



Principal's Post#27: A Message from Mrs. Kozlowski  
February 28, 2024

*"As Lent is a time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He only wants the chance to love you." ~St. Teresa of Calcutta*

As we are halfway through this second full week of Lent, I encourage you to acknowledge your weaknesses and seek the love of God. You have the power to be a role model to your children in how you can choose to continue to build a relationship with the Lord. Thank you to 7th and 2nd grade for leading the school in Stations of the Cross at the end of last week. At the beginning of next week, your child will be bringing home their March Family Prayer Table addition. For this month, you will be receiving Stations of the Cross for your family to use for the remainder of Lent.

Students in grade 5 and 8 will be taking the ACRE (Assessment of Childhood/Youth Religious Education) during the week of March 4. This is an online assessment, required by the Archdiocese, that evaluates the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in Catholic schools with questions related to religious beliefs, attitudes, practices, and perceptions. Even though it does not impact your child's trimester grade, we do ask that you encourage your child to take it seriously as it does provide data for the school as well as for the Archdiocese.

Don't forget to register for all of the spectacular summer camps that will be held at St. Stephen School in June and July 2024. We appreciate our faculty and staff taking the time to create and run these camps for our students. The link to register can be found here: [Summer Camp Registration](#)

Grace and peace,  
Mrs. Marianne Kozlowski

**Additional Information:**

**Grade 8 Families: Scholarship Information due**

During events in May/June, we will be announcing programs that students were admitted to, as well as scholarships earned/given by the high schools. We would like this information for the school that your child chooses to attend, as well as for the schools that your child chooses not to attend. Please send a copy of the documentation related to accepted programs and scholarships (which more than likely was included in your child's welcome packet) in a sealed envelope marked "Class of 2024 Information, attention: Mrs. Liberto." Without the copy of the documentation, we can

not announce or publicize what your child earned or achieved. Unfortunately we had some instances of families not being truthful about program entrance as well as scholarships dollars earned in the past and the documentation provides the necessary proof. All documentation must be sent to the school by Friday, March 15, 2024.

### **BOOST Parent Application Now Open**

The online parent application for the 2024/25 school year will be released on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 (today) and will close on Friday, May, 3, 2024. Interested parents can access the application and additional information here: <https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

### **February 29**

All students/families that sold ONE box of World's Finest Chocolate can participate in an out of uniform day. All homeroom teachers will have the list of students that can participate. Please know that if you send your child to school in "out of uniform" clothes and they did not sell the box of chocolate, you will receive a phone call to bring their regular Thursday uniform to school immediately. Thank you for your cooperation and your support of this hugely successful fundraiser for technology.

**March 1:** School closed for students due to Archdiocese of Baltimore wide Professional Development day for faculty and staff.

**Book Week celebrations begin!** We look forward to celebrating the love of reading at St. Stephen School! Stay tuned for information on the March Madness Reading Challenge that will launch the week of March 4 as well.

March 4: Wear an animal print shirt or shirt with an animal and your SSS PE sweatpants with your sneakers

March 5: Wear your favorite socks with your Tuesday uniform and bring in your favorite book. Eat lunch and read books with your prayer partner.

March 6: Wear striped shirt/sweatshirt along with your SSS PE sweatpants and sneakers

March 7: Dress as a cow or in black and white

March 8: Wear your pajamas or couch potato clothes.No slippers or nightgowns.

**March 8:** Last day of trimester 2. There is an early dismissal for students at noon.

**March 15:** Trimester 2 report cards distributed electronically.

### **St. Stephen School Presents: Disney's TheLion King Jr.**

Tickets for the Friday, March 15, 2024 show at 6:30 pm and the Saturday, March 16, 2024 show at 1 pm are now on sale. [Get your tickets here via this link!](#)

### **St. Stephen Church: Spaghetti Dinner**

Save the date as the church is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Please contact the church if you are interested in volunteering your time and talents. You can see the attachments for more information.

### **Girl Scout sponsored Easter Bunny Breakfast**

The Girl Scouts are hosting their 23rd Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 23 from 9-11 am. Tickets are \$15 per person (ages 3 and up) and must be purchased in advance. Payments will be accepted via cash dropped off to the school office or parish center in an envelope labeled "ATTN: Meghan Dodge, re: Bunny Breakfast"; or via PayPal to "[ssstroop4181@gmail.com](mailto:ssstroop4181@gmail.com)". Register by 15 March at <https://forms.gle/gRHemBciuc2aRnJz5>. For any questions please contact: [ssstroop4181@gmail.com](mailto:ssstroop4181@gmail.com)

### **St. Stephen Parish Blood Drive**

St. Stephen Parish is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 8:00-1:30 pm in the gym. Please see the attached document to schedule your donation. Thank you in advance for your consideration.