



**Principal Post #4: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski**  
**September 10, 2025**

You may have noticed that the playground construction has begun. Custom Park Services took down the old playground on Monday and will be working throughout the remainder of the week in prepping the area to receive the new playground next week. It is anticipated that the entire process will take about 10 days to complete before the inspection takes place. I will continue to update you throughout this exciting process and am grateful for your support with this project.

A special thank you to all of our room parents who have been providing updates for our families. Please note that the purpose of room parents is to share information directly from the teacher/school/volunteer coordinator, to facilitate volunteers and to coordinate special events. Room parents are not equipped to address academic concerns, including homework and tests. Parents should go directly to their child's academic teacher for those types of questions. We appreciate the level of support and communication that has been evident between school and home since the beginning of this new school year.

Finally, we are in the beginning stages of planning an event for our students later this fall. We are looking for families that have access to specialty trucks or vehicles that would be able to bring them onto the school parking lot for students to see. If this is something that you would be interested in or have suggestions of people/locations to reach out to, please email me directly ([mkozlowski@ssschool.org](mailto:mkozlowski@ssschool.org)). Thank you in advance for your consideration and help.

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 [HERE](#). **Thank you to the 163 of you who have already completed the survey - you will be receiving an out of uniform pass as a show of appreciation as I have received your names! Anyone else who completes the survey by the due date will also receive this pass.**

**Fall Open House**

Join us Wednesday, October 9 for tours of St. Stephen School, open to all *new prospective families* from PreK3 and up. Come see our classrooms, meet our community, and discover what makes our school special. [Register here](#).

## **Middle School Open House**

Families exploring grades 6–8 are invited Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 PM. [Register here](#).  
**Current families: share with friends and be entered to win a \$500 tuition credit when a referred family applies!**

## **Growing with God**

Please read the attached letter from the Archdiocese of Baltimore regarding the Growing with God: Safe and Sacred Family Life curriculum [HERE](#) . The letter references this website: [Growing with God At-Home Parent Guide Website](#), and the password needed for the website is “safety.”

## **Band Demonstration and Registration**

Last week, students in grades 4-8 met Mr. Learish, our new band instructor, and were introduced to the band program at St. Stephen School. If your child is interested in please visit the [Band Website](#) for registration/questions or contact Mr. Learish directly at [benjamin.learish@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.learish@gmail.com). Band lessons begin on September 26.

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**September 12, 2025:** Powerschool access opens for families in grades 3-8 at 4:00 pm. Information will be shared electronically as to how to access your child’s Powerschool account. A reminder that you should not contact your child’s teacher regarding any grades that are entered into Powerschool until after you have physically seen the assignment/quiz/test AND have spoken to your child about it.

**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 - parents attending will need to Raptor in at the main office before proceeding to the gym. 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 & there will be no assigned homework this evening. Additionally, the registration for Parent Visitation Day, being held for grades 4-8 on September 30 beginning at 8:15 am, will open via an online link.

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

**September 18, 2025:** Registration for Grandparents Day, being held for grades 4-8 on Thursday, October 2, 2025 from 1:00-2:30 pm, will open via an online link.

**September 30, 2025:** Parent Visitation Day for current families in grades 4-8. All attendees will need their driver’s license to scan in Raptor before proceeding to their child’s classroom at 8:15 am. The visitation will last from 8:15 am until 9:45 am. At 9:45 am, parents are invited to attend Mass with their child or depart.

**October 2, 2025:** Grandparents Day for students in grades 4-8 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm.

**October 3, 2025:** No school for students due to AOB Professional Development Day

**October 6, 2026:** No school for students and faculty

**October 7, 2025:** Blessing of the Pets at 6:00 pm. Families are invited to bring their pets (leashed or in a cage) to the church parking lot by the rectory for a special blessing and prayer service related to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi

**October 16, 2025: Middle School Open House.** This NEW event for current grade 4 and 5 students at St. Stephen School will take place from 6:30-7:30 pm. We invite students and their parents to come and see what our middle school is all about during an interactive evening.

### **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 ([www.kcdanceandfitness.com](http://www.kcdanceandfitness.com)) 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)