



# St. Stephen Catholic School

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March 7, 2019

## Principal's Points

Dear Parents/Guardians:



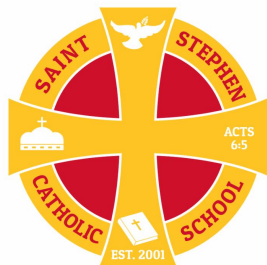
Yesterday marked the first day of Lent, a season marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and in the end, celebration. The 40-day period reminds us of the time that Jesus spent fasting in the desert resisting the temptations of Satan. There are times when we, too, are faced with having to choose between good and evil. As Christians, we are armed with faith in God which gives us the strength we need to stand firm against temptation. I pray that the Lord fills everyone with his many graces during this season.

Any student who showed their school spirit by attending the pancake dinner was given a Spirit Shirt and Jeans pass for this Friday, March 8. Thank you for coming out and supporting this event and thank you to the Men's Club, Columbiettes, PTCO, Dad's Club, teachers, students, and everyone who made the night a success.

Don't forget to come to the Parish Fish Fries each Friday during Lent and be sure to sell your raffle tickets! We need everyone to be All IN for raffle sales.

**Donations of reusable grocery bags are needed for St. Vincent de Paul. If you have any to donate, please drop them off at the school or church office.**

*Peace*



## Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Missed a Tidbits?

Find it on the  
School [Facebook](#)  
or  
School [Website](#)

## Upcoming Events

**Field Trips grades 4th  
and 7th**  
**Monday, March 11**

### Reminder

If Thursday folders go  
home please remember  
to return them to the  
school the next day

## Symbaloo



The school symbaloo page is a collection of links for students and parents that will make it easy to find the information and sites that are frequently used at SSCS. Bookmark it!

<https://sscs.symbaloo.com>

## Lunch /WT Cafe



You can pre-order meals 36 hours in advance of lunch service for a full menu access at the regular price or by 8am daily for a rush lunch (limited choices, surcharge applies) You must order your drinks separately. You can also cancel your order up to 8am that day. Please take the time to check it out. You can create an account or place your order by clicking on.

[WT Cafe](#)

## Parish Verification Form

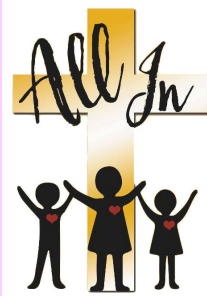
In order to receive the Catholic parish subsidized tuition rate your family must be registered in a Catholic parish and be active participants.

\* Please complete and sign the form with your family information and name of your church.

\* Give the form to the parish



Linda Umoh



Remember to check out our Facebook page. You don't need a Facebook account to see our page. Like us if you have one.

<https://www.facebook.com/sscsfl/>

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

pietrafitness.com

## Free Dree Pass



Wear your school uniform to Mass this weekend and receive a holy card at the end of Mass to be used as a free dress pass on Monday, March 11.

## Please keep one of our families in your prayers

On the morning of February 27, Lauren Tadler was involved in a serious car accident. She is currently in the ICU unit at Tampa General Hospital. Lauren has a son in our PK3 program. As of this morning she was undergoing her second extensive surgery. She will have a very long, hard recovery. A [Go Fund Me](#) account was created, if you would like to donate please click on the link below.

[Click here to donate](#)



## Spirit Raffle 2019

office where you are seeking verification.

\* Ask them to complete and mail back to us.

Once we receive this form and Mass attendance is verified, your tuition rate will be adjusted to the Catholic parish rate.

[Click here for Parish Verification Form](#)

### **Safe Environment & Background Screening**

#### **Fingerprinting & Safe Environment Process**

Also:

If you are volunteering in the school you will need to print off and complete this form and turn it into the front office

[Covered Volunteer Form](#)

### **Birthday Treat Request Form**

The Birthday treat request form has been updated.

Please complete and return to the homeroom teacher **2 weeks prior** to your child's birthday treat day. Thank you.

[Birthday Treat Request Form](#)

### **Uniform Information**

Risse Brothers School  
Uniform Store  
4228 N. Armenia Ave.

Policy and Order Forms

for the

Tickets will be on sale from February 28 until April 1. Here is an opportunity to get your volunteer hours in. ***Reach out to your friends and family and get them in on this great opportunity to win money!***

Thank you for your support



[Click here to sell raffle tickets during i9 Sports Games](#)

[Click here to sell raffle tickets after Mass during Coffee and Donuts](#)

[Click here to sell tickets at the Salsa Fest](#)

Raffle proceeds help support improvements to the school like the new security gates.



### **Fish Fry**



[Uniform Policy](#)  
[Spirit Wear](#)  
[Boys Uniform](#)  
[Girls Uniform](#)

## Mrs. Gonzalez's ART BLOG



We are in need of 2 or 1 liter bottles for a recycled flower project. Please send in clean empty bottles as soon as possible. We will collect them until March 22nd. Thank you!



[Art Blog](#)

## Winthrop Art Festival Volunteers

The Winthrop Towne Center and Community will hold their annual Fine Art Festival on March 30th and 31st. We will have a school tent showcasing the artwork of the Middle School Art Club and other students who wish to exhibit. However, I need help to pull this off! If you need volunteer hours and would be willing to occupy the tent for a couple of hours over that weekend, please sign up. I am also in need of a white pop up tent, yes it has to be white, 10x10 or larger. I would like to display work vertically and in years past used 6 foot white wire closet racks to do so. If you have these materials or would be willing to donate please also sign up. here is the link for sign ups.

[Sign Up Here](#)

*Thank you for your  
support of the art  
program*

## St. Stephen Men's Club Community for Women 2019 Lenten Fish Fry Friday's!



### DATES:

March 08<sup>th</sup>  
 March 15<sup>th</sup>  
 March 22<sup>th</sup>  
 March 29<sup>th</sup>  
 April 05<sup>th</sup>  
 April 12<sup>th</sup>

Dine - In  
 or  
 Drive - Thru  
 4:30 - 7:00



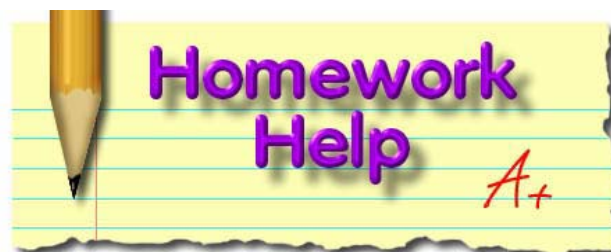
### Menu:

**Fish dinner:** 2 Fish fillets w/ slaw or applesauce and fries..... \$10.00  
**Shrimp dinner:** 12 Shrimp w/ slaw or applesauce and fries..... \$12.00  
**Child:** 1 Fish fillet w/ slaw or applesauce and fries..... \$6.00  
**Combo:** 1 Fish fillet and 6 shrimp w/ slaw or applesauce and fries.... \$11.00  
**Extra piece of fish:** (1-fillet) with purchase of any meal..... \$4.00  
**Pizza:** Large slice cheese pizza w/ slaw or applesauce and fries..... \$5.00  
**Dessert:** ..... \$2.00

St. Stephen Family Life Center  
 10136 Saint Stephen Circle  
 Riverview (Off Boyette Road)



## NEED HOMEWORK HELP?



If you are in grades 1-5 and need homework help OR peer tutoring in trimester 3?

The St. Stephen National Junior Honor Society students are offering homework help/tutoring sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginning the week of March 4, morning sessions will be held from 7:15-7:40 and afternoon sessions from 3:15-4:00,

program.

With Peace,  
Mrs. Gonzalez

## Own the Avenue

Order your Own the Avenue street sign. What a great way to recognize your child's birthday or another special event during the school year.

The street sign is posted for 1 week (Mon.-Fri.) It is \$30 to repost a sign, and \$50 to create a new one. After you sign up please drop off your payment to the front office.

[Sign Up](#)



## Side Heading

room 25, located in the Angel's Wing. For additional information or to sign up, please [Click Here](#)

## MakerSpace after School projects

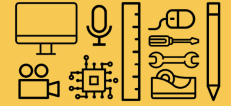
MakerSpace will be offering four free after-school projects on consecutive Tuesdays.

3/12 - Make a Chair from Newspaper

3/19 - Treasure Hunting at School

3/26 - Sound Levels with iPads

4/2 - Measure the height of a tree with common tools (if it rains another project may be substituted).



The events, for students and parents, will be in the Media Center at 3:15 (after carline) until 4 pm. Students do not need to attend all the sessions. Students who typically attend extended day need the Google Form below completed (or a parental note) to attend. Students not picked up at 4 pm in the Media Center will be taken to extended day. Mr. Siffermann and Mrs. DiCenzo will run these events. All materials needed at the event will be provided. Please join us!

[Click here to sign up](#)

## Please join us for the Living Stations of the Cross



The 7th grade class will perform the Living Stations of the Cross on Thursday March 14 at 11am-11:40 pm in the Church as part of the Lenten Retreat. All Parents are welcome to attend. It is a half day with noon dismissal.

## Spirit Night March 26

# Spirit Night

# HOG

BARBECUE  
*Your Hometown Smokehouse*

4pm to 7pm  
127 East Bloomingdale Ave  
813-548-7420

***Don't forget to mention St. Stephen Catholic School 10% comes back to the school.***

Spring Book Fair coming soon!



## STOMP, CHOMP AND READ!

**Spring Book Fair is still in need of a few more volunteers**

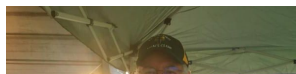
Please sign up on the link below.

[Book Fair Sign Up](#)

Angels Among Us



Thank you for Caryl and Kit for being guests of Angel Among Us at the Pancake Dinner.







Mark also joined the party from the cooking arena . He was the guy who cooked the 38 pounds of bacon that everyone enjoyed.

*Amy Metz, the Angel Award Chair from Angels Among Us 2018, enjoying giving Caryl, Kit and Mark beautiful Angel Beads.*

*The beads were so fitting for the Angels that were honored for their service work at the Angels Among Us Gala last November.*

## Mustang Sports News



### **GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL:**

The girls flag football team won their semifinal playoff game beating Christ the King, 12-0. The Mustang touchdowns were scored by Aaliyah P. with a 50 yard interception return and wide receiver Noelle H. with a rushing touchdown. Avery M. also had an interception to preserve the shutout. The Mustangs advanced to the championship game on Tuesday vs St. Lawrence. The Mustangs lost a tough game 13-0, to finish runners up. The Mustangs should be very proud of their season. St. Stephen didn't have a team last year so to make the championship game this season was a great accomplishment. Thank you to coaches Mr. McRae and Mrs. Stencel for their commitment and for doing a great job leading the team.

### **GIRLS TRACK:**

Girls track practice starts next Wednesday, March 13 from 3:00-5:00. Mrs. Stencel is coaching the team again this season. The running and relay meets are Saturday's March 30 and April 13 at Tampa Catholic from 8am-noon. The field events are Thursday's, March 28 and April 11 at Christ the King at 4:00.



### **BOYS FLAG FOOTBALL:**



Boys flag football tryouts were today after school. The team will have a few weeks of practice before games start the week of March 25. The schedule will be finalized later this week and will be posted on the school website. Mr. Larson and Mr. DiSanto will help coaching this season.



GO MUSTANGS  
Coach Green

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