



Principal Post #11: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski
October 30, 2024

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

Thank you to the parents that attended the Visitation Day for grades 3-5 yesterday. It was wonderful to have you in the building, but even better to have you celebrate Mass with us. Sister Rosemary was blown away by your singing and participation. The details of the final two Parent Visitation Days are listed below in this post.

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.

Mrs. Elliott in the healthy suite is in need of adult small through large SSS PE shirts and sweatpants for late elementary and middle school students to use if needed for a change of clothes. If they are not in perfect condition, that is more than OK. If you have any in your drawers at home or sizes that your child has outgrown, she would greatly appreciate the donation.

Finally, congratulations to Ms. Aubrey Briggs, now Mrs. Aubrey Youngs, on her marriage over the weekend to her husband, Richard. May God continue to bless them as they faithfully begin their marriage journey together. Mrs. Youngs is our middle school religion teacher & campus minister.

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. Raffle tickets will be drawn on October 31 and students will go home that day with their winning pumpkins. An email with directions, raffle tickets and pictures of pumpkins was sent on October 25. Thank you for your support!

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. All prek3 and any half-day prek4 students will be picked up at noon on two hour delays.

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 18: Start of the second trimester of the 24/25 school year and Scholastic Book Fair begins. This is also a SSS SpiritWear Day.

November 19: Parent Visitation Day for Prek3 and Prek 4 (there was an error in last week's post with the grade levels)

Parents in prek3 and prek4 are invited to join us for Parent Visitation Day on Tuesday, November 19. Parents can park on the school or church parking lot beginning at 8:10 am. Visitation will be from 8:20 am until 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 are available by the gym at morning arrival for the remainder of this week.