



**THE
SAN FRANCISCO
SCHOOL**

Tuesday Note Home

Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of January 8, 2018



Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, January 9

NERT Training
6:00-9:30 pm

Wednesday, January 10

Yale University Spizzwinks (Paul Gross '11) Singing Time Show
12:45-1:05 pm

Learning Services Multiplication Workshop (3rd-5th Grade
Parents/Guardians)
4:00-5:30 pm

Friday, January 12

Semester 1 Ends

Community Coffee
8:00-9:15 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly
2:00-3:00 pm

Monday, January 15

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16

No School for Students - Teacher Workshop Day

Preschool Cricket/Grasshopper Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, January 17

Semester 2 Begins

Thursday, January 18

Middle School Info Night for 5th Grade Parents/Guardians
6:30 pm

Friday, January 19

Community Poster Making for Women's March
2:00-5:00 pm

Full Calendar

In the Spotlight...



With the new year upon us, I am thrilled to formally present The San Francisco School's Strategic Plan: **Living Our Humanitarian Promise**. Since its initial preview at the fall All School Meeting, we took the plan's priorities (major goals), further developed the plan's initiatives, started outlining the implementation process, and deepened the staff and Board's knowledge around how the initiatives will help us meet those goals. At the November Board meeting, our Trustees officially adopted the plan, which will span the years 2017-2022.

On behalf of our entire school community, I extend my deepest gratitude to our Strategic Plan Committee Chair, Jeanie Chang (Board Vice Chair and 2nd Grade Parent), Ellen Fey (Board Chair and Alum Parent) and the rest of the Committee for their visionary leadership and countless hours committed to the future of SFS. For now, I invite you to look closely at our plan, and I welcome feedback, questions and/or comments.

- Steve Morris, Head of School

School News

Deadline Approaching: 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) 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.
- 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*.

SFS Alum Returns with Yale University Spizzwinks

SFS alumnus Paul Gross (2011) will be bringing his college a capella group, the [Yale University Spizzwinks](#), to the SFS campus for a special Singing Time concert **this Wednesday, January 10 at 12:45**

pm! Founded in 1914, the Spizzwinks are an all-male a cappella group comprised of Yale undergraduates. If you can't make it to campus that afternoon (or if you just can't get enough of the Spizzwinks), you can also catch them at their San Francisco concert on **Sunday, January 14, 1:00-2:30 pm** at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (1187 Franklin St) or at their Berkeley concert in conjunction with Continuum, the professional alumni ensemble of Oakland's Grammy Award-winning Pacific Boychoir Academy, on **Sunday, January 14, 5:00-6:30 pm** at Hertz Hall on UC Berkeley's campus (101 Cross-Sprout Path, Berkeley).



Report Cards Coming Soon!



Friday, January 12 is the official end to the first semester. Teachers will be writing report cards during the Teacher Workshop Day on January 16 and completing them throughout the week. Look out for a message from Nancy and Maggie about when you can expect to see reports coming your way! Please email mweis@sfschool.org or nnagramada@sfschool.org with any questions.

In Search Of...

Magazines for Lower Art Room: Tiphani Russell is in search of old magazines for an art project. Anything colorful would be great, but no celebrity or fashion magazines, please. Even furniture or decor catalogs would be great! Email Tiphani with questions:

tmrussell@sfschool.org



Library Volunteers: Books are piling up on the book box! We have two amazing volunteers, Sally Kobayashi Osborn and Bethany Paves, but we are such avid readers at The San Francisco School that we need one more person to help check-in and shelve books! Please email Solveig if you can help:

sdimon@sfschool.org. Also, many thanks to our wonderful intern (and SFS parent) Tamara Foster, for all her work this fall, teaching 6th graders to spot Fake News, doing book talks, and making new signs for the shelves!

8th Graders Represent SFS at Common Sense Media

Common Sense Media is presenting a moderated teen panel discussion on the good, the bad, and the realities of the social media landscape in middle and high school - featuring **SFS 8th Graders Jayvyn Morthel and Helena Hess as panelists!** Hear firsthand from them and other Bay Area teens about their experiences with social media and their hard-earned advice for parents of younger kids. Learn why kids love social media, where they can run into trouble, and how parents can help them manage.

Where: Town School for Boys, 2750 Jackson St., S.F.

When: Thursday, January 18, 8:30-10:00 am

Registration: [Here!](#)

Make Some Women's March Posters With Us!



We will be opening the Elementary Art Room to the SFS community on **Friday, January 19 from 2:00-5:00 pm** for sign- and poster-making for the [Women's March](#) to be held on Saturday, January 20. We'll provide the supplies. You bring your ideas!

Walking School Bus Returns



THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL
**WALKING
SCHOOL BUS**

Does one of your New Year's resolutions include getting more exercise? Why not join the walking school bus on Thursday mornings? It's great for the environment, and helps build community with our kids (and parents) across grades.

We leave from Randall and Chenery at 7:50 am, Chenery and Miguel at 7:55 am, and St. Mary's Park at 8:05 am. We arrive at school before 8:30, so there is time for adults to catch BART or a ride to work. You are welcome to drop your kids with us too - we always have at least two adults. Last week we had a total of 19 people! Maggie Weis supplies yummy snacks for all walkers too.

Contact Sho Kuwamoto if you have questions (sho@kuwamoto.org) or Cathy Manshel if you're interested in starting a Bernal or Noe Valley group (cmanshel@gmail.com)!

Middle School Info Night for 5th Grade Families

For all 5th Grade parents and guardians: please join us on

Thursday, January 18 at

6:30 pm for a special evening to talk about the SFS Middle School,

the significant transitions

ahead, and how SFS prepares

our students to thrive as learners and engaged community members in high school and beyond.



Led by Steve Morris, Stewart Dorsey, & Nancy Nagramada; Middle School staff and alumni will also join us to open up an important conversation about this exciting next stage of your child's developmental journey, including our continued partnership with you during these critical Middle School years.

Please make sure to RSVP to [Michelle De Leon](mailto:mdeleon@sfschool.org)

(mdeleon@sfschool.org) by Jan 10. Let her know if you need help with childcare for SFS students only grades 6 and lower, and we will plan supervision accordingly. A light dinner will be available starting at 6:15 pm and the program will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Especially if your child will join us, we must have your RSVP by Jan 10 in order to be sure we have enough food for all and supervision for students.

What's Cookin' This Week?*



Wednesday: Lasagne w/ Green Salad & Fruit

Thursday: Tofu Curry & Rice w/ Cucumber Salad & Fruit

Friday: Picnic Lunch (for Preschool/Kindergarten)

Monday: No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Tuesday: No School (Teacher Workshop Day)

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

News from the Family Association

Community Coffee: Our next Community Coffee will be this **Friday, January 12th** from 8:00-9:15 am in the courtyard by the South Class yard. We will also have an alternate location in case of rain. All families and staff members are welcome to join us. Please feel free (but certainly not compelled or required) to bring treats to share!

Help Wanted: We are also in search of an **Events Lead** to help us plan and organize a variety of fun community events for our school this Spring and to help us establish a roster of events for the future. Please reach out if you are

interested in helping out in this way! fa@sfschool.org

2018-19 School Calendar



Find important dates and download a PDF of the 2018-2019 calendar [here!](#)

Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

The holidays are over, and most kids are back in school – what's next? Keeping up with those **New Year's resolutions**, of course! Even if you didn't make any, the fresh start of a new year is a good time to reflect on old media and device habits and commit to any changes you want to make for you and your family.

If you're not happy with the amount of time your family spends on devices or you have been swearing to yourself that you'll stop checking work email before bed, there are tools available to get you where you want to be. Want to cut down on **multitasking** during homework? Need to **set up that new phone** you got your kid? How about having **device-free dinners**? No matter if your goals are to use media less or just more mindfully, it's never too late to set expectations that the whole family can follow. Happy New Year!



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