



Principal's Post#11: A Message from Mrs. Kozlowski
October 25, 2023

"Be truly glad; There is wonderful joy ahead." I Peter 1:6

Thank you for your support of the 2nd Annual SSS Pumpkin Parade. Raffle tickets can be turned in throughout the rest of this week. Winners of the pumpkins will be announced on Friday, October 27. Please refer to the email communication from October 23 for additional information. This event brought great joy to our campus!

On November 7, we will be hosting parent visitation day for students in prek4 and grades 1,3 and 5. Parents in grades 1,3 and 5 are invited to attend classes with their child from 8:30 - 10:00 am, and then worship at Mass at 10:00 am. The day will end at the conclusion of Mass around 10:45 am. Prek4 parents are invited to attend class from 8:30 - 10:00 am and then depart as prek4 students do not begin attending weekly Mass until later in the school year. Registration is required and can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/1F5oSGJyp76NtnYr8>. Due to space constraints, grandparents and other family members are not invited on this day. More information will be provided closer to the date.

On Friday, November 10, we will be hosting a Veterans Day prayer service. Veterans may arrive at 8:30 am for coffee & donuts, hosted by the Class of 2024, followed by the prayer service at 9:15 am. If you are a veteran, or if you have a family member that is a veteran, and would like to attend this prayer service, please email Ms. Judy (jbush@sss.school.org) or call the main office. The prayer service will last about 30 minutes and veterans/family members will be able to sit with their St. Stephen student. Additionally, if any veteran would be interested in sharing their experiences with the students during the prayer service, please email me and we discuss how this could look. (mkozlowski@sss.school.org).

Grace and peace,
Mrs. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

Intent to Return

We are asking for your assistance in filling out the non-binding "Intent to Return" link by Friday, October 27, 2023:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6lhcjRkxfl1_ifxi1ZQ-6Pi71gTgwKEGq

[M5tLfnheHjbGaw/viewform?usp=sf_link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ADA822A1F4C34-44928856-elementary) The information in the link will help to guide the initial budgeting process with our finance committee and school board.

October 27: Middle School Neon Dance

This is open to middle schoolers in the Holy Spirit - St. Stephen Pastorate. The cost per person is \$10. [Click here to pay](#). Be sure to select "Middle School Neon Dance" in the drop-down box. Permission slips are required. [Click here to download the permission slip](#). Completed slips can be sent to Miss P (cpolsinelli@sss.school.org) or Ms. Briggs (aubrey@ssparish.org). Slips can also be turned in at school, Faith Formation, or the Pastorate Offices.

October 30 and November 2: Middle School boys basketball try outs

Try-outs will be held from 3:30- 4:45 pm in the school gym. Please reach out to Ms. P (cpolsinelli@sss.school.org) if you have any questions.

October 31: Halloween

For \$2, students are invited to wear their SSS PE sweatpants along with a Halloween themed/orange/black shirt/sweatshirt. Students may also add-on Halloween accessories including socks, necklaces, hair bows and hats. No make-up or hair dye permitted. No Halloween costumes are permitted for kindergarten through grade 8 students. There will NOT be Mass on October 31, but rather students will be meeting with prayer partners.

October 31: Pumpkin Caroling

The St. Stephen Chorus will be singing "pumpkin" carols in the morning before and after school on October 31st. This is a fundraiser to earn funds needed for classroom ukuleles. We need 8 more to have a complete classroom set! Our goal is to raise \$400.00. These are quality ukuleles which will match what we already have in the classroom. We accept "tips" for our carolers by cash or check! Bring the day of, or send your tips in early. Please send in an envelope marked "Pumpkin Caroling".

November 1: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Due to Parent/Teacher Conferences taking place throughout the day, students will NOT have school on Wednesday, November 1. Please refer to the sign up links below for your scheduled conference time:

Elementary school building:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ADA822A1F4C34-44928856-elementary>

Middle School building:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ADA822A1F4C34-45167684-middle>

Prek Building:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48ADA822A1F4C34-45166611-prek>

Looking Ahead:

November 2: 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 sweatpants or pajama pants or sweatpants 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 Thursday uniform. There is no additional charge for participation.

Week of November 6 - 10

St. Stephen Church is beginning the process of taking down the old rectory (white two story building) closest to the church during the week of November 6 from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. The initial stage of this process involves an outside company checking for and removing any asbestos. The company will not interact with students or interfere with our learning during the school day, but the workers will be in hazmat suits for their protection and per company protocol. The bathrooms will not be accessible for students during Mass on November 7. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Brother William.

Parent Eagle Book Club: November 9

The first book that has been selected is "*The Gift of Failure: How to Step Back and Let Your Child Succeed*" by Jessica Lahey. I encourage all parents to purchase this book or check it out from your local public library and read it throughout the month of October while making note of particular page numbers or information that you find intriguing or would like to further discuss. On Thursday, November 9 from either 8:30-9:30 am or 5:00-6:00 pm, school administration will lead a book discussion with parents. Participation is optional but we invite all parents, no matter your child's age, to seek JOY in learning something new.

"The Gift" with Chris Padgett

All are invited to "The Gift", a Pre-Advent mission with famous author, musician, teacher, comedian, and motivational speaker, Chris Padgett, at St. Margaret Church. Chris Padgett travels the nation inspiring and engaging Catholics of all ages. The three evening sessions, November 5th - 7th are "family nights". Below are the dates and times for this wonderful opportunity. We encourage you and your family to attend. Please reach out to Aubrey Briggs, aubrey@ssparish.org with any questions!

Nov 5th @ 5pm Main Church (Talk).

Nov 6th Lectio Divina @ 9am Main Church

Nov 6th @ 7pm Main Church (Adoration and Talk)

Nov 7th @ 7pm Main Church (Talk)

Can't wait to see you there!