

Principal Post #9: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski October 9, 2024

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

We are officially half-way through the first trimester of the 24/25 school year. Your child will be bringing home an interim today so that you can use it as a conversation piece about how their school year is progressing so far and how they can continue to grow during the next six weeks. We opted to use paper copies for all students in prek4 through grade 8.

This afternoon at 5:30 pm, we will be testing the BrightArrow communication text system and at 5:35pm the phone call communication system. There is nothing that you need to do if you receive both of these. If you do not, please contact Miss Judy in the main office. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that you are receiving all of the communications from the school.

Grace and peace, Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

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

October 11: The Day the Sun Danced Celebration

In celebration of the Miracle of Fatima in 1917 and as a way to honor Mary, students are encouraged to wear a solid blue shirt with their SSS PE shorts and bring in a yellow flower that will be placed around the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. We will be praying the Rosary as a school during the day and students can bring in a Rosary too. Parents and those picking up students at the end of the school day are invited to pray the Rosary with Mrs. Behr beginning at 2:30 pm in the pavilion by the school parking lot. The lot will open early to allow for parking for this event.

October 14: Winter uniform begins - see handbook for uniform descriptions; Fall MAP scores will be sent via with students this week. Please read the letter that accompanies the test scores as it will explain what the scores mean.

October 15: Individual & homeroom class school picture day in winter SSS uniforms. Parents can access ordering information via www.lifetouch.com and use the code EVTDH7QZX.

Ordering will be completed online this year as Lifetouch is our new vendor. Lifetouch is offering a complimentary class photo to any individual photo package purchased. Class photos are also available for \$10 each. Please see the attached flyer for more information. All inquiries for photo day can go directly to (800)736-4752 or lifetouch.force.com/helpcenter/s/

NEW for October 18: Fall Sports Add-On Day

Students who participate in any fall sport for St. Stephen (MS soccer, CYO soccer, volleyball, cross country) are invited to wear their jersey/shirt from their St. Stephen team, along with their SSS PE sweatpants (winter uniform). Students who are not a part of a fall sports team are welcome to wear SSS Spirit Wear shirt/sweatshirt along with their SSS PE sweatpants. There is no additional cost for participation.

October 18: Middle School Dance/Activity Night for St. Stephen students in grades 6-8 from 6:30-8:30 pm. The cost is \$10 and students have received a permission slip. See the attached flyer for additional information. If a parent of a middle school student, who is VIRTUS certified, would like to serve as a chaperone, please email Miss Judy.

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. See the attached flyer for more details.

October 21: 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.

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.

News from the Parish:

Oktoberfest on October 12, 2024

Join the parish community from 12pm - 5 pm in the gym with a \$5 admittance to enjoy live music, games, food and beverages. Additional information can be found at ssparish.org