



Principal Post #23: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski
February 12, 2025

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

As we continue to move through the unpredictable winter weather season, please know that the next day when BCPS closes school for inclement weather (day #5), we will have another asynchronous learning day, following the same procedures as today.

Tuesday you received information about the COGNIA stakeholder survey from the Archdiocese of Baltimore. This survey aims to gather valuable feedback from every member of our school communities, helping us gain insights to strengthen our school culture, climate, and Catholic Identity. The survey for parents is now open and closes on February 21, 2025. I ask that each family fill out one survey per household. When you complete the survey, you will see a screen that indicates that thanks you for your participation and that your response has been submitted. Please print this page/screen, write your child/children's names on it and submit it to their homeroom teacher. Your child will receive an out of uniform pass to be used on an upcoming designated day. All completion papers MUST be submitted to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, February 21, 2025 in order to be eligible for the out of uniform pass. You can access the survey [HERE](#).

Finally, our production of Willy Wonka, Jr is underway and our students are in need of your help for props. If you could look at the link [HERE](#) and see if you have any of these items around your house, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send in items to the attention of “Willy Wonka” or directly to Mrs. Hollifield, Mrs. Tirocchi or Mrs. Boschert. On behalf of this talented cast, thank you in advance for your assistance!

Grace and peace,
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

Support Our Eagle Fun Run & Field Day – Become a Sponsor!

St. Stephen School is looking for local businesses to sponsor our Eagle Fun Run & Field Day on May 9th! This is a great opportunity to support our students while gaining visibility in the community. Sponsors will have their business name or logo featured on the event shirts worn by every student and staff member, as well as on our donation platform and promotional materials. Sponsorship levels start at \$350, and the deadline to commit is February 28th. If you or a business you know is interested, please contact Mary McKernan at mmckernan@sss.school.org for more details. Sponsor form is attached.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping make this event a success!

Summer Camp Registration Now Open

You can follow the link [HERE](#) to see the camps that are being offered by our faculty members throughout June and July. If you have any questions regarding the camps, please contact the faculty member that is hosting the camp.

February 14: Early dismissal for students and faculty at noon

This is also Valentine's Day. For \$2, students are permitted to wear their SSS PE sweatpants, along with red/pink/Valentine's Day shirts/sweatshirts. They may also wear Valentine's Day accessories and socks. No nail polish or hair dye.

February 17: School closed for faculty and students due to President's Day

February 18: Winter Sports Add-On day or SSS Spiritwear Day

Students who participate in winter sports (basketball) for SSS can wear their SSS sports shirt/jersey with their SSS PE sweatpants. Students who are not winter athletes can wear SSS spiritwear shirt or sweatshirt with their SSS PE sweatpants. There is no additional cost for participation.

February 20: Class of 2025 High School admissions decisions released after 4:00pm. The John Carroll School Rock Band will also perform a concert for all of our students in the afternoon.

February 26: Loyola Speech Screening

St. Stephen School is pleased to offer a comfortable and convenient opportunity for a speech and language screening to our students, regardless of age or grade level. Certified and licensed members of the Speech-Language Pathology faculty at Loyola University will supervise graduate students as they conduct screenings here at St. Stephen School during the morning of Wednesday, February 26th. The screening is completed individually and takes approximately 15 minutes per child. **If you are interested in your child participating, complete in full and return the attached permission form to your child's teacher by Monday, February, 24, 2025 along with a \$10 fee per student (cash or checks made out to LOYOLA CLINICAL CENTERS).** We have a number of families that have returned the permission slip, but not the \$10 fee. Students of all grade levels or ages are encouraged and welcome to participate. Results will indicate whether the child passed the screening or whether a more in-depth speech evaluation is needed. Attached is the permission slip to print out and hand in or contact our school nurse for a copy. Email any questions to nurse@sss.school.org

News from the Community:

St. Stephen Church is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on March 9, 2025. Please see the church bulletin or website for additional information.

The Girl Scouts are hosting a Bunny Breakfast on April 12, 2025. Please see the save the date document for more information. A reminder that the Girl Scouts are not affiliated with St. Stephen Parish or School.