



Principal Post #10: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski
October 23, 2024

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

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences over the past two days. We are pleased to offer this opportunity to you to come in and meet with teachers to discuss how your child’s school year is progressing.

Looking ahead to November, we will be hosting a Veterans Day Prayer Service on Monday, November 11, 2024. Beginning at 8:30 am, veterans are welcome to meet in the gym for coffee, donuts and conversations with our 8th grade students. At 9:10 am, we will begin our prayer service with all St. Stephen students. We invite family members and friends of St. Stephen School that are veterans to attend and join us in this acknowledgement. Please fill out the Google Form [HERE](#) to register a veteran to attend. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

We have received some phone calls from families regarding school pictures that were taken via Lifetouch. Per our contract, a make-up picture day is scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2024. Their customer service line for families is (800)736-4753.

Finally, a special thank you for your donations for our October service project that worked to provide pajamas for homeless veterans in Baltimore. Thanks to your generosity, we collected over \$615 and purchased 75 pajamas sets, socks and basic toiletries. I would also like to acknowledge current National Junior Honor Society members that purchased pajama sets as well. These pajamas and basic life needs, along with cards that were made by students in their Saint teams, will be distributed by members of St. Stephen Parish to veterans in November.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

Pumpkin Parade: October 28- 31

The third annual Pumpkin Parade is back! Faculty and staff members have created a variety of no-carve pumpkins that will be raffled off to students. On Friday, October 25, students will receive an order form with directions. Pictures of the pumpkins will be shared via email and social media. Raffle tickets will be drawn on October 31 and students will go home that day with their winning pumpkins.

October 29: Parents in grades 3-5 are invited to join us for Parent Visitation Day on Tuesday, October 29, 2024. Parents are welcome to park on the school or church parking lot beginning at 8:10 am. Parents need to report to the gym to check-in prior to being dismissed to classrooms.

The link to register can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/zWrmUwr2m8VVbYFZ8> and needs to be completed by this Friday.

October 31: Halloween Add-On

For \$2, students are invited to wear their SSS PE sweatpants along with a Halloween themed/orange/black shirt/sweatshirt. Students may also add-on Halloween accessories including socks, necklaces, hair bows and hats. No make-up, nail polish or hair dye permitted. No Halloween costumes are permitted for kindergarten through grade 8 students. All money collected will be donated directed to Asheville Catholic School in North Carolina. We have had direct contact with Bishop Michael Martin, OFM (formerly of Archbishop Curley High School & current Bishop of Charlotte) and this is his school of greatest need as it is still unable to reopen. If you would like to donate any additional money towards this cause, please send it in with your child in a sealed envelope marked for "Halloween" or "Hurricane Donations." Please consider having your child give some of their own money towards serving others.

November 1: Two hour delay

The arrival line will open at 9:40 am and the tardy bell will ring at 10:05 am. We will be attending Mass for All Saints Day.

November 7: Ravens Add-On Day

Students may wear their SSS PE sweatpants and a Ravens shirt/sweatshirt/jersey with sneakers. No additional accessories. There is no cost for participation.

November 12: Parent Visitation Day for Kindergarten - Grade 2

Parents in kindergarten-grade 2 are invited to join us for Parent Visitation Day on Tuesday, November 12. Parents are welcome to park on the school or church parking lot beginning at 8:10 am. Visitation will be from 8:20 am until 9:50 am, followed by Mass at 10:00 am. Parents need to report to the gym to check-in prior to being dismissed to classrooms. The link to register will be released on November 3.

November 14: Early dismissal and Grandparents Day for prek3 through grade 3 students
Grandparents Day will be held from 10:00-11:30 am for students in prek3 through grade 3. A registration link will be sent via email on November 1. All students will have an early dismissal at noon. A reminder that there is no after-care on early dismissal days.

November 15: Asynchronous Student Work Day

In an effort to support teachers at the end of a trimester with grading and report cards in Powerschool, the Archdiocese has instituted an asynchronous work day for students from home on November 15. This coincides with the last day of the first trimester. Students will not be present in the school building on November 15, but instead will work from home on simple assignments that will be provided by their teachers. There will be no live Zoom or Google Meet sessions for students. Students will receive their list of assignments on Thursday, November 14 and the assignments will be graded as part of the second trimester.

November 19: Parent Visitation Day for Kindergarten - Grade 2

Parents in kindergarten-grade 2 are invited to join us for Parent Visitation Day on Tuesday, November 19. Parents are welcome to park on the school or church parking lot beginning at 8:10 am. Visitation will be from 8:20 am until 9:50 am, followed by Mass at 10:00 am. Parents

need to report to the gym to check-in prior to being dismissed to classrooms. The link to register will be released on November 3.

From the Parish:

St. Stephen Church is hosting a gently used coat/jacket drive. If you have any well-kept and clean items in your closets, please consider donating to the bins that will be available by the gym at morning arrival.