

Principal Post #3: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski September 3, 2025

Thank you to all of our families for your patience as we navigate the school parking lot these first few weeks. We do ask that after morning arrival and as you drive down the soccer field driveway, please put on turn signal to indicate whether going left or right onto Bradshaw Road. This will assist our school faculty in getting you off the driveway safely and quickly. Also, if you are directed to go to the church lot at morning arrival, remember to continue up to the church driveway (next to the cemetery) and staff will direct you to join the drop-off line. You do not need to circle the church drive and go back onto Bradshaw Road. Thank you for your assistance.

This weekend in Rome, Carlo Acutis and Pier Girogio Frassati are being canonized by Pope Leo. If you are interested in watching this exciting event in our faith or learning more about these individuals, please follow the link HERE. We will be acknowledging these new saints next week as a school and in religion class. Your child (oldest or only in the school) will also be bringing directions home to set up your Family Prayer Table this week. The purpose of a family prayer table is to have a dedicated religious space in your homes, similar to what we have in our classrooms. Each month, your child will bring home an item to add to your space. We know that your faith as a family will grow through these prayerful activities.

Yesterday, we held our first school Mass and it was beautiful for all of us to gather again to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist. The safety and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff remain a top priority, and we are taking additional steps to ensure a secure and peaceful worship environment. These steps include:

- 1. Locked Doors During Mass: Once Mass begins, the church doors will be locked so there will not be access from the outside.
- 2. Safety Team Presence: A safety team will be present outside the building, helping to monitor the area, respond to any potential concerns and provide reassurance.
- 3. Use of Communication Devices: Members of the safety team and school administration will be equipped with walkie-talkies, which have already been present on the school campus since last year.

We appreciate your understanding, support, and prayers as we continue to care for the spiritual and physical well-being of our school community. May God bless our school and parish family throughout this school year.

Grace & Peace, Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

Action Needed: Income Survey for Grant Money

In order to determine the funding available for State of Maryland grant money, we must have an accurate record of family income information. To obtain this information, we are asking each family to complete our **2025-2026 Income Survey**. Less than five minutes of your time can translate to large benefits for our school community. Thank you for your support and cooperation as the due date for this survey is Friday, September 12, 2025. This year we will be using the online survey format and it can be accessed <u>HERE</u>. Thank you to the 132 of you who have already completed the survey - we are about halfway there!

Important Upcoming Dates:

September 3, 2025: System check for receiving text messages at 10:00 am

September 5, 2025: NFL Kick-Off Weekend Uniform Add-On - students can wear their favorite NFL shirt/jersey/team colors with SSS PE shorts and tennis shoes. No additional accessories or make-up. There is no cost for participation. The Father's Club is hosting a "Nacho Average Back to School Picnic" from 5 - 7pm for students and families. They will be serving "walking" tacos for the kids (chicken/beef options) with a fixing bar, and regular tacos and such for the adults outside by the pavilion. This is a great event for fellowship, fun and good food for our Eagle students and families. If you can RSVP <u>HERE</u> for planning purposes, it would be greatly appreciated. There is no cost to attend.

September 7, 2025: Class of 2025 Parent Meeting for the HS Admissions Process at 6:00 pm in the school gym

Week of September 8, 2025: Powerschool access opens for families in grades 3-8. Information will be shared as to how to access your child's Powerschool account

Week of September 15, 2025: Chromebook devices rolled out to students in grades 3-8 for in-school use only

September 16, 2025: National Junior Honor Society Inductions at 8:00 am in the gym - this is a time and location change. Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic High School Open House at St. Joseph Fullerton from 5:30-7:00 pm. This is open to all middle school students.

September 17, 2025: Early dismissal at noon for students due to Professional Development day for faculty in the afternoon

Once an Eagle, always an Eagle!

We're gathering stories and accomplishments from our incredible alumni to share on social media. Whether it's you, your child, or another Eagle you know, we'd love to hear about it! Share your update or nominate a fellow alum here: https://forms.gle/mx3jGMMEPBJEckcJA Let's celebrate the amazing things our Eagles are doing out in the world!

Community Updates:

KC Dance & Fitness

Registration is open on the website (<u>www.kcdanceandfitness.com</u>) for the after-school dance program on the dates/times listed below. We are so pleased that Mrs. Kristin Celano, owner and proud St. Stephen parent, is offering these classes again for our students.

Mondays 3:15-4:00 -- Hip Hop grades 1-5

Wednesdays 3:15-4:00 -- Intro to Dance prek3-K

The Fall session dates are: Mondays -- Sept 22 - Nov 17 (no class on 10/6) Wednesdays -- Sept 24 - Nov 19 (no class on 10/22)