



**Principal Post #16: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski**  
**December 11, 2024**

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

I wanted to share what a joyful week we have had so far during this second week of Advent. In addition to celebrating the Holy day Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, we were able to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to students in grades 3-8 on Tuesday. Tomorrow (Thursday) students in kindergarten through grade 8 will participate in Eucharistic Adoration with Fr. Jude in the church. The Catholic Store is also open for all students for the remainder of this week during lunch/recess. We are so pleased to be able to offer all of these religious opportunities for our students during Advent as we all prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus.

I wanted to ask for your assistance in completing [THIS](#) survey regarding St. Stephen School uniforms. We are exploring options to update the uniforms for middle school girls, elementary girls, and polos for middle school boys and girls. Currently, we face supply challenges because our school is the only one using the existing patterns and styles. We are required to use Flynn & O'Hara as our uniform company as we are an Archdiocese of Baltimore school. Your input is valuable as we work to ensure that future uniform options are practical and accessible for everyone. Please share your thoughts as we consider these updates! Any changes that will be made to uniforms will begin for the 2025/2026 school year, but there will be a two year cycle for the full implementation. I will provide much more information regarding this topic in future posts.

Finally, a special thank you to all of you that attended and/or donated towards the Christmas Bazaar last Saturday. It was wonderful to see the participation from our school community and the joy that was present in the attendees. These events are only possible thanks to all of you and we look forward to sharing new events that are being planned for 2025 with you soon! We are very blessed in our school community with one another.

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 [HERE](#).

**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 [kpeach@sss.school.org](mailto:kpeach@sss.school.org)

**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.

**December 16-19: Christmas Spirit Week**

A flyer will be coming home at the end of this week highlighting the optional Christmas Spirit Week options for students. We hope that they enjoy this festive week at school!

**December 19: Early Dismissal**

All students and faculty will have an early dismissal at noon on this day. There is no aftercare and the main office will close at 12:30 pm.

**December 20 - January 1: Christmas break**

The school buildings and the offices will be closed. Faculty members will not be checking email during this break so that they can spend time with their families.

**January 2:** School resumes for 2025

**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 [THIS](#) 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 [SSTroop818@gmail.com](mailto:SSTroop818@gmail.com). A reminder that Girl Scouts are not affiliated with St. Stephen School or Church.