

Principal Post #28: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski March 19, 2025

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

Tomorrow, Fr. Jude will be leading grade levels through Eucharistic Adoration in the church. I appreciate that the students will be able to learn about and experience how to reverently participate in adoration during this season of Lent. I have also secured with Fathe George a date for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for all students in grades 2-8 at the beginning of April.

Thank you to those individuals who are nominating individuals for the open positions on the HSA Executive Board for the 2025./26 school year. I ask that you please prayerfully reflect if these openings are a way that you can serve the school community. Nominations remain open through March 28 and the nomination form can be accessed HERE.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

Willy Wonka ticket sales continue

Online ticket sales are now open for both performances on Willy Wonka Jr. The performances will be at 7:00 pm on April 4 and 5, 2025. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 14 and under. We do not anticipate having tickets available at the door, but if we do, the price will be \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 14 and under. The cast and crew is putting in the work for a great performance!

March 21: School closed for students

Due to an Archdiocese of Baltimore Professional Development Day, school will be closed to students on Friday, March 21, 2025. This is a "true" day off for students with no assigned work. Faculty members will be attending meetings & professional learning sessions throughout the day.

March 24-28: Lent and Easter Catholic Store

Throughout the week during lunch, Student Council will be hosting a Catholic Store with brand NEW items related to Lent and Easter. All items will be between \$1 and \$5. This is a great opportunity for your child to make these holy seasons come alive!

March 24: Celebrating Book Month continues

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. For March 24, students may add-on any kind of hat to their Monday uniform.

March 25: Limo Lunch to Chick Fil A

Students who sold six or more boxes of candy during the World's Finest Chocolate Sale will attend a limo ride on either March 18 or March 25 to the Chick Fil A in Perry Hall.

March 27: Opening Day of Baseball Out of Uniform. The MLB season opens today and for \$5, students and faculty can have a full out of uniform while wearing a baseball shirt/jersey/team of their choice. Additional baseball/team accessories, including hats, will be allowed. This is an optional day - if your child would prefer to not participate, he/she can wear their regular Thursday uniform.

March 31: SSS Spirit Wear Day and Schoolwide DEAR time

Students can wear SSS spiritwear and their SSS PE sweatpants. We will designate a 20 minute DEAR (drop everything and read) time to end Book Month. Students will read books independently from the classroom or can bring books in from home - your child's ELA teacher will provide more direction on what is preferred. This is also the final week for the March Madness Wellness Challenge.

Key Dates for 2025/26: These dates can be accessed HERE.

News from Our Parish

Parish Registration at St. Stephen Church

It is necessary to be formally registered at St. Stephen Church and actively participating on a regular basis in order to obtain an eligibility form to be a Godparent, Sponsor for Confirmation, or to be a Wedding Witness. We strongly encourage those who participate regularly in our St. Stephen Faith Community to register with us and use either parishioner envelopes or online donations. Register online at www.ssparish.org. Please reach out to Brother William with any questions.

Polish Festival

The St. Stephen Church Parish Polish Festival will be on March 23rd 11am-5pm in the school hall. There is a \$5 admission fee. Celebrate with Polish music, dancing, food, drinks, and games! Interested in volunteering to work? Email pdurkin@loyola.edu for details. If you cannot volunteer to work, but still want to be involved, please consider donating for our cake / plant / liquor variety wheel. Please also email pdurkin@loyola.edu.