



Principal Post #13: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski
November 13, 2024

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

Thank you to the veterans who attended our prayer service on Monday. It was wonderful to be able to honor and celebrate the almost 20 veterans that were with us.

CASTING IS COMPLETE FOR OUR UPCOMING PRODUCTION FOR “WILLY WONKA, JR” IN SPRING 2025. If there are any adults in the school community that are interested in building basic set and prop pieces for the musical, please email musical@ssschool.org. Money for the supplies has been secured and volunteer hours can be earned. Your child does not need to be participating in the musical in order to assist with this - thank you in advance for your consideration.

Finally, if anyone works or travels through the area by the Calverton School, which is about 30 minutes south of Annapolis, and you would be willing to pick up 10 Chromebooks, please let me know. The Calverton School received these Chromebooks from state funding, but are interested in transferring them to us.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are asking each student to consider participating to help serve those in need. Each grade level will collect a specific food item (outlined below), but the students will turn their food into bags/bins based on their Saint team colors. Donations will be accepted during morning drop-off through Friday, November 22, 2024. Students will place their donations in bags labeled by their Saint team/color. Please consider placing a note on the donations that indicates your child's Saint team/color. Prek will have a “Saint in Training” bag/bin in the prek building. Care was given to have the donations be about the same price. Thank you in advance for your support.

Prek3 & 4: jar of icing
Grade 1: box mac & cheese
Grade 3: can of carrots
Grade 5: jar of turkey gravy
Grade 7: box of stuffing

Kindergarten: box of cake mix
Grade 2: jar of applesauce
Grade 4: can of corn
Grade 6: box of mashed potatoes
Grade 8: can of green beans

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. Information specific to the schedule for the day was sent via email to families on Monday afternoon. All students will have an early dismissal at noon, but we ask that you do not arrive for

dismissal prior to 11:45 am as we will be clearing the parking lot from Grandparents Day. 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 today and the assignments will be graded as part of the second trimester. A copy of the master list of assignments is attached to the bottom of this email.

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. 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 sweatpants 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 Monday uniform. There is no additional charge for participation.

November 19: Parent Visitation Day for Prek3 and Prek 4

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 is [HERE](#)

November 23: St. Stephen Athletics Cash Bingo

Our annual sports bingo fundraiser is coming up on Saturday November 23rd at 6:00 pm. This is our largest fundraiser for athletics and helps cover uniforms, field rentals, new equipment, and referee costs. Come out with family and friends for a chance to win cash prizes as well as play our specials all night long. This event is 18 and over and will have food and drinks available for purchase. Doors will open at 5:00 pm and tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased through the link below. We hope to see everyone there to help support our athletic program.

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/ststephenschool/bingo24?token=42340330>

Decorating for December: As preparation for Advent, which begins the weekend after Thanksgiving, each Saint team will be decorating a Christmas tree in the gym based on the color of their team. Students have the option to bring in one ornament for the tree that matches the color of their Saint team. The ornament can be store bought, homemade and/or created by the student. If your child would like to bring in an ornament to add to their Saint team tree, please have them do so by Tuesday, November 26, 2024. Ornaments can be turned into your child's homeroom teacher. Prek students are welcome to bring in or buy or make an ornament in their favorite color for the "Saints in Training" tree.

Hearing and Vision Screening

Baltimore County Department of Health will be present on Monday, November 25 & Tuesday, November 26 for a hearing and vision screening. They will be screening grades PreK-4, 1st,

4th, 8th, and any Kindergarteners that were not previously screened in PreK. They will also screen any student referred with a suspected problem that is not already under medical care. Teachers will send home a consent form to be filled out and returned prior to Wednesday, November 20. After the screening, a written report will be mailed to your home informing you of your child's test results *only if a problem is identified*. No report will be sent if your child passes. If you have any questions about this, please email Mrs. Elliott at nurse@ssschoool.org