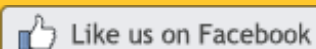




# St. Stephen Catholic School



December 13, 2018



## 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



**B-I-N-G-O**  
**TONIGHT**  
Thursday December 13

## Principal's Points

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please be sure to watch for the Fun Run information and forms which are coming home this week. We will have a kick-off for the students on Friday. Fundraising is important as tuition alone does not cover all the costs of educating your children and we appreciate everyone's efforts in making these events successful. This year's Angel's Gala was a great success with over \$60,000 earned. Of that money, \$20,000 was given to help purchase devices for the classroom. I'm happy to tell you that we have purchased a class set of chromebooks. This will allow us to have one cart of chromebooks in 5th grade and one cart that will be shared by 3rd and 4th grade. We also purchased 30 iPads that will be spread among classrooms. We are so grateful to everyone who supported this effort.

As the school year goes on, sometimes we forget some of the procedures that are discussed early in the year. I'd like to take this time to review our general carline rules. Please know that the purpose of these rules is to keep all pedestrians safe -- children, teachers, parents, etc. -- and to avoid accidents. Also, please discuss these rules with everyone else who may be picking up your children. The most important rules are that you stay in your car. Do not park in carline and walk away. There have been many instances when we could not move cars due to a empty car blocking the way. Also do not park and cross the road to collect your child. Students in grades K-8 are to be collected and dropped off in the carline only. Here are some other general rules:

- During inclement weather (i.e. thunderstorms) children will remain in their classrooms. A red flag will be displayed if there is to be a classroom dismissal.

Doors open at 6pm  
Bingo starts at 6:30pm  
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4th Grade Service  
Project Field Trip  
tomorrow

Friday, December 14  
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### Reminder

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

### Symboloo



The school symboloo 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.symboloo.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

Parents will park and go to each classroom to pick up students.

- Children will be loaded into vehicles on sidewalk side only. No walking around vehicles!
- No opening or loading of vehicle trunks while in carline lane.
- Please respect directions given by carline teachers, and assistance given by Safety Patrol Monitors.
- For grades K-3, you will make a full loop of the parking lot to the main entrance of the school using double car lines.
- For grades 4-8, you will go halfway through the lot to the pick-up point at the awning area (Near Angels' Wing) to retrieve your student(s).
- Each family will be given a number identity code tag to hang from their rear view mirror. It is important for families to learn their number.
- If you do not have a numbered car tag, you will be directed to go to the office where you will show ID and receive a temporary car line pass.
- Please continue out of the parking lot in order to alleviate traffic bottlenecks. There are no stops, opening trunks for backpacks, meetings, etc. as this will cause traffic backup.
- Children should be instructed how to strap themselves in the car.

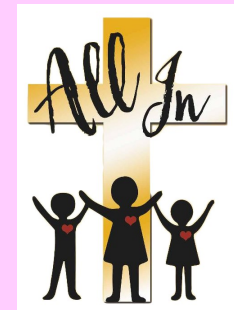
Thank you for your cooperation in following these rules.

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/>



### REMINDER

**Just a reminder noon dismissal and  
NO EXTENDED DAY  
next Friday, December 21**

**Students may wear a Christmas Shirt and Jeans (NO LEGGINGS OR JEGGINGS) Please refer to your handbook**

### Christmas Program

Our Christmas Program will take place Thursday Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. All Students in grades PreK 3 through 4th grade, 8th grade students, band students, drama students, and students in grades 5-7 who signed up should arrive by 6:00 p.m. We are asking all students to come dressed in their best Christmas outfit.

## 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  
2018-19 School Year:

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

## Mrs. Gonzalez's ART BLOG



## Great stocking stuffers!



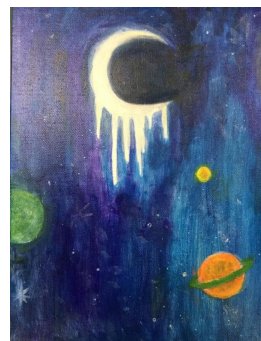
Attached you will find an order form for Dave & Buster Power Cards, which are part of a PTCO fundraiser. If you are looking for a great Christmas gift or an activity to do over the Christmas break then please stock up on your Power Cards with this sale! You can order them for \$20 each and you may purchase as many as you like. There is no activation fee and you will get up to 22% in bonus chips for buying them as part of our fundraiser! The best part is that whatever amount you spend, **50% comes back to St. Stephen Catholic School!!!** So get ready for fun and support our school at the same time! Please return your forms and checks no later than Friday, December 14th. Cards will be available to be picked up from the office the following week. Thank you, as always, for your support.

St. Stephen Catholic School PTCO

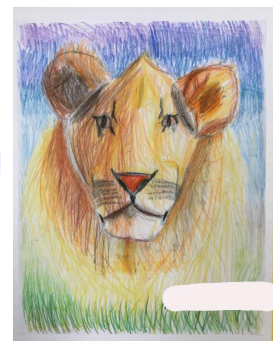
### [Order Form](#)



## Shout out to our talented students!



**Eyla and Anna are 2 students that will have their artwork in the Tampa Museum of Art 2019 Young Arts Exhibit.**



### Exhibition Details:

- \* **Date of the Exhibition:** January 5-February 3, 2019
- \* **Location:** Tampa Museum of Art, Golding Sher





## Art Blog

Thank you for your support of the art 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

## Classroom and hallway

\* Reception: Sunday, January 20, 2019 from 2p-4p  
(Presentation at 2:30p)



## Knights of Columbus Poster Contest Entries



The artwork will be displayed in the Church on the icon wall and the winners for each age category will be announced the week of December 17.

Good Luck!!!!,

**Morgan C., Jailyann G., Hayley G., Grace L., Ashley L.,  
Adrianna L., Tabitha V., Brianna D., Catherine M.,  
Reagan B., Sawyer O., Payton O.,  
Harper C., Zoe G.**

## Angels Among Us





Angels hosted a Santa Party for the family and friends of Sue and Bryan Thatcher. Thanks to Santa and Elf Maria for leaving their busy work in the North Pole to join in the festivities. Cookie Chef, Gina was on hand to lead with decorating cup cakes and cookies. The children enjoyed the Holiday craft activities, singing Christmas Carols and taking pictures with Santa. Thank you Sue and Bryan for the winning bid at the Gala and for graciously inviting us into your home.



## Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw



### Save The Date

On **Saturday, January 26, 2019** in the Family Life Center Gym, the Knights of Columbus Council 14084 will be conducting the Annual

**Basketball Free Throw Championship**  
**The competition is open to ALL boys and girls**  
**Ages 9-14!**

**Time: 9am-1pm**

Parents are asked to complete the Registration form available in the Parish Office, St. Stephen School Office, and Faith Formation Office! It will also be included in Tidbits and on the parish website. Request the return of completed forms no later than Friday January 18, 2019.

Point of Contact: Ed Veronick (850)305-9745  
 edveronick@yahoo.com

### Updated Notice:

Parents are also asked to park in the grass area between

the church and the St. Stephen School playground! You and your participating youth can enter on the East Side; Center entrance under the walkway of the Family Life Center. There will be a check-in table setup there and the front entries will be closed. I9 may be on the soccer field so this will allow ease in parking for the event, and exiting at the end.

Thank you all for the outstanding support for me and the Knights of Columbus!

You may also print off the Entry form [Here](#)

### Yearbook Ads deadline approaching!

## Order your Yearbook Recognition Ad today!

Create your ad online at [www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com)



### Deadline: 1/31/2019

Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by **1/31/2019**.

Sincerely, St. Stephen Catholic School Yearbook Staff

Ad Size Color

Full Page \$225.00

1/2 Page \$135.00

1/4 Page \$80.00

1/8 Page \$40.00

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

## Order and Customize your Yearbook Personalization today!

<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=AOIII4850>

### Deadline: 3/1/2019

The magic of a yearbook is even stronger with personalization. Enhance the cover with a name, crest, monogram or icons to make it truly yours. Click on the link above.

## Volunteer Opportunity



### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN-UP!!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with coffee and donuts. We will have our next training on December 2 at 8:50 am in the Family Life Center. This training will not take long, approximately 20-25 minutes. We ask that volunteers check in with

Jenn in the kitchen upon arrival to sign-in especially our school parents who are using this towards volunteer hours at the school.

If you have not signed up for a time slot already you can do so online at [Sign Up Genius](#). We appreciate all your help in keeping this fellowship event happening. If you have any questions or need further assistance registering for a time slot, please email Jenn at [communications@ststephencatholic.org](mailto:communications@ststephencatholic.org)

## Mustang Sports News



**Girls Basketball:** The girls varsity basketball team is undefeated and 10-0. The Mustang's beat Mother Teresa 30-14 on Thursday to finish the regular season. The team was led in scoring by Hannah Grace W 11 points and Noelle H 8 points. The Mustang's started the playoffs on Monday and beat St Joseph 34-8 in the quarterfinals. They were led in scoring by Hannah Grace W 12 points and Noelle H 10 points. Yesterday, the varsity beat Nativity 28-12 in the semifinals and were led in scoring by Noelle H 10 points and Tabitha V 9 points. The Mustangs play in the championship game today vs Villa Madonna at Academy of the Holy Names at 4:00.

Good luck Mustangs!

The girls JV basketball team finished the season with a record of 5 wins and 1 loss. They beat Mother Teresa 22-7 in the last game. The Mustang's were led in scoring by Vivian G 8 points and Dani J 7 points. A BIG thank you to Coach DiSanto and Coach Ostrowski for their time, effort, and commitment coaching the JV this season. Great season girls. All JV players should wash and return their uniform to Coach Green by tomorrow.

**Boys varsity basketball** tryouts are Monday December 17 from 3:00-5:30. Any 7th or 8th grade boy interested in trying out must sign up with Coach Green by tomorrow.

**Girls varsity flag football** tryout sign ups are next week. Any girl in 6th-8th grade interested in trying out should sign up with Coach Green next week. Tryouts will be the week we return from Christmas break. The season runs January through the first week of March. It is a 3-4 day commitment.

**GO MUSTANGS!**

Coach Green

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