




# St. Stephen Catholic School

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December 6, 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**  
Thursday December 13  
Doors open at 6pm  
Bingo starts at 6:30pm

## Principal's Points

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy St. Nicholas Day! Some of our students received a visit today this very joyous saint. Tomorrow we continue with our traditions of the season as reflect on the season of Advent during our retreat. Children will be preparing themselves for the coming of Christ through prayer and activities.



Two weeks ago Fr. Dermot talked about rumors and murmurings and how no good will come of them. I have spoken to a few parents about the current gossip and much of what I have heard is not true. If at any time you have a question about the school, our curriculum, our teachers, etc., please ask and I am happy to provide accurate answers. We try to be transparent in everything we do and if there something you are not sure of, please ask.

I would like to remind everyone about basic driving rules we should all be following in the parking lot to avoid accidents. Here at school just like on the road, when making a left turn you should be in the left lane. There are two lanes in the back of the parking lot and many times cars are traveling in both lanes. I often see people making a left into a parking spot from the right lane. There have been times when I have traveled in the left lane to turn into a spot and have been cut off by someone in the right lane. This is what has caused accidents in the past. Please follow the rules of the road while traveling through the school lot.

Lastly, I would like to share some good news with everyone. that I have already shared with 3rd and 4th grade families. We have hired a new 3rd grade teacher, Mr. David Plumer. He



**Advent Retreat  
Noon Dismissal  
Friday, Dec. 7**

4th Grade Service  
Project Field Trip on  
Friday, December 14

Just a reminder  
noon dismissal  
**NO  
EXTENDED DAY**  
Friday, Dec. 21

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

**Crayola  
ColorCycle  
Program at SSCS!**

Bring your dried up  
markers (any brand) to be  
recycled!

## 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 /MT Cafe**

replaces Mrs. Fernandez who has moved down to the 2nd grade. Please join me in welcoming him on Monday to our St. Stephen family.

*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/>



## Free Dress 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, December 10.**



## 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.



**Time is running out so order your cards now.....**

**Power cards will be sold Friday, December 7 at  
dismissal in the front lobby and the breezeway by  
the Angel's Wing. (Accepting cash and checks)**



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](#)

### 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](#)



Hello Mustang Families,

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](#)



### Spirit Night... Double feature!

#### Join Us for Spirit Night Fun! Wednesday, December 12



#### Pottery Patch 11am to 7pm

2551 SRR 60 East Brandon, FL

AND

#### Chick-Fil-A 4pm to 8pm

2010 Bloomingdale Ave. Valrico, FL

See attached [Flyer](#)

### A BIG Thank You!



## 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



[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



Pre-K4 would like to give a huge **Thank You** to all that helped build the butterfly house, especially to Mr. Isaac and Micah Issac for their hard work to get it hurricane ready and Mr. Carrapella for the new screening to last for many years.

## 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.

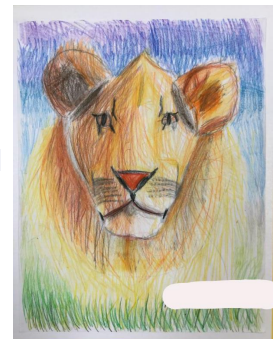
If you have not signed up for a time slot already you can do so online at [Sign Up Genius](#). We appreciate all your help in keeping this fellowship event happening. If you have any questions or need further assistance registering for a time slot, please email Jenn at [communications@ststephencatholic.org](mailto:communications@ststephencatholic.org)



## 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  
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



If you have not yet seen a copy of the Angels 2018 Gala Program, please click on the link below. Many of our community businesses are featured because of their generous support. Please be sure and **Thank our donors, friends and school parents who helped make this fundraiser a tremendous success.**

Please watch for the date of Angels 2019. The planning begins

now. If you would like info about helping as a team leader or a volunteer coordinator, please contact [ngallagher@sscsfl.org](mailto:ngallagher@sscsfl.org).

[Program Link](#)



## 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](mailto:edveronick@yahoo.com)

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

## Yearbook Ads

**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.

## Mustang Sports News



**Girls Basketball:** The girls basketball teams beat St. Lawrence on Tuesday. The varsity improved their record to 6-0 beating previously unbeaten St. Lawrence, 29-20. The Mustangs were led in scoring by Noelle H. 8 points and Hannah Grace W. 6 points. The JV won 18-12, and were led in scoring by Vivian G. 7 points and Dani J. and Jayden O. 4 points each. The Mustangs played Nativity yesterday and the varsity won 25-23 in overtime. They were led in scoring by Hannah Grace W. 11 points and Noelle H. 8 points. The JV played great defense and beat Nativity 15-2. The Mustangs were led in scoring by Sophia C. 6 points and Vivian G. 4 points.

The girls have their last regular season home games today vs Mother Teresa here at the FLC. Varsity plays at 4:15 and JV at 5:15. There are no JV playoffs. The varsity playoffs start Monday and the Mustangs will play in the quarterfinals vs St. Joseph here at the St. Stephen FLC at 4:00.

**Boys Track:** The boys track team had their second and final running, relay, and high jump meet Thursday and all of the Mustang runners did a great job! Final results will be announced next week after they've been finalized by the Catholic sports league. All boys track team members should wash and return their uniform to Coach Green by tomorrow. Thank





you to all of the Mustang runners for their hard work this season. And a big THANK YOU to Mr. O'Reilly for coaching the boys team this season.

Boys JV Basketball had their tryouts yesterday. I am excited to have Mr. Honors, the school counselor coaching the JV boys this season.

Boys varsity basketball tryouts will be Monday December 17 from 3:00-5:30. Any 7th or 8th grade boy interested in trying out should sign up with Coach Green by the end of next week. The boys basketball season runs January through the first week of March.

Girls flag football is the next girls sport and tryouts will be held the week we return from Christmas break. Girls in grades 6-8 are eligible to tryout. Girls flag football season lasts January through February. More info coming soon about tryout sign ups.

**GO MUSTANGS**

Coach Green

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