



**Principal Post #25: A Message from Dr. Kozlowski
February 25, 2026**

Your help is still needed for the climate survey from the Archdiocese of Baltimore. This survey seeks to gather information from families regarding the school's Catholic identity, culture and climate. The survey for parents is now open and closes on Friday, March 6, 2026. When you complete the survey, you will see a screen that thanks you for your participation and that your response has been submitted. Please print this page/screen, write your child/children's names on it and submit it to their homeroom teacher. Your child will receive a special pass for use in school by following the above directions. You can access the survey here: [St Stephen Family Survey 2026](#). We have 52% participation at this point and would appreciate your assistance in getting to 80% or more. Thank you for your assistance!

Mark your calendars for ticket sales for the upcoming musical theater production of *Seussical, Jr!* The show will take place on March 13 and 14 in the school gym. General admission tickets will open on March 4, 2026 at 9:00 am with adult tickets at \$10.00 and students 14 and under at \$6.00. We hope to see you there!

Grace & Peace,
Dr. Marianne Kozlowski

Additional Information:

Getting Ready for Mass: You can access the video related to the readings below.

Feb. 28/March 1: 2nd Sunday of Lent: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qH_vyRQwTwo

Additionally, the reflection song for Lent this week is "Lead Me to the Cross" -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuR3jXrliNQ>

After-school Spring Clubs

Spring after-school clubs are now open for registration, and we are ready for a season full of creativity, building, and fun. From hands on crafts and cooking to LEGO challenges, scrapbooking, and classic board and card games, there is something for every interest. Clubs are open to currently enrolled St. Stephen students, with grade level requirements listed on the form. Each club goes until 4:15 pm. [Register and submit payment here.](#)

Key Calendar Dates for 2026/27

For the 2026/27 school year, the major school dates and holidays are listed [HERE](#). A complete calendar will be available once final approval has been received from the Archdiocese.

From the Health Suite

Seasonal allergies can start as early as February and can last through summer into the fall. February -April tree pollen triggers seasonal allergies. May-July grass pollen peaks and triggers allergies. Then, August-November is when ragweed pollen peaks. If your child takes daily

allergy preventative medications, please consider starting it now to prevent symptoms in your student. Symptoms include congestion, sore throat, sneezing, itchy watery eyes and headaches.

Staffing Update

We will be welcoming a new Spanish instructor for the third trimester from The Language Project. Mr. Wilmer Flores will be at St. Stephen two days a week. He has subbed for the program and we appreciate his enthusiasm for the language and his ability to engage students during their lessons.

Riptide Dash Shirt Sponsors Needed

The Riptide Dash is set for April 24, and we are now securing shirt sponsors. Sponsors receive their logo on every student and staff event shirt, along with recognition in event promotions and on our donation platform. It is a great way to support our students while gaining meaningful visibility in our community. The sponsorship deadline is March 9th. The [sponsorship form](#) is attached here. If you or a business you know would like to participate, please contact Mary McKernan at mmckernan@sss.school.org with any questions.

Upcoming Dates:

February 26: SSS Spirit Wear Day and/or Winter sports uniform day. Students can wear SSS spiritwear with SSS PE sweatpants/spiritwear pants OR winter athletes can wear their SSS jersey (basketball) with SSS PE sweatpants. There is no cost for participation. This is also the last day of the second trimester.

February 27: Asynchronous Work Day for Students

This means that students will NOT be present on campus this day, but will have some short assignments to complete at home. All assignments and directions for work that needs to be completed will come home with your child on Wednesday, February 25. All work will be due to teachers on Monday, March 2. The purpose of this day is to allow teachers to be on campus to complete grading, update Powerschool and prepare report cards for the end of the second trimester. Report cards will be distributed electronically at the beginning of March.

February 27: Financial aid applications for tuition assistance for the 2026/27 school year due. Please see Mrs. McKernan or Mrs. Anoaia if you need assistance

March 2: First day of trimester 3

March 4: Optional full out of uniform day for students for \$5. All money collected will go directly to the musical theater program. We are seeking to offset the cost of the rental of the soundboard and wireless ear sets for the production which will total about \$1400. Out of uniform rules apply and can be found in the handbook.

March 5: Grade 8 retreat at Holy Spirit Church. Families are responsible for providing transportation to and from the retreat location. Students can be dropped off between 8:15 and 8:30 am on March 5 at 540 Joppa Farm Rd in Joppatowne, MD. Pick up will be at 2:15 pm. Students will wear their SSS PE uniform and will have lunch provided.

March 6: Beans & Bread lunch bag collection at morning arrival

We are asking all families to consider making a bagged lunch donation of a sandwich, waterbottle/juice box, snack, small treat and a piece of fruit for individuals who visit Beans & Bread, which is a part of Catholic Charities. The lunch bags can be decorated with artwork or joyful messages, but should not include student names or St. Stephen School. Thank you for your consideration during this season of Lent as we seek to “give.”

March 9-12: Book Week at St. Stephen School

In anticipation of the upcoming musical theater production of Seussical, Jr., we will be celebrating “Book Week” with a Dr. Seuss theme. There will be add-ons to the uniform each day throughout the week and the sharing of a Dr. Seuss book. You can access the special add-ons for each day [HERE](#).

March 13: Class of 2026 Scholarship information due

Any information related to accepted programs and scholarships for your 8th grader for high school is due in a sealed envelope marked "Class of 2026 Information, attention: Mrs. McKernan." Please see the email from February 18 for additional details.

Looking Ahead:

Summer Camps 2026 at St. Stephen School

We are pleased to share with you our Summer Camp 2026 offerings here at St. Stephen School. You can follow the link [HERE](#) to see the camps that are being offered by our faculty members throughout June and July. Registration is now open by clicking on the links within the document. If you have any questions regarding the camps, please contact the faculty member that is hosting the camp.

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!

In our Community:

KC Dance & Fitness Registration Open

The spring session dates are Intro to Dance (Wednesdays) from March 11 - May 6 and Hip Hop (Mondays) from March 23 - June 1. Classes will be held directly after school. Please see the following for additional details: <http://www.kcdanceandfitness.com/>.

Parish News:

St. Stephen Church is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on March 1, 2026 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the gym. Eat-in options or carryouts are available with adult tickets for \$15.00 and children under 10 for \$10.00. There will be raffles, a cake wheel, and games too! Please contact the church office for additional details and tickets.