



Principal's Post#33: A Message from Mrs. Kozlowski
April 17, 2024

"It is always springtime in the heart that loves God." ~ St. John Vianney

Congratulations to Adriana A. in grade 6 for winning the St. Stephen School Spelling Bee! She will be our representative for the Archdiocese of Baltimore Spelling Bee in mid-May. Thank you to all of our participants!

Thank you to the families that voted in the HSA Executive Board elections for Volunteer Coordinator. We are pleased to welcome Jennifer Merritt to this two-year term that begins at the start of the 2024/25 school year. We appreciate all that the HSA does for our school community.

Finally, the prek4 students will begin using the morning drop off line at the front of the elementary school building beginning on Monday, April 22. Thank you in advance for your patience as it may take a few extra moments for the prek4 students to exit their cars as they now will participate in morning announcements in the gym with the remainder of the school. We look forward to having these Eagles join us!

Grace and peace,
Mrs. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

EAGLE GLOW RUN - Pledge pages are OPEN!

Kick-off for our Glow Run Fundraiser begins today! Make sure to share with family and friends, even the smallest donations add up! Share your Eagles page at <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/eagleglowrun>! Be sure to check your email and social media daily for updates throughout this event for additional information and details.

April 19: SSS Spirit Wear Day

Students may wear SSS logo clothing that was purchased through the Spirit Wear store, athletic clothing with the SSS logo or the SSS "Jesus" shirts. 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 Friday uniform. There is no additional charge for participation.

April 22: Warm weather uniform begins

Students will transition to the warm weather uniform (what they wore to start the school year in August). Please take the time now to have your child try on their PE shorts, khaki shorts and skorts to check for appropriate length. New uniform pieces can be purchased at Flynn & O'Hara. Please read the handbook, beginning on page 58, for uniform protocols.

Looking Ahead:

April 25: All grades will wear their SSS PE uniform with sneakers. We will host Tug of War for grades 5-8 at 12:30 pm, but all grade levels will be able to watch. The following rules apply for grades 5-8: No eye black; Gloves are permitted, but no spray for hands or gloves; No cleats - sneakers (like what you wear for PE class) only; No name calling, yelling or belittling; No purposeful release of rope to make other students fall. If you are coming to watch, you must park on the church lot and walk over to the soccer field. After tug of war, all students will enjoy the John Carroll Rock Band performance as a Kick Off to our Glow Run and Field Day Fun!

April 26: Field Day and Glow Run. More details coming soon from Ms. Polsinelli and Mrs. McKernan

SAVE THE DATE: April 30 for Prek4 Family Informational Session about Transitioning to Kindergarten. At 8:15 am in the gym, Mrs. Mirabile will have a short informational meeting for current prek4 families that will be attending St. Stephen School for kindergarten for the 24/25 school year. The meeting will last about 20-30 minutes. This is not a mandatory meeting, but rather a tool to be helpful for families.

May 1: Early dismissal for students at noon with professional development for teachers in the afternoon.

SAVE THE DATE: May 17 for Coffee & Conversations

Mrs. Kozłowski and Mrs. Liberto will be hosting a "Coffee & Conversations" at 8:30 am in the pavilion. The discussions will focus on ideas/potential initiatives for the upcoming school year, supporting Catholic identity and the Archdiocesan theme of "gratitude." No RSVP is needed.

From St. Stephen Church: Vacation Bible School and Work Camp

Please read the attachments regarding these two faith-filled summer programs. Both of these programs will be unable to happen without the support of volunteers. Please contact Ms. Aubrey Briggs (aubrey@sssparish.org) for more information.

From St. Stephen Parish: Touch a Truck and Blood Drive

Cub Scout Pack 877 is hosting the third annual Touch a Truck on Saturday, April 20. This event also coincides with the blood drive. Please see the attachments for additional information.

