



Principal Post #4: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski
September 11, 2024

“Give thanks with a grateful heart.” I Thessalonians 5:18

This morning we gathered as a school community to remember and honor the 23rd anniversary of September 11. We held a prayer service, which began with a tolling of a bell 23 times. We prayed for those impacted by this event, as well as for our country and peace on earth. A special thank you to our grade level representatives that led the petitions.

On Friday, September 13, 2024, we will release the registration link for Grandparents Day for students in grades 4-8 via email. The email will explain the event taking place on Friday, September 27, 2024. We ask that all grandparents or special friends are registered no later than September 24. Thank you for your assistance.

We know that our school, as well as our families, use a variety of communication methods to share information. The school does have social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram and we encourage you to follow them so that you can get a glimpse into everything good that is happening at St. Stephen School. We are aware that there are also grade level Facebooks pages. Please remember that these are not an official communication tool of the school. There have been some instances reported to the school of the class Facebook pages being used to address issues or concerns, to complain or to not build one another up as a school community. I ask that these class pages are used in a positive and meaningful way that promotes the same ideals we work to instill in our students with regards to social media use.

Finally, I want to thank you for the outpouring of support and prayers we have received since yesterday with the news of Mrs. Mary Tabassi's passing. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to express our gratitude and appreciation.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

From the Lunch Room

We received a generous donation of 400 forks and spoons to start the school year for the lunchroom. We are into the third week of school and those supplies are almost gone. Please remember to pack your child a spoon or fork in their lunchbox, as we can not supply those everyday to every student. Additionally, we are very grateful for the number of volunteers that we have come in on a daily basis, especially in the lunchroom. As a reminder, per the protocols of the Archdiocese and as stated in our handbook, there are limitations related to the Internet and technology tools. These include but are not limited to:

- Violating the rights or privacy of others, including by photographing or filming an individual without consent.
- Posting or distributing videos or photographs without consent of the persons depicted and the school.

Therefore, we ask that you do not take group photos while volunteering for lunch duty or recess at school. You may take photos of your child alone, but according to Archdiocesan policy, group photos should not be taken or shared.

After School Clubs

We are pleased to announce the formation of three after-school clubs, beginning at the end of September. Mrs. Peach is running an art club for students in grades 3-5 on Mondays, Mr. Cox a 3D printing club for students in grades 6-8 on Wednesdays, as well as a chess club for students in grades 4-8 on Thursdays. Registration information can be found below and will run until the clubs reach capacity and/or Friday, September 20, 2024.

Art Club: <https://forms.gle/Dk4K5x11152KrZme7>

3D Printing Club: <https://forms.gle/nWSo1GKBuPSGeQ2J9> (only two spots remain)

Chess Club: <https://forms.gle/aENLw4DYTk1AYh8b9>

Important Dates:

SSS Spirit Wear Day - September 20, 2024

Students may wear SSS logo clothing that was purchased through the Spirit Wear store, SSS athletic clothing with SSS logo and/or SSS shirts from previous school years. Students can wear SSS PE shorts or SSS 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.

Save the Date: September 23, 24, and 26 for MAP Testing in Grades 2-8

All St. Stephen School students in grades 2-8 will be taking the AOB required MAP testing on the above dates from 8:30 -10:00 am. We are seeking to create a culture of attentiveness and excellence by having all students in grades 2-8 participate at the same time. We ask that you do not schedule out of school appointments for your students during these dates/times. More details regarding MAP testing will be sent later in the month.

Middle School Service Hours Reminders

For the 2024/25 school year, all students in grade 6, 7 and 8 are required to perform 10 service hours. Service hours can be obtained in a variety of ways, including service to the school, the church and/or the community. If the middle school student is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society, he/she will need to obtain and record an additional 10 hours of service. Middle school students will need to complete the required service hours between May 4, 2024 and May 3, 2025 for the 2024/25 school year. Each time service is performed, a new form (via the link below) must be filled out and submitted electronically. Specific to grade 8 students that are enrolled in the Confirmation program for St. Stephen Church, this link IS NOT used for service hours for sacramental preparation. If you have any questions related to school service hours, please contact your child's homeroom and/or religion teacher.

Middle School Service Hour Recording Form: <https://forms.gle/BvZnJht2fyTDjZaT9>

Grade 8: Class of 2025 High School Admissions

The portal for registration for the HSPT is now open and can be accessed here:
<https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/baltimore.php> You can access the Shadow Day form here and this needs to be filled out for each shadow day that you schedule with your child:
<https://forms.gle/Qn4iLYP8ujTuecXP7>

Band Registration

Mrs. Thamert, our band teacher, has provided a variety of links below regarding the St. Stephen School Band Program:

- Band Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/mrs-erin-thamert/home>
- [Registration Form click here](#)
- [Instrument Rental Flyer click here](#)
- Instrumental rental website [Music & Arts Instrument Rental Program](#)
 - [Email: knightchic@aol.com](mailto:knightchic@aol.com)
 - [Phone: 410.486.4322](tel:410.486.4322)
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Community Information

KC Dance & Fitness: Once again this school year, KC Dance & Fitness is offering after-school dance classes for St. Stephen School students in PreK through grade 5. Please see the attached flyer for registration information.