

Principal Post #19: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski January 15, 2025

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

Thank you for the wonderful response to the World's Finest Chocolate Sale so far. We know that this fundraiser is successful because of all that you do to promote it. Please continue to send in envelopes and money, and request additional boxes through Miss Judy or by signing the bottom of the money envelope. We have about 520 boxes of chocolate sold already!

While we will be sharing the fun details of Catholic Schools Week with all of you in a communication next week, I want to extend an invitation to all First Responders to attend a prayer service in the gym on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 1:15 pm. We welcome the opportunity to pray for and celebrate those in our school community who respond to the call of God to serve others. Please use this <u>LINK</u> to register. Additionally, as part of Student Appreciation Day, the HSA has scheduled a spirit night at Chuck E. Cheese on Thursday, January 30, 2025 from 3:00-9:00 pm. The flyer below provides additional information as well as some coupons.

As we continue to navigate colds and viruses, we could use a replenishment of Lysol/Clorox wipes for the lunchroom and classrooms. If you would like to send in a container or two to the main office, it would be greatly appreciated. We are wiping down desks, chairs, tables and high traffic surfaces daily in an effort to keep our students and staff healthy this winter.

Finally, even though there is snow outside and the temperatures are chilly, we are busily planning for Summer Camps 2025 at St. Stephen School. We anticipate being able to share with you the schedule of camps, as well as the registration link, next week.

Grace and peace, Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

Winter MAP Testing Continues on January 15 and 16

Students in grades 2-8 will take the required winter MAP testing from 8:30-10:00 am. We ask that students be on time at morning arrival on these days and please do your best to not schedule any doctor appointments. Your child should be sure to eat breakfast on these days as well. All MAP testing is done electronically on Chromebooks and results will be shared with families at the end of January. While there is nothing that your child can do to prepare, please encourage them to take this seriously and try their best. MAP measures growth and their scores will be compared to the scores they earned in the fall. Winter MAP results are also used as one criteria point for Knott Scholarships. Scores will be sent home with students at the beginning of February.

Snack Shack is Open

Student Council is sponsoring a Snack Shack sale for all students during lunch for the remainder of this week. All items are \$1, but a few are \$2 and only middle school students can purchase those. Having this sale is a popular request from the students!

January 17: Feast Day of St. Sebastian

Students can wear SSS PE sweatpants along with an athletic/sports team shirt/sweatshirt/jersey to celebrate the patron saint of athletes and sports. No additional accessories. There is no cost to participate, but if you would prefer to not participate, students should wear their regular Friday uniform.

January 17: Family nominations for Teacher of Year due. Please see the communication from January 3 for more information.

Interims for Trimester 2

The half-way point for trimester 2 is on Friday, January 17, 2025. We will send interims to families on Wednesday, January 22, 2025

January 20: No school due to MLK Jr. holiday

January 24: Kick Off to Catholic Schools Week

Students can wear SSS Spirit Wear or school logo shirts/sweatshirts with their SSS PE sweatpants or SSS logo pants. There is no cost for participation. If your child would prefer to not participate, he/she can wear their regular Friday uniform.