



Principal Post #6: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski
September 25, 2024

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

What a day for our Class of 2025! They spent the morning in service bagging thousands of pounds of green beans at First Fruit Farms in Freeland, MD for those in need. Then, this afternoon, 12 members of our school and parish community came to our gym to conduct mock interviews to prepare this Class of 2025 for their upcoming high school admissions interviews. We were blessed to have the support of so many people today!

This Friday, we will welcome approximately 300 grandparents in grades 4-8 for our Grandparents Day celebration. I ask that families share the contents of the email from yesterday with anyone that is attending. In order for us to clear the parking lot of cars for this event, I ask that anyone picking up students (not in grades 4-8) for the early dismissal at noon to please not arrive prior to 11:45 am. Thank you for your assistance.

Finally, we will be placing an “Orioles Add-On” day to the calendar once the playoff dates are set. I know that students like to support their hometown teams. More details to come.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

From the Health Suite

A friendly reminder that a doctor's note is essential when a student has an injury that requires any activity limitation/restrictions, also when they are cleared to return to normal activities. When a student has an illness or questionable communicable condition or is out for 3 or more days, a doctor's note communicates they may return to school. This protocol is also in our handbook. Mrs. Elliott (nurse@sss.school.org) can answer any questions you may have.

September 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. MAP testing is a requirement from the Archdiocese and is given online three times a year. Each test is 44 questions in length and is untimed. There is nothing that your child needs to do to prepare for this other than coming to school with a positive attitude, committing to reading each question, thinking about their response and taking their time. MAP scores will be sent home with your child during the week of October 14 along with a letter to help you understand what the scores mean. For our grade 8 families, these fall MAP scores are included in your child's high school admissions packet.

September 27: Early Dismissal

All students will have an early dismissal at noon. There is no aftercare on this day and students do not need to pack a lunch. This is also Grandparents Day for students in grades 4-8 from 10-11:30 am.

Important October Dates

October 3: Blessing of the Pets at 4:00 pm on the blacktop by the rectory. All pets and their families are welcome as long as pets are on a leash or in a cage for the 10-15 minute event.

October 4: No school for students due to Archdiocese Professional Development Day for faculty

October 7: No school for students and faculty

October 8: Parent Visitation Day for students in grades 6-8 from 8:20-9:50 am, followed by Mass at 10:00 am. A registration link will be released electronically on October 1 via email

October 9: Interims for trimester one released

October 10: Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up links released via email at 9:00 am

October 14: Winter uniform begins - see handbook for uniform descriptions

October 15: Individual school picture day in winter SSS uniforms

October 18: Middle School Dance/Activity Night for St. Stephen students in grades 6-8 from 6:30-8:30 pm

October 19: SSS hosts a Food Truck & Corn Hole Event from 5-8:30 pm on the school parking lot. We invite families to attend Mass at St. Stephen Church at 4:30 pm or 6:00 pm and then join in for some food and fellowship.

October 22: Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1-5 pm with an early dismissal for students at noon

October 23: Parent/Teacher Conferences from 7:45 am - 3:15 pm with no school for students

October 29: Parent Visitation Day for students in grades 3-5 from 8:20-9:50 am, followed by Mass at 10:00 am. A registration link will be released mid-October.

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>