



**Principal Post #1: A Message from Mrs. Kozlowski**  
**August 21, 2024**

*“Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name, welcomes me.” Matthew 18:5*

Since faculty and staff returned on Monday to the St. Stephen campus, I can officially welcome you to the 2024/25 school year. This week our faculty participated in a retreat and meetings to prepare ourselves for the upcoming school year. We look forward to seeing our students and their families this Friday, August 23, 2024 anytime between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am for our Sneak-a-Peek event. Students and families can drop off supplies to their homerooms, see their classroom and say hello to friends! Students do NOT need to wear their uniforms. Mrs. Elliott will also be in the health suite to receive prescription medications, over the counter medication, inhalers and epi-pens. She will also accept the proper documentation, signed by the physician and parent, for accompanied with the medication. We ask that families park in the RENOVATED school parking lot and begin the event at the red St. Stephen School tent.

A communication will be pushed out tomorrow that reviews the protocols for morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. I encourage you to read it and share with anyone who will be picking up or dropping off your child. Please remember to practice patience and extend grace to everyone during these first few weeks of school on the parking lot.

In these final days before the school year begins, a friendly reminder about haircuts, nail polish and length of uniforms. Please check with your child to ensure compliance with our school policies. I hope that you and your family enjoy these last days of summer and I encourage you to thank God for your summer memories and ask for blessings for the upcoming school year.

Grace and peace,  
Mrs. Marianne Kozlowski

**Additional Information:**

**Middle School Girls Uniform Update**

Thank you to the families that have reached out to us to let us know about the backorder and anticipated shipping dates for the middle school maroon skirt from Flynn & O'Hara. We know that you will not receive the skirt on time for the start of school. While you wait, we ask that you wear something comparable to the maroon skirt for the time being. There will be no uniform infractions issued until we know all skirts have been arrived. During our conversation with Flynn & O'Hara this week, a spreadsheet was shared of order dates, sizes and anticipated delivery. For your knowledge, Flynn & O'Hara is the required uniform vendor for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

### **Update from the Health Suite**

Mrs. Elliott is looking forward to meeting all students and families, but has some important reminders to share. The over the counter medication form is available in School Admin. Within School Admin, there is a box to check if you do not want your child to receive medication. Families are encouraged to bring in over the counter medications, which is a requirement from the Archdiocese, as well as prescription medication, directly to the health suite during Sneak a Peek. A reminder that all required forms, including medication and immunization forms, can be accessed through your family School Admin portal. Completed paperwork, including those required your physician's signature, need to be UPLOADED back into the School Admin portal as soon as possible. The forms are also available on the school website. We will be using the following email address to communicate with the school nurse, Mrs. Emily Elliott for the 24/25 school year: [nurse@sss.school.org](mailto:nurse@sss.school.org)

Please also note this important policy from the health suite. Cough drops are medication and will be treated as such. Therefore, all cough drops will remain in the health suite and can not be stored in student book bags, lunchboxes or lockers.

### **Important Dates:**

August 24-25, 2024: Blessing of Students and Backpacks at all Masses at St. Stephen Church and Holy Spirit Church. Mass times can be accessed on the parish website. All students are encouraged to come in their school uniforms to begin the new school year in a faithful way.

August 26, 2024: First day of school for kindergarten through grade 8 students. Dismissal will take place at noon - students will NOT need a lunch. There will be an extensive informational email next week that will go over arrival and dismissal procedures. Prek3 and prek4 students also begin their gradual entrance schedule on this day.

August 28: Back to School Night for Families in Prek3 through Grade 5  
Beginning at 6:00 pm in the gym, families are invited to attend Back to School Night presentations from their child's grade level teachers. Students do not need to attend - this is designed as an adult-only evening and will conclude by 7:30 pm.

August 29: Back to School Night for Families in Grades 6-8  
Beginning at 6:00 pm in the gym, families are invited to Back to School Night presentations from their child's academic teachers. Students do not need to attend - this is designed as an adult-only evening and will conclude by 8:00 pm.

September 8, 2024: Join Us for Our Endless Summer Party! St. Stephen's Day at Valleybrook Country Club, sponsored by the Father's Club. For more information and tickets [click here](#).

### **Golden Ticket Raffle!**

St. Stephen School is excited to announce our exclusive GOLDEN TICKET raffle for the 24/25 school year!

What's at stake? A designated parking spot in the church lot for the entire school year! This means you can park and walk to the school to pick up your student for afternoon dismissal, bypassing the pickup line entirely!

Raffle Details:

- Price: \$20 per chance
- Drawing Date: Friday, August 23rd

Don't miss this golden opportunity to make your afternoons smoother and hassle-free! Get your tickets now and secure your chance to win! [Enter Here!](#)