



**Principal Post #5: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski
September 17, 2025**

Congratulations to the newest members of the St. Stephen Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society! These 8th and 7th graders were inducted yesterday based on the pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship. We look forward to watching them continue to SOAR in our school and community.

As a Catholic school community, we recognize the importance of Sunday Mass in the life of our faith. To help our students engage more deeply with the Sunday liturgy, we are introducing a new weekly "Getting Ready for Mass" assignment in Religion class. This activity will guide students in reflecting on the upcoming Sunday readings and help them prepare to participate more fully and meaningfully in the celebration of the Mass. Every grade level will have a version of this assignment appropriate to their age and understanding. This school wide initiative will begin with the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time for the weekend of September 27-28. We encourage you to review these assignments with your child and make attending Sunday Mass a regular and joyful part of your family's weekly faith. Your child's teacher will share additional information with you in the coming week.

Next Wednesday we will be participating in a lockdown drill. The students will be informed of the drill during morning announcements and will receive an update three minutes prior to the drill beginning. Teachers will be going over protocols and expectations in the prior days. We will be having one lockdown drill per trimester.

Finally, you received a communication yesterday regarding new safeguards on our website. I encourage you to read that communication and follow the instructions within it.

Grace & Peace,
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

Class of 2026: Crab Raffle

Our 8th grade class is running a "Crab Raffle" to support their various special activities throughout the school year. Chances are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Thank you for your support and consideration. You can purchase your chances here through September 26: [Crab Raffle](#)

Band Demonstration and Registration

Students in grades 4-8 have 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. Band lessons begin on September 26.

Fall Sports in FACTS

Participation fees for fall sports will be posted in FACTS during the week of September 22. Middle school boys soccer and girls volleyball will be assessed \$75, while cross country will be assessed \$50. If you do not have automatic payment set up in FACTS, please check your account next week to take care of this. Thank you for your assistance.

Important Upcoming Dates:

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 23, 2025: Grade 8 to First Fruit Farms for a morning of service, followed by mock interviews and essay writing for the high school admissions process

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 8:20 am. The visitation will last from 8:20 am until 9:45 am. At 9:45 am, parents are invited to attend Mass with their child or depart. The registration link, which was shared yesterday, can found here: <https://forms.gle/14ZBxstYRcwmSru6>

October 2, 2025: Grandparents Day for students in grades 4-8 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. Registration will open tomorrow via a link that will be emailed to all families. ALL attendees MUST bring their driver's license for a confirmed entry. More specific information about that day, including parking and activities that will be taking place, will be shared in an upcoming communication.

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. Please [register here](#) to attend.

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) 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)