

Eagles' View

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October 1, 2019

Central City Opera Performs at St. Stephen Catholic School On October 4th!

Central City Opera Educational ensemble will be performing "How the West was Sung" in the Parish Hall at 1:00! This wonderful event is funded by ALPINE BANK (\$500) along with a grant from Central City (\$800)!!! Thank you to Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Kenning for applying for these grants! Please join us if you can.



A St. Stephen's Tradition!
Save the date
November 2nd (This date has
been changed.)

*Community & Fellowship!

*Great Food!

*Live Music (new this year)!

Upcoming Events

At St. Stephen Catholic School and Parish there are so many ways to join in and be active members of our community.

October

- 10/2 – MS Cooking Class Field Trip
- 10/3 – 8:15 a.m. Children's Mass, Spaghetti Lunch
- 10/4 – 8:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals, 1:00 Central City Opera Performance, 2:30 Rosary & Jersey/Scout Day!
- 10/6 – 8:00 a.m. Children's Sunday Mass – 6th Grade Leaders, All other students are in the choir!
9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall!
- 10/7 – GOTR – Dress Down for students who went to Sunday Children's mass in uniform
- 10/8 – Pizza Lunch! 5th Grade Ute Presentation
- 10/9 – Focus 11 – Vocations (6th Grade) in Denver
- 10/10 thru 10/11 Middle School Retreat at Anderson Ranch
- 10/11 – Eagle Spirit Day (jeans & an SSCS shirt) End of first quarter, GOTR
- 10/14 – GOTR
- 10/15 – GOTR
- 10/16 – Report Cards Go Home
- 10/17 & 10/18 – No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/21 – GOTR
- 10/22 – Pizza Lunch
- 10/23 – 1:00-1:45 Middle School Vaping Prevention Presentation, 5:00 p.m. PTA Meeting/Potluck in Parish Hall
- 10/24 – 8:15 Children's Mass & Honor Roll/Virtues Assembly after mass, Spaghetti Lunch, GOTR
- 10/25 – No School – Teacher Professional Development
- 10/26 – Parish Women's Retreat – sign up at Parish Office
- 10/28 – GOTR
- 10/31 – 8:15 a.m. Children's Mass, Noon Dismissal! Happy Halloween!
- 11/1 – All Saints Day!
- 11/2 – Spaghetti Dinner!

Notice of Student Non-Discrimination Policy

The Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Denver, under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L. and at the direction of the Superintendent, state that all of their Catholic schools admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. Furthermore, Archdiocesan schools admit handicapped students in accord with the policy on Admissions in the Archdiocese of Denver Catholic Schools Administrator's Manual. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, age, handicap, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of their educational policies, employment practices, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic or other school-administered programs.

Middle School News

It's just about time for the middle school to head out on its annual overnight field trip on Oct. 10-11. This year's trip is to Anderson Ranch. The kids really enjoy the different learning opportunities like fossil finding, hikes and volunteer service projects that the field trip offers, and the teachers appreciate the amazing bonding that occurs each year between the students. We need parent help to pull off the best trip. This year, we are asking each middle school family to contribute \$10 to the food cost. It would help if we could collect the money next week, so parent class representatives can plan and purchase the food. Also, if you would like to chaperone or help drive the kids to the camp, please let your student's homeroom teacher know. We are all looking forward to this great annual St Stephen Catholic School tradition!

Day of the Dead La Dia de Los Muertos

Please bring pictures of your dearly departed loved ones for our alter at the school throughout the month of October.



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Please like and follow St. Stephen Catholic School to keep up with ongoing school happenings / events and all the cute kid pictures.

Virtues in Practice Program

Ask Your Child About this month's virtue...

Here at St. Stephen Catholic School we use The Virtues in Practice Program, which was created by the Dominican Sisters. The goal of Catholic education is heaven, but knowledge alone will not get us there! Virtues in Practice helps students to live out the faith in their everyday lives. Each year has a virtue/ theme of study; this year's virtue is Faith and the theme is Service. The virtue of the month is **Reverence – showing your deepest respect for all things of God.**

This month's focus saints are:

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Bl. Fra. Angelico and St. Joseph Moscati

Look these saints up and consider how they lived the virtue of reverence in their lives.



Mrs. Suzanne Kirch – 6th Grade Homeroom, MS English Language Arts



Imagine your favorite teacher....then, imagine how blessed you'd have been to have also had her be your own mother. This was the case for me - even though I also had many wonderful teachers at school - no one was quite as engaging as my mother. While she enjoyed teaching professionally, she also made time to teach her four children: how to read, research, and explore – all with such joy! Is it any wonder that both my sisters, my brother, and I all went into some form of education?

My personal journey began in 1997; when, equipped with an undergraduate degree in Speech Communications, and double minors in English and Teaching English as a Second Language from the University of Northern Colorado, I started teaching at a Business Language School in Frankfurt, Germany. This meant a beautiful, hour-long train commute from the college town of Marburg, where I lived with my husband. For the next three years, I taught English to the employees of banks and pharmaceutical companies and learned a lot in the process.

After my oldest son, Clark, was born in 2000, I balanced work and motherhood by taking on translation and private tutoring jobs. In 2005, my youngest son, Finn, was born, and, a year later, the family moved back to my home state of Colorado.

From 2006-2009, I had the chance to teach at a local high school (English and German). This was an exciting and challenging time. It also helped me realize that I wanted to learn even more about education. So, from 2009-2011, I went back to UNC to study for a graduate degree and attained my M.A. in Gifted and Talented Education. As a follower of Christ, I firmly believe that everyone has gifts and talents! (Romans 12:6-8).

I was able to put this belief into action when I started teaching at Colorado Mountain College. From Jan. 2011 until July 2015, I very much enjoyed helping students (re)discover their personal gifts and talents by being an adjunct instructor at CMC and teaching Developmental English, German, and GED readiness classes. During this time, I also part-time home-schooled both my sons.

From 2015 until 2019, I kept part-time home-schooling Clark (who graduated in 2019 with dual degrees: one from GSHS, and an Associate's degree from CMC) and Finn, who's ready to give it his all at GSHS. During the days when both boys were at a physical school, I chose to take a leave of absence from the classroom and used the time to write for local publications and businesses. It's a thrill to see your work published, and I'm going to try and offer this opportunity to the middle school students at St. Stephen.

No matter what, I pray that I can inspire any students that I get the chance to work with half as well as my mother inspired and believed in my siblings and me. Please never hesitate to - ask questions, volunteer in the classroom, or give me insights into how your child learns best. I look forward to a wonderful school year!



Mrs. Laura Carter –

4th& 5th Grade Math, Science and Religion
-Leadership Team

A true easterner, Mrs. Laura Carter was raised 45 minutes outside of Pittsburgh in Butler, Pennsylvania and spent her summers in Misquamicut, Rhode Island. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts with a B.A. in German Studies. During this time she spent a winter semester studying, traveling and working in Germany. Upon graduating, Mrs. Carter spent a summer in Alaska working on a fish processing boat. She then rode her bike, along with three friends, across the USA from Seattle to Denver. Soon after her bike trip she moved to Vail and began her 20-year career in the hospitality business, working for the Vail Resort Association, The Sonnenalp Resort, Destination Services of Colorado, and finally at the Roaring Fork Club after moving to Glenwood Springs in 2001 .

Realizing her love of teaching, and with the support of her husband and son, Mrs. Carter garnered the courage to leave the hospitality business and pursue a new career as a teacher. She was hired at St. Stephen's in 2003 and became a 1st grade teacher. In 2004 she attended Regis University and obtained her Alternative Teachers License and began teaching 2nd grade. Currently, she is in her fourth year of teaching 5th grade. In the spring of 2015 Mrs. Carter earned her Certificate as a Level II Catechist in the Catechism of the Good Shepherd. Her goal is to become certified in all three levels. She is currently taking the Level III Course in Boulder once a month. Mrs. Carter also successfully completed her studies at Notre Dame as a Hernandez Fellow and she now has her endorsement in teaching English as a New Language. Mrs. Carter is a member of the Colorado Chapter of International Reading Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the National Science Teachers Association. Her interests include - biking, reading, gardening, hiking, music, and most of all, her family.

Let your light
SHINE
before others that
they may see your
good deeds and
glorify your
Father in Heaven

Matthew 5:16



Volunteer Spotlight

We are grateful to Steve & Jennifer Van Dyke, Isabelle Drake and Gina Neuman for being the Chair-people of This Year's Golf Tournament! Thanks all the sponsors, participants and volunteers who are sure to make this day a huge success!

We are grateful for such a supportive community!