



St. Stephen Catholic School

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September 12, 2019



Office Hours

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

Missed a Tidbits?

Find it on the
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or

School [Website](#)

**SSCS is now on
Instagram! Tag us
using #sscsmustangs**

Upcoming Events

Principal's Coffee -
September 18 (Topic
STREAM) 7:30am to 8:15
am
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## Principal's Points

Dear Parents/Guardians:



This year we are bringing back the Principal's Coffee. Please stop by the Meeting Room at 7:30 am after drop off. Learn about STREAM and 21st Century Skills and then we will answer any questions you may have on any topic. We will only address general questions. If you have a specific question about your child, it's best to make an appointment with the teacher or administration. We end by 8:15 so that everyone has

time to get to Mass.

Thank you once again to everyone who purchased the SaveAround Coupon books and Spirit Wear items. The school earned \$3500!! This money will help support our current roofing needs in Angel's Wing.

As you know, we sent out a survey to parents regarding pickup preference (carline or classroom). We had almost 200 responses and the results were close. A greater percent of parents did prefer classroom pickup, but it was not an overwhelming majority and the reasons stated by those preferring carline were all good reasons that cannot be ignored. The number 1 reason was safety. Parents cited congestion and people crossing the lot during classroom pickup. They also talked about student safety with all the doors open. The number 2 reason was having other children in the car (many infants and sleeping children), that getting them all inside the school to pick up the other children is difficult. Some of the reasons were:

Faster and more convenient  
Better organized than when trying to exit during classroom pickup  
Easier when picking up multiple children

Therefore we will stay with the pick-up procedures in place. It is always a slow start each year as students become familiar with listening for their

Winthrop Children's Art Show: [Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to download registration form.

## SSYRA



Click on the links below to get a head start on your reading!

[SSYRA Books 2019-2020](#)  
[Grades 3-8 Click here](#)

[SSRYA Books 2019-2020](#)  
[Grades K-2 Click here](#)

## 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 Program



You may order your lunches

number. We have not had many carline pickups yet, but I am happy to report that yesterday we were done in under 15 minutes. Fifteen minutes is a reasonable amount of time for carline.



I do want to address some of the other comments regarding morning drop off. Some said it was taking longer to get through a longer line. Morning drop off is actually much quicker than last year and more cars are unloaded at the same time. Now that we have safety patrols students in place, it goes very quickly. We are able to unload approximately 12 cars at a time, compared to about 4-5 at each drop off last year. Students may exit their car as soon as they are at the sidewalk and we make cars the priority once they are unloaded. It actually takes longer to park, walk your child across, get back to your car, and leave. The whole process will go smoother if everyone would stay in their car. The only exception is parents with PK 3 and PK 4 students. If you are choosing to park, you must escort your child to the sidewalk.

Please be sure to read all of Tidbits and see all that is happening in our school.

Peace,  
*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/>



## Supply Drive for the Bahamas

### Supply Drive for the Bahamas September 9-17, 2019

*"your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:16*



Bahamas Supply Drive: The St Therese of Liseux House in partnership with a parent from our school that has established permission from the

one month ahead of time or place your order by 5pm the day before. **If you are paying by check you need to send your check directly to School Eatery at:**

School Eatery

400 Corporate Point

Suite 300 #819

Culver City, CA 90230

Please login or activate an account. If you do not have an account you will need a school code to add your children. Your school code is SSCS (all caps). To download the app, please search a hot lunch and it will ask for your domain, please enter School Eatery. Once logged in, if you have any questions or need assistance, click on the Software Support option on the bottom left of your navigation panel. School Eatery can be reached at [www.schooleatery.com](http://www.schooleatery.com) [schooleatery@yahoo.com](mailto:schooleatery@yahoo.com) 1-800-570-6755

### 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 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

Bahamian Embassy will be collecting items to support our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Bahamas that are in dire need of help. Please pray on supporting our Supply Drive to help those in need and become a beacon of light to the Bahamian people. Please bring your items to your homeroom and students from the St Therese of Lisieux House will collect them and prepare them for their final destination to the Bahamas. Thank you to Ms. Dalmacy for your tireless efforts to make this supply drive happen at our school.

Batteries (Especially D)  
Flashlights  
Diapers & diaper wipes  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
Deodorant  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Soap  
Toothbrushes and toothpaste  
Band-aids  
Clorox Wipes  
Sharpies & Masking Tape  
Trash bags  
First Aid Gauze & Tape  
Baby Formula  
Mosquito Spray  
Sunscreen  
Power Strips  
Extension Cords  
Face/Dust Masks

### PENNY WAR

## Penny War - Sponsored by NJHS Sept. 23-27

Do you have change just lying around the house? Put those coins in use and join the Penny War sponsored by NJHS. Bring in your **pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars**. Pennies and dollars help earn your class points. Silver coins take away points from other classes. All earnings from the Penny War will be sent to the **Diocese of St. Petersburg Disaster Relief Fund** which will help those affected by Hurricane Dorian. The Penny War will take place during **Spirit Week**.

**1 - 2 - 3 - 4**  
**WE DECLARE**  
**PENNY WAR**



### SPIRIT WEEK

Students may dress for Spirit Week according to the schedule below

## [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.

See handbook for uniform requirements and options

### 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.



**Arctic Monday (Monday) (Dress as your favorite arctic character movie, book, video, etc. Free Dress rules apply.)**

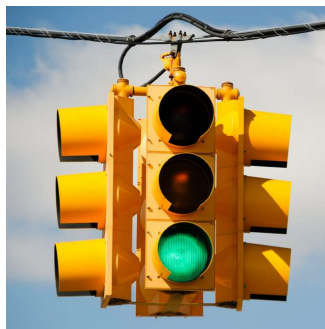
**Together Tuesday (Tuesday) (Dress alike with a group of people. Doesn't have to be the same thing, as long as they complement each other.)**

**Class Spirit Day (Wednesday) (Grades from 5th through 8th wears house colors and Pre-K through 4th dress in school colors)**

**Brains and Brawns Day (Thursday) (Like career day, dress like what you are going to grow up as, either being a Brain sort of job or Brawn sort of job. In Free Dress code applies.)**

**Flashback Friday (Dress in different styles in the 90's '80s etc. )**

### Update on the Traffic Light



We have heard from the County regarding the traffic light. They confirmed that our message is loud and clear and the matter is under review. A meeting was requested with the Director to present our petition in person and to give our parents an opportunity to speak directly about their concerns. We will advise everyone as soon as we have a date for the meeting. Thank you for all your concern and support.

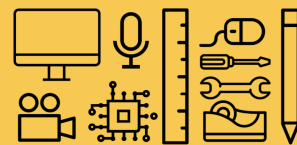
### After School Maker Space

[Click here to sign up](#)



## Side Heading

**MakerSpace will be offering four free after-school projects on consecutive Thursdays in September.**



**9/19 - Toppling Domino Trails**

**9/26 - Paper Airplanes - Build and Fly**

The events, for students and parents, will be in the Media Center at 3:15 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 will run these events. All materials needed at the event will be provided. Please join us!

These events are great fun, please consider joining us.

[Click Here](#) to sign up.

## Book Fair Coming Soon



**Come Share the Light in the Arctic Adventure**  
**September 30-October 4**  
**Few Slots Available!**

Perfect opportunity to get some of your volunteer hours. Click on the link below

[Sign Up here](#)

## Rowdies Game and Tailgating Party



### **Rowdies Game and Tailgating Party October 12**

Tickets can be purchased directly from the Rowdies or for your convenience can be ordered at SSCS. Money will be accepted in the school office by check on or before 10/9. Please complete the form on the flyer attached. If you are ordering your tickets at school, money must be in an envelope and given to the front office with your students name, grade and the number of tickets ordered. Please include your email address on the envelope so the Rowdies can send your ticket electronically. Please [Click here](#) for more information and the order form.

### **PTCO Corner**

#### **PTCO Corner "Extra" "extra" - What's Happening PTCO?**



#### **What we are doing**

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#### **What's Next...**

SPIRIT WEEK!! Come support our local businesses so they can support us!

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### Volunteers Needed

**All families are needed to help Angels in some way.**

New families are required to do 4 of their volunteer hours with Angels.

Please consider how you can contribute to the success of Angels 2019.

The following volunteers are needed:

4 volunteers to help move items from SSCS to the Palmetto on either 11/1 and 11/2.

4 volunteers to iron chair bows and deliver them to the Palmetto on 11/1 and 11/2.

4 volunteers to help with set up at the Palmetto on 11/1 and 11/2.

4 volunteers to visit local prior donors and request a donation for this year.

If you are interested in the above volunteer opportunities, please contact [ngallagher@sscsfl.org](mailto:ngallagher@sscsfl.org)

Another way to get volunteer hours:

Donations of wine and spirits will be accepted in the front office and you will receive an hour volunteer credit for every \$40 spent, (each volunteer hour is valued at \$50). We are in need of spirits, wine, beer and spiked seltzer water.

Receipt for the purchase must be included to obtain the volunteer hours.

Angels appreciates your support! We look forward to you joining us on 11/2.

## Angels Among Us



**Which is the Angel puppy?** Join us November 2 to find out. Get your seat reservations now online at the school website.

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Win Your Student's Class Craft

For the first time, Angels is offering raffle tickets for class crafts. Class Crafts will NOT be part of the Angel Silent Auction but will be available for you to win by purchasing a raffle ticket.

The raffle tickets will be available during the class craft viewing in the school on:

Family Event Friday, October 3 at 3:00pm

Friday, October 4 from 7:30am to 12:30pm

Every Thursday and Friday starting with October 10th from 7:30am to 8:30am and from 2:00pm to 3:30pm

The last day raffle tickets will be available at school will be October 25th.

Tickets will also be sold during the Angels Among Us Celebration on November 2 at The Palmetto Club.

The drawing will be during the Angels Celebration. You need not be present at Angels to win.

Raffle Tickets \$20

SUPPORT YOUR CLASS AND ANGELS AMONG US

Join the Celebration on November 2nd

TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN YOUR STUDENT'S CLASS CRAFT

Knights of Columbus Council 14084 Soccer Challenge Results



On Saturday, September 7, 2019 the St. Stephen Knights of Columbus Council held the annual Soccer Challenge. This event is a free kick from 12 yards into an open net divided into 5 zones. Top two corners worth 20 points, bottom two corners worth 20 points and a large center worth 5 points. Each participant boys and girls ages 9-14 have 3 practice kicks to warm up, then 15 kicks that are counted and totaled when done. The winner in each (boys and girls) age group receives a Council Champion Certificate and ALL who try receive a Participation Certificate. Winners move to the District, then Region and finals are at State Level.

Thank you to my brother Knights who helped support this event which would not happen without them! Mark Lovejoy, Rich Sarnowski, Jerry Coffey, Hart and T Hart Fisher, and Greg Wilcoxon. I also want to thank our Grand Knight Alex Czopek and Deputy Grand Knight Ed Skrobacz for their support!

Our 9 year old winners were girls Gianna M., and Noah T. with Ethan D. as runner up for boys! Our 10 year old winners were Avery M. girls and Jacob H. for boys. We also had runner up for girls Noel P. and boys Adrian R, with Seamus E. also competing. Our 11 year old winners for girls was Isabel Z. and boys Gabriel D., with boys runner up Johann C. and challengers of Ethan M. and Jarod D.

Our 12 year old winners for girls was Calleigh E. and Angel R. *Congratulations* to all young men and women who participated in this years event! The "Runners-Up" in each age group will advance to next level if the winner is not available.

Best of luck to all who advanced to the District Challenge and beyond! I hope to see you all again next year!

Many blessings to the parents for bringing the youth out to compete as well!

Thank you also to the St. Stephen School and Faith Formation for their continued support!

Thank you all for supporting our Faith in Action Programs! It is my honor to serve as the Coordinator for this event.

Ed Veronick
Community Program Director
St Stephen Knights of Columbus Council 14084

St. Stephens Catholic Church Men's Club Annual Golf Scramble

St. Stephen Catholic Church Men's Club 27th Annual Golf Scramble

Summerfield Crossing Golf Club
October 12, 2019



Check-In Begins at 11:30am / Shotgun Start 1:00pm

The Men's Club is honored to sponsor this day of fun, fellowship and challenge on one of the areas great golf courses. We welcome single players, and groups of 4. Groups welcome are men, mixed men and women and foursomes of women only! This is a "Best Ball" tournament! **Proceeds help to fund Parish Youth Activities, Local Charities and an Annual Scholarship Award**

Cost is \$75/golfer - Teams are \$300 Pre-Paid; Deadline is September 28, 2019

Additional Cost of \$25/golfer if interested:

(4 Mulligan's/15 Raffle Tickets/"1" One-Putt/1 Putting Contest Entry/1 Sand Trap Throw)

Included is:

Golf range balls, a Gift Pack, a hot lunch, beverages, and dinner. During dinner, winners prizes will be awarded and Raffle Prizes will be offered. Additional Raffle Tickets can be purchased at Check-In: (\$1 for 1 - \$5 for 10 or Arm Length for \$20)

Putting Contest will be on the Practice Putting Green

Ladies Longest Drive Competition - prize for winner: Hole #3:

Men's Longest Drive Competition - prize for winner: Hole #18

Challenge to all with Our Pastor Fr. Dermot Dunne

Hole #9: Par 5

He will be on the Green to putt for teams going for a Birdie and Greeting Everyone! You can use a Mulligan Here!

Ladies Closest to Pin Par 3 Hole #2

Men Closest to the Pin Par 3 Hole #8

Hole #15 Par 3 Hole in One: 2019 Rivard Buick



Connect with Us Online: Business Letter/Sponsorship Opportunities/Golfer Sign-up Forms

www.ststephencatholic.org/men-s-club

<https://ststephencatholic.weshareonline.org/MensClub2019GolfScramble>

Or Email: edveronick@yahoo.com

Mustang Sports News

MUSTANG SPORTS:

COED SOCCER: The soccer team lost to local rival Nativity, 7-3 to start the season last Thursday. The Mustang goals were scored by Dante S. with two goals and Matias R. with the other goal. The Mustangs bounced back on Tuesday and beat Villa Madonna, 5-1. Dante S. led the Mustangs with four goals and Johann C. had the other goal. The soccer team is back on the field today against St. Lawrence at St. Lawrence at 4:00. They also have home games on Tuesday against St. Joseph and Thursday against Mother Teresa. Both games are at St. Stephen and start at 4:00.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: The varsity volleyball team played in the Academy of Holy Names tournament last weekend. The Mustangs beat Nativity and lost to Berkeley Prep and St. Lawrence to finish fourth. The varsity and JV teams played Tuesday against Incarnation and both won. The varsity won two games to

zero and the JV won two games to one. The girls are back on the court today against local rival Nativity here in the St. Stephen FLC. Varsity match at 4:00 and JV at 5:00. The volleyball teams also play Wednesday against St. Joseph at St. Joseph. Varsity match at 4:00 and JV at 5:00.

Good luck to our Mustang soccer and volleyball teams!

Please see the school website under athletics for the complete volleyball and soccer match/game schedules.



GO MUSTANGS!
Coach Green



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