

Principal's Post#15: A Message from Mrs. Kozlowski November 15, 2023

"Thankfulness is the quickest path to joy." ~Jefferson Bethke

We appreciate the support that we have received so far for the Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Stephen Church and School. 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.

This will be the last principal post prior to the Thanksgiving holiday break. The Principal Post will be sent on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. On behalf of the St. Stephen faculty and staff, we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends. May the gratitude you feel on this day fill your hearts with joy!

Grace and peace, Mrs. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair continues through tomorrow (Thursday). Thank you to all of our students and families who have already purchased books! All money raised through the book fair is used to purchase Scholastic items directly for classrooms.

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 make great Christmas gifts for so many family members!

LAST CALL: Grandparent's Day Registration

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 this week. Only grandparents in the prek3 M/W/F class will celebrate this event on Monday, November 20 from 10–11:30 am.

November 21: Early dismissal

There will be an early dismissal for all students at noon on Tuesday, November 21. We ask that families that are picking up students DO NOT enter the parking lot and/or driveways prior to 11:45 am, as we will be dismissing the Grandparents Day attendees. There is no aftercare on this day. This is also the last day of the first trimester.

Looking Ahead:

November 22 - 26: Thanksgiving break

There is no school for students and faculty. The office will be closed.

November 27

School resumes after Thanksgiving break and the second trimester begins.

November 29

8th grade students at St. Stephen take the HSPT from 8:15 am – 12:15 pm. A detailed communication to Class of 2024 families will be sent at the end of this week that outlines this day. Please pray for our 8th grade students as they complete this part of their high school admissions process journey.

December 1

Trimester one report cards send home electronically