

# Principal Post #15: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski December 4, 2024

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

Welcome back and Happy Advent! In the upcoming weeks, we will be participating in Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and honoring various December saints on their feast days. We look forward to a prayerful and faithful journey as we await the birth of our Savior, Jesus. Your child came home with a Family Advent Calendar and prayers for each week of Advent for your Family Prayer Table as well.

As we enter into winter weather now, please make sure your child has a jacket/coat, along with hats and gloves. As long as the real feel temperature is above 32 degrees, we do go outside.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

#### **Additional Information:**

## Re-Registration for 2025/26`

The School admin and FACTS portal is now open to re-register current students for the 2025/26 school year. You can access information regarding this <u>HERE</u>.

#### **News from the Health Suite**

Pneumonia continues to spread among the community. Currently we are seeing an increase in cases in middle school. Mrs. Elliott is in contact with the Maryland Department of Health. We are taking disinfectant measures along with diligently asking students to only return to school when they are symptom free and being treated properly for the diagnosis. If your student is not feeling well enough to come to school on time upon waking up in the morning, please keep them home for the day to rest and feel better. Late arrivals for sleeping in and then trying to come to school are not best practice and do not set children up for success during their school day. Students should be symptom free for 24 hours, without any over-the-counter medication, before returning to school. Thank you for assistance in keeping our school community as healthy as possible.

### December 6: Early dismissal and Feast Day of St. Nicholas

To celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas, all students can wear their SSS PE sweatpants along with a red/green/Christmas shirt/sweatshirt/sweater. No additional accessories on this day. There is no cost for participation. If your child does not want to participate, he/she will wear their

regular Friday uniform. This is also an early dismissal at noon in order to prep the campus for the Christmas Bazaar that will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 9 am - 3 pm. We hope to see you there!

# **December 13: Late Order Deadline for Original Artwork**

Mrs. Peach wanted to share the late order deadline for Original Artworks is Friday, December 13. It is important to note that any items ordered during the late order deadline will NOT arrive prior to Christmas break, but instead in January. If you have any questions regarding that or anything related to Original Artworks, please email Mrs. Peach at <a href="mailto:kpeach@ssschool.org">kpeach@ssschool.org</a>

#### **December 13: Band Concert**

Mrs. Thamert and her band students will hold their Christmas concert at 4:00 pm in the school gym on December 13. Please see Mrs. Thamert for additional information.

# **News from the Community:**

## **Spring Dance Classes with KC Dance & Fitness**

The session will run January 6 - March 10 for the Monday Hip Hop program and January 8 - February 26 for the Wednesday Intro to Dance program. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

**Breakfast with Santa**, sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 818, is being held on Sunday, December 15, 2024. Tickets can be purchased using <u>THIS</u> link, or by cash/check (check made out to Troop 818) can be sent to school care of Kayla Richardson in 5th grade. Please send any questions to <u>SSTroop818@gmail.com</u>. A reminder that GIrl Scouts are not affiliated with St. Stephen School or Church.