



# THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

## Tuesday Note Home Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of January 29, 2018



## Upcoming Dates

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### Friday, February 2

Middle School Dance  
6:30-9:00 pm

Friday Night Lab for 5th Grade  
6:00-7:30 pm

Tweens & Tech Talk for 5th-8th Grade Parents/Guardians  
7:00-9:00 pm

### Tuesday, February 6

100th Day of School

### Wednesday, February 7

Public Purpose Committee  
8:45-9:45 am

SPEAK Event (@ SF Friends): Julie Lythcott-Haims  
7:00 pm

### Thursday, February 8

Auction 101  
7:30 PM

### Friday, February 9

Community Coffee  
8:00-9:30 am

### Monday, February 12

Diversity Committee  
8:00-9:30 am

### Wednesday, February 14

Valentine's Day

1st and 2nd Grade Plays  
8:30-9:30 am

Full Calendar

## In the Spotlight...



For so many reasons, 4th Grade is an exciting year at SFS. Among those reasons, as rising 4th Graders will tell you each fall, is that it marks the first introduction to technology as part of regular classroom life. Thanks to our one-to-one iPad program, 4th Grade students receive their own (kept at school) iPad for academic use as part of the classroom curriculum.

Wonderful news? Of course! And, of course, as students gasp in joy at the prospect of iPads at school...parents and teachers celebrate a little more cautiously, all too aware of the great pitfalls - along with the great advantages - of entering the digital world. Questions pop up right away: will they be learning, or just playing games on devices all day? What if they don't know how to use an iPad yet, or type? What if they already spend a lot of time on devices at home? Most importantly - how will we keep them safe, and knowledgeable, about this new world?

Paige Sandoz, 4th Grade Head Teacher, to the rescue! Read all about 4th Grade's introduction to digital citizenship and the rigorous (yet fun) iPad Boot Camp [here!](#)

## Re-enrollment Contracts

Re-enrollment contract(s) will be mailed out next week. Please return the contracts and reservation deposit(s) by **Friday, February 16** (before the break). You should have received the 2018-2019 Tuition Announcement via email earlier today. In case you missed it, a hard copy will be included in the Re-enrollment packet.

If you have any questions regarding Indexed Tuition, please contact Jeanette Moore, Director of Finance and Operations ([jmoore@sfschool.org](mailto:jmoore@sfschool.org)). If you have any other questions about the budget, contact Steve Morris ([smorris@sfschool.org](mailto:smorris@sfschool.org)) or Finance Committee Chair Anton Honikman ([anton.honikman@gmail.com](mailto:anton.honikman@gmail.com)).

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## Board of Trustee Nominations

As the Committee on Trustees considers potential candidates for the 2018-19 school year and beyond, we would like to solicit the community for trustee nominations. The Board of Trustees has a continually evolving need for members with various interests, experience, and skills. Of particular interest are candidates with strengths pertaining to the [Strategic Plan Priorities and Initiatives](#). If you are interested, have questions about the role, or think another parent in the community may be a good candidate, please let Jeanie Chang, Chair of the Committee on Trustees, know by **January 31**. You can reach her at [jeanettekeichang@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettekeichang@gmail.com). All SFS families will have an opportunity to vote on new trustees in the spring.

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## Tweens and Tech: Guiding Our Children's Digital Experiences



Tired of asking your child to put down their device to engage in the here and now? Looking for plans during the Middle School Dance? Join us for an informal round-table discussion on the ups and downs of parenting 'Digital Natives'! Share your stories and helpful hints, or raise questions on technology use by kids.

Facilitator: Nicole Nastari

Who: Parents and guardians of 5th-8th Grade SFS students

When: **February 2nd, 7:00pm (during the Middle School Dance)**

Where: Middle School Terrace Room

Potential Topics: Security, independence, realistic limits, self-esteem, distraction, and connections



**February Break camps will run from Tuesday, February 20-Friday, February 23.** *Note: there is no camp on Monday, February 19.*

Camp Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm with optional morning care (8:30-9:00 am) and afternoon care (3:00-5:00 pm)

**[Deadline to register: February 13, 2018](#)**

### **Art and Exploration Camp (Preschool/K)**

During this week students will be able to express their creativity in various ways, like splattering paint onto canvas using different tools and swirling puffy paint to make interesting patterns. They will also enjoy making cookies together, reading interesting books, and conducting simple science experiments. It will be a fun-filled four days that they won't soon forget!

Daily drop-in options also available for preschool and kindergarten students. **[Register Today!](#)**

### **Cooking in a Winter Wonderland! (1st-8th Grade)**

When we think of winter, we think of comfort food like hearty soups, gooey mac and cheese, roasted casserole dishes, biscuits, and breads covered with sweet homemade jams! Mmmmm. Cooking in a Winter Wonderland invites your children to join us making, baking, tasting, and eating wintery comfort food from around the world! Each camp day we cook and eat five recipes, read a wintertime folktale, play an international folk game, observe a cooking demonstration, and learn to think critically about the foods we just cooked. In the afternoon, we see a slide presentation, play a trivia game and bake even more treats!

The program is completely hands-on; everyone peels or chops or dices or minces. We believe in cooking with whole foods and having the children do the prep work themselves. Cooking in a Winter Wonderland is a nut-free program. **[Register Today!](#)**

### **Thinking Ahead to Summer...**

Ready for a summer of Innovation@SFS? Join us for a variety of summer camps that inspire creativity, explore the unknown, and challenge students to become innovative thinkers! **[Registration starts February 1st at 9:00 am.](#)** Visit **[summer@SFS](#)** for a sneak peek of our amazing camp offerings. Contact Sarah (**[swood@sfschool.org](mailto:swood@sfschool.org)**) with any questions!

## SPEAK Presents Julie Lythcott-Haims

**SPEAK** is a coalition of San Francisco K-8 schools, including The San Francisco School, that have joined together to enhance parent education. We are pleased to present an evening with Julie Lythcott-Haims, the New York Times bestselling author of *How to Raise an Adult*, discussing her new memoir. *Real American* is a deeply personal, biting, and affecting account of Lythcott-Haims's life growing up as a biracial Black woman in America.



Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm (Doors at 6:30)

Location: San Francisco Friends School, 250 Valencia St.

Click [here](#) for more details! To RSVP for this event, please visit <https://realamerican.eventbrite.com>. Non-member fees of \$15 will be collected at the door. Seating will be first come, first served.

**Want to read *Real American*?** We have copies to borrow at the front desk!

**Want to discuss the book or talk either, or hear more about them?** Come to the Community Coffee on **Friday, February 9, 8:00-9:30 am!**

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### Auction 101

Are you wondering what is this auction business all about? What is the school asking of you? How can you get involved? Looking for ideas or co-hosts for community events? Well, then this is the event for you.

Please join us for Auction 101, an informal evening hosted by 8th grade parent Derrick Rebello and other SFS auction veterans on Thursday, February 8 at 7:30pm. This "class" will help familiarize you with SFS auction culture, brainstorm ideas, and get to know other interested parents and guardians.

Please contact Jenn Keese-Powell ([jkeesepowell@sfschool.org](mailto:jkeesepowell@sfschool.org)) if you would like to attend.



**The Auction for Tuition Assistance**  
**Saturday, March 17 at**  
**The California Academy of Sciences**  
**6-11:00 pm**  
[www.sfschool.org/auction](http://www.sfschool.org/auction)

Each spring, The San Francisco School, with the generous collaboration of many parent volunteers, organizes an auction that supports the school's indexed tuition program. This program benefits nearly one-third of our students and ensures the socio-economic diversity that is so vital to our mission. With approximately 250 attendees, it is a great evening that brings school parents,

staff, and friends of the school together to raise critical funds.

By now, you should have received an auction packet in the mail. Please read through the packet which includes an overview, suggestions, and donation information. We hope that you will participate in the auction whether it is by donating, volunteering, attending, and/or bidding.

Looking for donation ideas? Click [here](#) to view last year's catalog, but remember that, new this year, we will not be accepting physical items, gifts certificates, or other items that were traditionally auctioned via the "Online Auction." Therefore, please select "Gala Items" for ideas.

### Online Donation Form

[https://sfs.schoolauction.net/2018/donate\\_items/new](https://sfs.schoolauction.net/2018/donate_items/new)

**Want to be involved in Auction Planning?** We welcome your ideas! Please contact Jenn Keese-Powell ([jkeesepowell@sfschool.org](mailto:jkeesepowell@sfschool.org)) to get involved.

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## Preschool/Kindergarten Job Posting

As the South Class families/guardians already know, SFS is extremely sad to bid farewell to South Class Head Teacher Harald Frolich and his family at the end of this school year. Harald first came to SFS in 2002, and in the years he's been a part of this community, he has brought joyful learning and compassionate care to 16 classes of preschool and kindergarten students!

We will celebrate Harald thoroughly in the months to come; in the meantime, we will be launching a local and national search for an exceptional teacher to join the South Class team. Our teaching positions are listed with independent school associations, recruiting firms, local universities and colleges, and job-related websites. We also encourage parents and faculty to refer potential candidates.

If someone you know may be a great candidate, please refer them to the [job posting](#) on our website. **In the meantime, please do NOT mention anything to Harald's son Alexander; their family will talk with him later in the year, at an appropriate time.** Thank you!

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## PSA: Neighborhood Parking

We received a kind request from one of our school neighbors on Sweeny St. to please refrain from parking across/blocking driveways, especially during afternoon carpool (2:40-3:30 pm)! Our relationship with the Portola neighborhood is so important - please help us maintain goodwill by parking considerately!

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## In Search Of...

**Protest Signs!** 5th Grade teacher Talia Goodkin is looking for signs and photos from the

Women's March for an activist "Wall We Can Stand Behind" at school (check out the first few signs in the hallway behind the Community Center!). Please bring in any you may have! Email [tgoodkin@sfschool.org](mailto:tgoodkin@sfschool.org) for more info.



**Old Markers!** 2nd Graders found out about a Crayola program, started by kids, in which Crayola takes back all their markers *along with other brands* such as Sharpies, highlighters and dry-erase markers. Crayola then recycles the markers and turns them into fuel. They will even pay for postage to ship the markers. Each classroom at school will have a collection box, and 2nd Grade will take charge of sending off the markers once the boxes fill up. You can even bring in old markers from home! Please email Maggie Day ([mday@sfschool.org](mailto:mday@sfschool.org)) and CJ Logel ([clogel@sfschool.org](mailto:clogel@sfschool.org)) with questions!

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



**Wednesday:** Beef Stew w/ Green Salad & Fruit

**Thursday:** Turkey, Spinach, & Rice w/ Caesar Salad

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

**Monday:** Cheese Ravioli w/ Green Salad & 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

**Community Coffee - Friday, February 9, 8:00-9:30 am**

This month at our Community Coffee we will have a facilitated discussion about the SPEAK event on February 7 featuring speaker Julie Lythcott-Haims on her latest book *Real American*.

**Winter Sports Gear Swap!**

Have any winter sports gear that you need and/or are looking to hand off to someone in our SFS Community? There will be a book shelf in the hallway between the front hall and the preschool to collect and display any and all items that you want to donate or pick up!

**SAVE THE DATE: All-School Movie Night - Friday, March 2, 5:30-8:00 pm**

The Family Association will be hosting an All-School Movie night in the Community Center for SFS families of all grades! Movie title to be announced

soon!

## 2018-19 School Calendar



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

## Beyond the Gates

### Suds From The Heart



Spread the love, keep it clean, and meet our Portola neighbors this Valentine's Day, with a fun project that helps San Franciscans in need. Help fill personal shampoo and soap bottles for **Lava Mae**, an SF nonprofit that provides hot showers for our city's homeless residents. There will be raffle prizes for the kids, tasty treats, and fun activities for everyone!

**Saturday, February 10, 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

Alta Vista School, 450 Somerset St.

*For more information & to register for this event, please click [here!](#)*

## Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

Netflix. Hulu. Amazon. Cable: There are so many ways to watch television today that it can be hard to navigate all of the choices and find the best TV shows for your family.

All of them offer some great – and not so great – options for kids, so it's just a matter of getting to the good stuff. Educational content, **positive messages**, and **strong role models** are good choices for any age, and knowing what potentially iffy content might come up will help you be ready for a discussion. And if your kid is super interested in the **newest and hottest show**, you can get a sense of whether it's something you want them to see before saying yes or no. Watching together is always a solid approach to catch those teachable moments, and it can also be an opportunity to relax and connect!

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