



**Principal's Post#14: A Message from Mrs. Kozlowski
November 8, 2023**

*“Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter.”
St. Padre Pio*

We are pleased to announce the Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Stephen Church and School is ready to accept donations through the afternoon of Monday, November 20, 2023. This year, each grade has been assigned a specific food item as we are seeking to feed 150 families with a complete holiday meal. You can see the complete list of assigned food items on the attachment at the end of this email. If we are able to reach this goal, all students will participate in a special activity the afternoon of November 20. Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry of selflessly serving others in our community during this holiday season.

On Tuesday, November 21, 2023, we will be celebrating Grandparents Day for prek3 (T/Th class) through grade 3 students from 10:00-11:30 am. We ask that families follow the registration link below to register their grandparents or special friends for this day: <https://forms.gle/JETz42SjMNFgooHp9>. More specific information, including arrival procedures and schedule for the day, will be sent at the end of next week. Only grandparents in the prek3 M/W/F class will celebrate this event on Monday, November 20 from 10-11:30 am.

Finally, the chorus raised \$229.00 during their “Pumpkin Caroling” last week. Thanks to a wonderful flash sale and the donations received, Mrs. Boschert was able to purchase 8 ukuleles and now has a complete class set of these instruments for her music classes. We look forward to sharing pictures of our musicians with you soon!

Grace and peace,
Mrs. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

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. 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. Light refreshments will be served.

November 9: Individual picture retake day with Galeone. Any students who will be getting a picture retake must wear their SSS regular/winter uniform on this day.

Veterans Day Prayer Service

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 by the end of the school day TODAY.

SpiritWear Sale: Open through November 12

Our winter online Spirit Wear Sale is open through Sunday November 12th at midnight! There are quite a few new items based on feedback we have gotten from you all (jackets, hats, scarves, and more), so check it out!

<https://ststephenspiritwearfall2023round2.itemorder.com/>

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from November 13 - 16, 2023.

November 16: Ravens Add-On Day

To celebrate the Ravens playing on Thursday night, all students are invited to wear a Ravens t-shirt, sweatshirt, jersey and/or a PLAIN purple shirt along with their St. Stephen PE sweatpants and sneakers/tennis shoes. NO accessories including hats, necklaces, beads, socks, nail polish and/or hair dye are permitted. If a student chooses to not participate, he/she must wear their regular Thursday uniform. There is no additional charge for participation.

Original Art Works: Due on November 17, 2023

Please refer to the communication from Mrs. Peach regarding ordering Original Artworks. All orders MUST be placed by Friday, November 17, 2023. This date ensures delivery prior to Christmas break. Original Artworks makes great Christmas gifts for so many family members!

Church Raffle Fundraiser

Please see the attached flyer for a Great Wolf Lodge raffle being offered by St. Stephen Church.