



**Principal's Post#6: A Message from Mrs. Kozlowski  
September 20, 2023**

**“You have filled my heart with greater joy.” Psalm 4:7**

LAST CALL to sign up for Grandparent's Day for grades 4-8 on Thursday, September 28, 2023. If your child will have a grandparent/special friend attending this event, please register [here](#). A detailed description of the day, including arrival times and parking information, will be sent to grade 4-8 families on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. We ask that you share this upcoming information with grandparents that will be attending. Thank you in advance for your assistance as we look forward to a JOYful day together.

We will be holding a LOCKDOWN drill next week on Tuesday. The students will be informed of this drill prior to it taking place. Student responsibilities during this drill include moving away from sight lines by windows and doors, maintaining silence, and preparing for further adult instructions. The announcement for this drill will be “Locks, lights, out of sight” and will be repeated two times. Thank you for reinforcing the importance of following rules and procedures during these drills.

Grace and peace,  
Mrs. Marianne Kozlowski

**Additional Information:**

**Handwriting Policy**

Later this week a specific and updated handwriting addendum to the Student/Parent Handbook will be sent to all families via room parents. We have seen the need for further clarification regarding this ELA achievement piece of the report card.

**September 22: SSS Spirit Wear Day**

Students may wear SSS logo clothing that was purchased through the Spirit Wear store or athletic clothing (soccer jersey, cross country shirt) with the SSS logo. Students can wear SSS PE shorts or pajama pants or shorts with the SSS logo/wording. Hats are not permitted on Spirit Wear days. If a student chooses to not participate, he/she must wear their regular Friday uniform. There is no additional charge for participation.

**Looking Ahead:**

**September 27:** 8th Grade to First Fruit Farms from 8am - noon. Grade 8 will have lunch when they return and then follow the remainder of their afternoon schedule. If you have not completed the liability waiver for your child for the field trip to First Fruit Farms, please do so as soon as possible: [Liability Waiver](#)

**September 28:** Early dismissal and Grandparents Day for Grades 4-8  
All students will have an early dismissal at noon. Students in grades 4-8 will participate in Grandparents Day from 10-11:30 am. Students in prek3 through grade 3 will have their normal academic classes. Teachers will participate in professional development from 1:00-3:00 pm.

**September 29: Coffee & Conversations with School Administration**

On Friday, September 29, 2023 at 8:30 am in the pavilion, Mrs. Kozlowski and Mrs. Liberto will be hosting the first Coffee & Conversations of the 2023/24 school. The topics to be discussed include increasing the visibility of our Catholic faith during the school day, as well as safety and security protocols. All parents in prek3 through grade 8 are invited to attend. The session will last approximately 30-45 minutes. Please use the RSVP link to that we can plan accordingly:

<https://forms.gle/5CdmgyuaiK6KKvUB9>

**October 3: Save the date!**

We will be celebrating the Orioles and the MLB playoffs! Stay tuned for special uniform details for this day.

**October 6: School Closed**

Due to the AOB Professional Development Day, school is closed for all students on Friday, October 6. All teachers will be participating in professional development at various schools across the Archdiocese on this day.

**Boscov's Coupon Cards**

We have \$5 Boscov's Coupon cards for sale that give you a one day 25% off shopping pass for October 18. All money earned stays here at St. Stephen School. You can pick up your coupons in the school office during the day and at pickup.