



**Principal's Post#24: A Message from Mrs. Kozlowski**  
**February 7, 2024**

*“Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.”*

It's hard to believe that we are at the 100th day of school! Thank you for your support and JOY these past 100 days, as well as to the HSA for the special sign this morning. In case you did not hear the JOYFUL news from last week, our World's Finest Chocolate sale was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of all of you! We anticipate being able to buy at least 65 Chromebooks and licenses for our students for future use. I have received the quote for the order already and will place it soon. We are working with World's Finest Chocolate to distribute all prizes by the end of this month, including the Limo Lunch.

Congratulations to Ms. Christina Polsinelli for receiving the St. Stephen School Teacher of the Year Award for the 2023/24 school year at the end of Catholic Schools Week. We are blessed to have Ms. Polsinelli as a part of our community and for the care and expertise she brings to school in so many positive ways.

Finally, the art room is in need of old/to be discarded newspapers for an upcoming project. If you have any newspapers, please send them to school with your child as there will be a bin in the main office. Mrs. Peach appreciates the assistance.

Grace and peace,  
Mrs. Marianne Kozlowski

**Additional Information:**

**February 8:** Cub Scouts and BSA (formerly Boy Scouts of America) Scouts are permitted to wear their Class A uniforms on Thursday, February 8.

**February 9:** Valentine Candy Grams due to your child's homeroom teacher

**Two hour delay: Monday, February 12, 2024**

On Monday, February 12, 2024, St. Stephen will have a two hour delay due to professional development for the faculty in the morning. Safeties will begin opening car doors at 9:40 am, with morning announcements at 10:00 am. Prek3 students will have school from 9:40 am until noon.

**February 13, 2024: Valentine's Day Add-On**

For \$2, students are permitted to wear their SSS PE sweatpants, along with red/pink/Valentine's Day shirts/sweatshirts. They may also wear Valentine's Day accessories and socks. No nail polish or hair dye. All money from this day will support the upcoming Lion King, Jr. musical production.

### **Ash Wednesday**

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, all students will attend Mass and receive ashes. A reminder that both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence.

### **February 16: "Sunday best" Pictures from Galeone**

Per Galeone, any student who wishes to have a "Sunday best" or sibling photo taken on February 16th must have a completed order form with payment to give to the photographer. These photos are completely optional and if your child does not come to school with an order form, their picture will not be taken. The fall photos that were taken in uniform will be used for the yearbook. If you choose to get both individual photos and sibling photos, TWO order forms must be completed (one for each pose). An additional form is attached to this email which you can print out or you can pick up another form in the school office. If you have any questions, please call Galeone at 410-252-5355.

### **Business Sponsorship Opportunity!**

We are hoping to partner with local businesses this year to sponsor our Eagle Glow Run and Field Day shirts. Their logo or name will be displayed on the back of the shirt, and worn by every student and staff member in our school. Not only will their support be incredibly helpful to St. Stephen School, but it will enable us to support them as a community!

If you know of, or are part of, a business that would be interested in becoming a St. Stephen School Shirt Sponsor for our Eagle Glow Run and Field Day, please see the attached Sponsorship Form for more information.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**February 19:** There is no school for students or teachers due to President's Day holiday.

### **February 26 and 27: Hearing and Vision Screening**

Students in prek4, grade 1, grade 4 and grade 8 will participate in hearing and vision screening through Baltimore County Health Department. Forms were sent home with students in the above grades earlier this week. If you have a concern about your child's hearing and/or vision and they are not in one of the above grades, please contact Mrs. Tabassi.

