



**Principal Post #20: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski**  
**January 22, 2025**

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

[Registration](#) remains open for our First Responder prayer service in the gym on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 1:15 pm as part of Catholic Schools Week 2025. We welcome the opportunity to pray for and celebrate those in our school community who respond to the call of God to serve others.

Room parents should have shared out a “Wish List” of items that the students will be using to make toiletry bags for foster children through Empower4Life, which is our service project for Catholic Schools Week. We have had several families ask how they can help with this project. Here is the [LINK](#) if you would like to purchase any items from the required list, which will be delivered directly to school. All orders must be placed by Friday, January 24 to ensure delivery for use when assembling the bags.

Finally, I know that social media is a method of communication that many of our families use. While it is a positive tool, please resist the inclination to turn it into a negative space. This was noted over the past few days with the announcements of closures, delays and Catholic Schools Week information. The parent code of conduct in our handbook pledges “to promote your School and to speak well of it to others to include, but not limited to, social media platforms and in the greater Kingsville community.” I assure you that each decision that is made at St. Stephen requires extensive time, effort, and thought about the implications for all involved. I understand that every decision may not yield a result that is desired, but our Catholic faith reminds us to keep God’s love at the forefront of our daily lives and to live in a peaceful community with one another.

Grace and peace,  
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

**Additional Information:**

**World’s Finest Chocolate**

While the weather delayed some of our new shipments of chocolate boxes, we do now have candy available. If you would like additional boxes, please email Miss Judy or sign the bottom of your money envelope. We are currently filling the orders from those who already requested and those boxes will be going home with students today. Thank you for your incredible support. All money is due on Friday, January 31, 2025. To be eligible for the sliming of Dr. Kozlowski and Mrs. Liberto, the two box money is due on Thursday, January 30, 2025

**Interims for Trimester 2**

Electronic interims are being shared with families in grades 3-8 later this afternoon. Paper copies of interims will come home for students in prek through grade 2. Please look at the

interim with your child and have conversations with them about what is going well so far this trimester and any areas where improvement can be made.

**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.

**Catholic Schools Week 2025**

We are pleased to celebrate the joy of attending a Catholic school, in particular here at St. Stephen, beginning this weekend with Mass at 6:00 pm on Saturday and noon on Sunday. Please refer to the [CSW communication](#) that was shared yesterday for an overview of the week, including special activities and uniform add-ons. Your child also came home with a paper copy. We look forward to DIVING into our faith and SHELL-abrating Catholic schools!

**January 31, 2025:** Early dismissal for students at noon