



Principal Post #31: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski
April 9, 2025

“Give thanks with a grateful heart.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Please mark your calendars for a Volunteer Appreciation Prayer Service on Friday, May 2, 2025 at 8:30 am in the school gym. The program will last about 40-45 minutes. This is one small way that we can say THANK YOU for all of your hard work and dedication to the St. Stephen School community. We ask that you RSVP using the link [HERE](#) and share this link with any grandparents or family members that have volunteered during this school year.

This week, we were blessed to have Fr. Jude again lead our students in Adoration during the liturgical season of Lent. He noted how well they did being reverent and understanding the importance of Adoration as we approach Holy Week. We are looking forward to grade 8 sharing the Living Stations of the Cross with the school this Friday. A special thank you to Mrs. Youngs and Mrs. Rand for bringing this important event to life for all of our students. Please consider attending any of the Holy Week Services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) and Easter Sunday Mass as a way to commemorate the death of Jesus and rejoice in His resurrection.

Finally, I know that Easter break is right around the corner, but we still do have another week of school remaining. Please continue to reinforce with your child that all school expectations remain in place. This includes completing homework, and depending on the age of your child, having you check it. We are also seeing an uptick in students using inappropriate language with one another - please monitor your child's online presence (social media, group texts, and YouTube videos) and encourage them to only use words that they would use when standing in front of you. Sleep remains an essential part of your child's physical health as well so anything you can do to ensure that your child is getting quality and consistent sleep will allow them to find success during the school day. I know by all of us working together that we can finish this month strong.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

COLOR FUN RUN – Pledging Pages Are Now OPEN!

This is one of the most important fundraisers of the year, and your support means so much to our school community! We encourage all families to share their pledging pages with friends, family, coworkers, and even local businesses to help make this a successful event. Every donation—big or small—adds up and makes a difference!

Share your Eagles page at: <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/eaglescolorfun>

Don't forget to check your email and social media daily for updates, special announcements, and event details as we count down to the big day! Thank you for supporting the Color Fun Run!



LAST CALL : Summer Camp Registration

All registration for 2025 Summer Camps at St. Stephen School will CLOSE on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. This will allow our staff to determine if there are enough students registered to hold the camps, but also to begin to order and receive supplies for the camps. If your child is interested, sign up now to help ensure their favorite camp runs as planned! Register ASAP by [clicking here!](#)

Current Grade 7 Families (Class of 2026)

Mark your calendars now for the Class of 2026 Parent Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm. I will be sharing information related to the high school application process and what to expect during your child's 8th grade year. I learned this week from the Archdiocese that the HSPT (high school placement test) will be administered during the school day to current St. Stephen students on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. Additionally, please see the email communication from April 7 with the information regarding the summer HSPT Prep course - you can register [HERE](#).

Spring MAP Testing Continues: April 9-10

Students in grades 2-8 will take the required spring MAP testing from 8:30-10:00 am on April 9 (math) and April 10 (language). We ask that students be on time at morning arrival on these days and please do your best to not schedule any doctor appointments. Your child should be sure to eat breakfast on these days as well. All MAP testing is done electronically on Chromebooks and results will be shared with families prior to the end of the school year. While there is nothing that your child can do to prepare, please encourage them to take this seriously and try their best. MAP measures growth and their scores will be compared to the scores they earned from the initial testing in the fall. The only change to the above schedule will be for the grade 7 language test. They will take that test only on April 11 as they will be on a field trip on April 10.

April 11: Mid-way point of trimester three. Interims will be released on April 16 as we head into Easter break.

April 17 -18 & April 21-25: Easter break with school closed for students and faculty

April 28: School resumes and Spring uniform begins - please see handbook for guidelines. If there is unseasonably and consistently warm weather, we will let families know if the Spring uniforms will begin earlier, but we do not anticipate that happening.

April 29: Pre-HSPT administered at St. Stephen to Class of 2026. The Archdiocese now requires that all grade 7 students take the Pre-HSPT during the school day. This test mimics the one that students take in November of their 8th grade year as part of the high school admissions process. There is no cost for this test to families. The results will be sent home with your child towards the end of the school year and can serve as a data point of areas where they are doing well on standardized tests and areas where improvement can be made. These scores are NOT shared with high schools. On April 29, all grade 7 students can wear their SSS PE

uniform and should bring two #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils permitted). There is nothing that your child needs to do to prepare other than to take the test seriously and to try their best. The test will last from 8:30 am until lunchtime. Teachers who have grade 7 students in the afternoon of April 29 will be keeping their classes very simple and relaxed.

May 2: Volunteer Appreciation Prayer Service at 8:30 am in the school gym, Spring Band Concert for families at 4:00 pm in gym.