique relationship between a little boy and his stuffed rabbit, and the enduring power of love. It's brimming with wit, festive costumes, madcap characters and the perfect amount of holiday cheer!

ODC/Dance, one of America's most exciting and acclaimed contemporary dance companies, returns to Yerba Buena Center for the Arts from **November 25 to December 10**. The 2nd and 3rd Grades will have field trips to attend on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, respectively.

For tickets, visit the [ODC website!](#)

## Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

Though we want to encourage gratitude all year round, we have a special focus on being thankful through the holidays. Also around this time of year when kids have some time off of school, they're often on devices more. So how can we make these two realities play nicely with each other?

If you want the media your kid is using to boost their appreciation, there are some great choices available. When you're looking for something to watch, you can check out some **movies** and **TV shows** that showcase gratitude. At bedtime you can read **books** that shine a light on valuing what you have. And if your kid feels inspired to give back, you can use these **sites and apps** to help them exercise gratitude in action!



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