



Principal Post #25: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski
February 26, 2025

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

Thank you to our families that shared their feedback for the updates to our school uniform earlier this school year. Flynn & O'Hara remains our required uniform supplier and have made changes to their system that mimic the feedback from the parent surveys. For the 2025/26 school year, new uniform requirements will be rolled out and those can be accessed here: <https://flynnohara.com/shop/st-stephen-school-md166/> We are pleased that with these changes that there will not be supply issues for our families. There will be a two year grace period for all students in kindergarten through grade 8 to align with the uniform policies and pieces. While we will continue to have a spring and summer used uniform sale, you may notice that all of the "old " pieces will not be available. Remember that there is a used uniform sale this Sunday, March 2 from 10 am until 2 pm in the school gym.

It was announced last week by Archbishop Lori that Sr. Patricia McCarron, S.S.N.D., will be the new superintendent of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Schools beginning in August 2025. You can read Archbishop Lori's full statement [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!

February 27: Out of Uniform Day for World's Finest Chocolate Sale

Students who sold one box of candy during the World's Finest Chocolate Sale can participate in a full out of uniform day on Thursday, February 27, 2025. Please follow the guidelines in the handbook. Thank you again for your support of this fundraiser.

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 came home with your child this week. We will also be launching a "March Madness Wellness Challenge" that coincides with the NCAA March Madness Basketball Tournament.

March 5: Ash Wednesday

All students in prek3 through grade 8 will receive ashes. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent as we prepare ourselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. The March Family Prayer Table item will help families prepare their homes and hearts for Lent. This item will be sent home next week.

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.

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 event is in need of cake donations. If your family donates to this for the church, they are able to log one service hour, up to two hours total.

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](#)