



# St. Stephen Catholic School

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February 21, 2019

## Principal's Points



### Office Hours

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

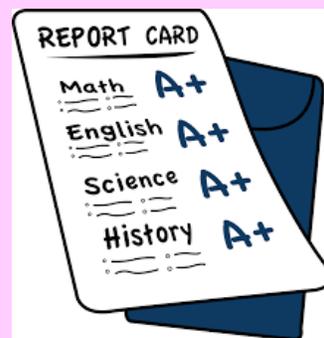
### Missed a Tidbits?

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

### Upcoming Events

#### Reminder

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



Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is report card day! All report cards were emailed to parents this afternoon, so be sure to check your inbox.

Report cards are an important way for students and parents to receive feedback from teachers regarding their academic achievement, approaches to learning, and their citizenship. Even more important, however, is each student's daily outlook on their studies. Their positive attitudes, learning from their failures, their celebration of each other's successes, their perseverance when things get tough - these are the character traits and qualities that we hope to instill in our students. Yes, grades are important, but they are not the only important aspect of a student's life.

Our middle school scholars recently showed off their writing chops during their annual Poetry Café. Not only did the students amaze us with their writing skills, but they also dared to be vulnerable and reveal their very real struggles with the issues they deal with daily. Several students permitted us to share their poetry with you. Please enjoy:

**School** by Antonio, 7th Grade  
School many things to learn,

Some are not fools

# 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 office where you are seeking verification.

So we are not fools.  
test like haters they want to see you lose,  
Teachers even preachers all care  
They even share  
Their knowledge for us and we give them fuss.  
they tell us million times to shhh but we never do,  
We should say thank you  
because without them we would be lost,  
Cause we don't understand the cost they pay,  
To spend hours,  
to do all in their power to make sure we are successful.

These Days by LJ, 7th grade

- Wake up
- Eat **breakfast**
- Get in my uniform*
- Go to school**
- Morning Show**
- Science**
- Math**
- Social Studies
- Religion
- Lunch
- Some Recess**
- More school**
- ELA
- Specials
- Out of school**
- Still more school**
- Homework
- Homework
- Homework
- Homework
- Maybe play
- Homework
- Shower
- Bed
- Like robots
- Repeating
- Tested
- Insufficient work rejected

\* 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

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Uniform Store  
4228 N. Armenia Ave.

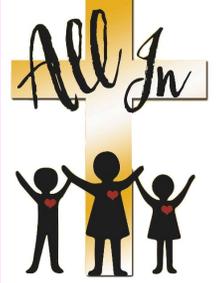
Policy and Order Forms  
for the  
2018-19 School Year:

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/>



Don't forget your Box Tops!

## DUE TOMORROW



Submit all your Box Tops by **Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Please bring them in a zip lock bag labeled with your class

**Ice Cream Party** will be awarded to the class with the **MOST** Box Tops turned in!



Way to Go Jamie!



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

## Mrs. Gonzalez's ART BLOG



[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, 10x 10 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.**

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



Jamie was the winner of our SSCS Spelling Bee. She went on to the regionals to represent our school. Thank you for all your hard work!

## Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner



Join Family and Friends  
**Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner**  
**Fat Tuesday - March 5**

**Family Life Center 4:30 to 7:00 pm**

**\$5 per person**

Children age 3 and under are FREE

Proceeds will help fund additional security in the FLC

Enjoy  
A Pancake Dinner  
Dessert  
Kids Crafts  
Music



We need volunteers to help decorate for the Pancake Dinner

[Click here to Sign Up to decorate](#)



### SSCS Dads Needed

The Dads' Club needs 12 Dads to help serve Pancakes at the Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner on Fat Tuesday in the FLC. This is an opportunity to meet and enjoy spending time with school parents and parishioners while supporting our parish community and earning volunteer hours.

**No Experience Necessary.**



If you can help out on March 5 from 4:15 to 7 pm, please email Shaun at [shaungallagher23@yahoo.com](mailto:shaungallagher23@yahoo.com)

## Fish Fry

Create a new one. After you sign up please drop off your payment to the front office.

[Sign Up](#)



Side Heading

# 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)



## Volunteer Hours for the 2018-19 School Year

All families are required to complete 20 volunteer hours between May 1, 2018 and April 30, 2019. The April 30th deadline is fast approaching. If you need to know the status of your hours, please contact Annie Martinez at [amartinez@sscsfl.org](mailto:amartinez@sscsfl.org) or call her in the front office. She will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Families who do not complete their 20 hours will be billed \$50.00 per hour not completed by April 30. Please refer to the tidbits for volunteer opportunities coming up. You may also contact your child's teacher to see if there is anything you can help with in the classroom.

## STILL NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

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



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with coffee and donuts. 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)

### Spirit Raffle 2019

# RAFFLE TICKETS

Spirit Raffle packets will be sent home next week with your oldest student. Tickets will be on sale starting February 28 until April 1. Here are a couple of opportunities to sell raffle tickets. Thank you for your support.

[Click here to sell tickets at the Fish Fry](#)

[Click here to sell tickets at BINGO](#)



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



### Spring Book Fair coming soon!





The book fair needs your help. Please sign up on the link below.

[Book Fair Sign Up](#)

Please Support One of Our SSCS Parents!



### **Divine Mercy Day of Reflection**

Saturday, March 23, 2019

with Dr. Bryan Thatcher

Founder of the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy (EADM) now active in 40 countries. Dr. Thatcher is a frequent guest on EWTN.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the message and promises of

**Divine Mercy ~ forgiveness, healing, and hope.**

Join us for 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel. The Day of Reflection will follow in the FLC until 3PM. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be provided.

**To register for the Day of Reflection, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 813-671-4434. SPACE IS LIMITED!**

**My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world.**  
*~ Our Lord to St. Faustina (Diary entry #1485)*

Salsa Festival at Redeemer Church



PRESENTS

# SALSA FEST

03.23.2019

**BRING THE HEAT!**

12PM-3PM

Fun for the whole family!  
Over 30 local vendors!  
"Lil' Peppers" - Kids Corner  
Only \$5 to sample all salsas!

Location: Redeemer Church

12404 Boyette Rd

Riverview, FL 33569

www.gsmmission.org | 813-634-7136



## Angels Among Us



**Plan Ahead to Attend Angels 2019  
November 2, 2019  
at The Palmetto Club in  
Fishhawk**

[For more information click here](#)

## Mustang Sports News



**BOYS BASKETBALL:** On Tuesday, the boys varsity basketball team beat St. Peter Claver, 42-30. The Mustangs were led in scoring by Jacob L. with 16 points and Austin W. with 10 points. The varsity playoffs start Monday against Incarnation at 4:00 here in the FLC. The boys jv basketball team also beat St. Peter Claver winning 21-20. The Mustangs were led in scoring Kobey H. with 9 points and John S. with 5 points. The boys jv basketball team had their last game of the season yesterday against Mother Teresa and lost 40-15. They were led in scoring by Kobey H. with 9 points and John S. with 4 points. Good season Mustangs. Thank you to Mr. Honors for coaching the jv boys this season.



**GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL:** The girls' flag football team beat Villa Madonna 16-6 to finish the regular season with a record of 5 wins



and 2 losses and the third seed for the playoffs. The Mustang touchdowns were scored by Noelle H. on a long bomb from quarterback Angelina R. and by Aaliyah P. with a rushing touchdown. The Mustang's first playoff game is Tuesday vs Villa Madonna here at St. Stephen at 4:00.

Field Day is April 4th. **Do you need your volunteer service hours?** Coach Green is looking for volunteers to help run an activity station at Field Day. K-4 will participate from 9:00-10:30 and 5-8 from 1:00-2:30. You can work one or both sessions. Please contact Coach Green at [ggreen@sscsfl.org](mailto:ggreen@sscsfl.org) if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!

**GO MUSTANGS**  
Coach Green

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