

Principal Post #24: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski February 19, 2025

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

THANK YOU for your support with our World's Finest Chocolate Sale throughout this past month. I am thrilled to let you know that we profited \$23,965 from all of your efforts. I am already in contact with our Chromebook vendor and will be placing an order soon. I look forward to keeping you updated with the ordering process. Prizes should be delivered within the next 10 days and will be delivered to students. We are finishing the planning of the limo lunch and will be in contact with those details shortly.

Last week 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 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.

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@ssschool.org for more details. Sponsor form is attached. 2025 Fun Run Business Sponsorship Form Thank you for supporting our school and helping make this event a success!

Summer Camp Registration Now Open

You can follow the link <u>HERE</u> 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 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@ssschool.org | Speech Screening Form

February 28: Asynchronous Student Work Day

In an effort to support teachers at the end of a trimester with grading and report cards in Powerschool, the Archdiocese has instituted an asynchronous work day for students from home on February 28. This coincides with the last day of the second trimester. Students will not be present in the school building on February 28, but instead will work from home on simple assignments that will be provided by their teachers. There will be no live Zoom or Google Meet sessions for students. Students will receive their list of assignments on Thursday, February 27 and the assignments will be graded as part of the third trimester.

March 3: Celebrating Book Month begins

To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and a love of reading, St. Stephen School will be having special uniform add-ons each Monday in March related to books. A flyer highlighting the simple add-ons will be sent home with your child next week. We will also be launching a "March Madness Wellness Challenge" that coincides with the NCAA March Madness Basketball Tournament.

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. Breakfast with Easter Bunny Save Date