



St. Stephen Catholic School

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May 16, 2019

Principal's Points

Dear Parents/Guardians:



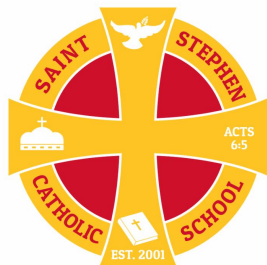
This week we inducted a number of students into the National Junior Honor Society. In addition, two of our current members received NJHS Achievement Recognition from the state chapter. We are all very proud of our students' accomplishments. As with Student Council, our NJHS members were asked to live our theme for next year which is **"Share the Light,"** and be an inspiration to all.

Please be sure to look inside today's Thursday folder. We are sending home the Terra Nova scores along with a letter that explains how to read the scores and how we did as a school. If you have any questions, contact your child's teacher. iReady scores will be sent home next week as students are still finishing their tests. The only exception is 8th grade which is going home today.

Now for some very sad news I need to share with everyone. Unfortunately, due to circumstances that were beyond our control, the Yearbooks will not be delivered prior to the end of school. We were willing to pay extra for expedited printing, but that still would not get them here before school ended; therefore, yearbooks are scheduled to arrive late June. We know how important yearbooks are, and we sincerely apologize for this. We do have a plan for how we will deal with this unfortunate occurrence. Students in grades 2-8 will be given an Autograph booklet which they can use for students to sign. They have a peel-and-stick adhesive which can then be put into their yearbooks when they arrive. In addition, we are planning to have an ice cream social and Yearbook signing party in July for those who prefer to have friends sign directly into the yearbook. As soon as the



yearbooks arrive, we will let everyone know when they can pick them up and the



Office Hours

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

Missed a Tidbits?

Find it on the
School [Facebook](#)

or

School [Website](#)

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

Upcoming Events

**Classroom pick
up tomorrow,
Friday, May 17**

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First grade is opening up a used book sale for all students, May 22,23, and 24. Hardback books will cost a quarter, chapter books will cost a dime, picture books will cost a nickel and magazines will cost a penny. Hours of operation 10:20-10:45 and 11:30-12:00. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hoffmann at

[mhoffmann@sscsfl.org](mailto:mhoffmann@sscsfl.org) if

**Students can come pick up  
some summer reading!**

# 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!

yearbooks arrive, we will let everyone know when they can pick them up and the date of the ice cream party. Yearbooks can also be picked up the day of the party. If someone is moving away prior to July, please contact the office with your new address, and we will mail it to you. Again, I apologize for the inconvenience.



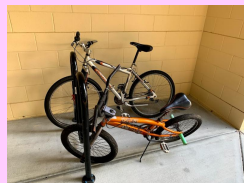
As we prepare to end one school year, we are already thinking about next year. This week and next I will give you a preview of some of the changes. The most noticeable change will be in our lunch program. Unfortunately, the program we used this year was not successful. We did not meet the minimum average monthly orders, and the program became too costly to the school. On average,

we had 20 students ordering each day which is less than 10% of our student population. We have done a thorough search, and without a full kitchen on site, we are limited in our options. As of now, we have not found another company that can serve us. Next year, students will need to bring their lunch each day. One option we are still exploring is having pizza delivered on Fridays so that there will be at least one day a week when students will not need to bring a lunch.

The next change will not be so obvious and will affect only a few. With the possible change in state academic standards, the Diocese is exploring options in what is taught at each grade level. One in particular is middle school social studies. If you look at what is taught across the nation, you will find a wide variety of topics in middle school. There is consensus among many schools in the Diocese that the 7th grade curriculum is a challenge at that grade level. Therefore, two schools (Espiritu Santo and St. Stephen) will pilot a program over the next two years that will change what is taught in 7th and 8th grade. Espiritu Santo will switch 7th and 8th grade curriculum so that 7th grade will learn American History through the Civil War and 8th grade will learn Civics and Economics. Through the study of civics and economics, students will also explore post-Civil War topics. At St. Stephen, students in 7th grade will cover American History through the Civil War and will learn about our government during the unit on the American Revolution. In 8th grade the students will incorporate economics into the study of American history post-Civil War through the Civil Rights Era. It will take two years for this to be fully implemented, and next year 7th and 8th grade will both study similar topics. More will be discussed during Back-to-School Night in August.



Next week I will share the changes in our faculty and staff for 2019-20



These bikes have been sitting outside the school since Easter. If someone is able to take them to Goodwill, I would appreciate it. Thank you

<https://sscs.symbaloo.com>

### 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

#### [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

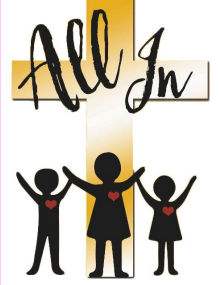
The Birthday treat request form has been updated.  
Please complete and return to the homeroom teacher 2

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/>



### Spring Concert Tonight (Grades 5,6 and 7 will be performing)



**Tonight**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

**6:30 PM in the Family Life Center**

**Students must wear jeans with a black or white shirt and arrive in the FLC by 6:00pm**

**Students in Grades 5-7 will be performing along with Drama Club and Band**

### Attention Talent Show Participants

**The mandatory Talent Show Practice on Tuesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 23 will go until 4:15 instead of 4:00 as previously scheduled.**

### Altar Server & Mass Choir Appreciation Party



**This year many students shared their gifts and talents with the Church through altar serving and singing in the school mass choir. We will recognize them with an appreciation party on Friday, May 17 from 10:30-**

**11:30am. They are invited to wear free dress tomorrow.**

**There will be a dessert bar in the makerspace lab and a water balloon launching outside afterward.**



### Spirit FM Camp & Summer Reading



**Read to the Rhythm Summer Reading Program**

**Rock your summer and win with your Spirit FM!**

**Please click on the link below for more information**

**[Click Here for information on the Summer Reading Program](#)**



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.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, May 21  
12pm-5pm - In-school  
sale

Saturday, June 8  
10am-4pm - 10% Off in-  
store only (no web)

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

### "Sounds Fun" Radio Summer Camp

***Do you have a budding broadcaster?  
If so then this camp is for them!***



**Students in Grades 5-8 in the 2019-2020  
school year may participate.**

**They have 3 sessions which are 2 day camps that you may sign up for.  
Space is limited so hurry!**

[Click here to sign up for the Radio Summer Camp](#)

### Maker Space After School Events



Maker Space will be offering one more free after-school projects.

5/21 - Photography with iPads

The events, for students and parents will be in the Media Center at 3:15 (after carline) until 4 p.m. 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](#)

### Used Uniform Sale Tomorrow

#### PTCO Used Uniform Sale

Friday, May 17th 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

-All items \$2 each or else \$0 if you donate/trade-in a used uniform item.

-Cash and checks (made out to SSCS PTCO) accepted.

-PreK3 - 8th grade uniforms, PE uniforms, and winter uniforms and outerwear available for sale, accepting donations, and available to trade.

#### Volunteers needed

11:30-2:30 and 2:30 - 5:30.

Please contact Mabel Boatenhammer at [maytpa75@hotmail.com](mailto:maytpa75@hotmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!



### Risse Brothers In-School Sale

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



Red Polo



Girls Plaid Skort



Boys Shorts



Zip Up Fleece Jacket



## SAVE THE DATE!

### ► SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN-SCHOOL SALE:

► TUESDAY, MAY 21ST, 2019 ► 12PM - 5PM  
10424 Saint Stephen Circle • Riverview, FL 33569

► **10% OFF SALE IN-STORE ONLY** (*no web*)  
► SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2019 ► 10AM - 4PM  
4228 N Armenia Avenue • Tampa, FL 33607  
**TEL: (813) 282-8338 FAX: (813) 282-8362**

**Risse Brothers**  
**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

## Dave and Buster's Power Cards

Last Chance! Power Cards will be on sale after school tomorrow in the front lobby and in between the School and the Angel's Wing.

## PARENTS WELCOME





**TOGETHER** | **TAMPA BAY ROWDIES**

**ST. STEPHEN NIGHT**

**TAMPA BAY ROWDIES VS RANGERS**

**May 25th 7:30PM**  
AL LANG STADIUM

**Celebrate the end of the year with the Rowdies!**

**All St. Stephen teachers will be recognized at halftime.**

**Students can also participate in the Rally Tunnel**

- Watch warmups from the field
- Free t-shirt

**Youth: \$12 • Adults: \$28**

**10% of all purchases will go back to St. Stephens!**

**Use the link below to purchase tickets**  
<http://bit.ly/sscsrowdies>  
 or call Joe Grossman  
 at (727) 825-3253  
 to purchase as a group!

[Click Here to Order Tickets](#) and enter code SSCS19

Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. There will be a section and seating for our SSCS Family. Every family will be given one chance at winning an autographed Rowdies Jersey if their tickets are purchased before Friday, May 24.

End of Year Celebration



Schools Out for the  
Summer...  
Let's Celebrate!

**Join us for food and fun**

**MAY 29 2019**

**11:30AM-2PM**

Come indulge in yummy hot dogs and hamburgers (including veggie). Kiddos can bounce in provided inflatables and play volley ball or bean bag toss. And, you can cool off with some delicious Kona Ice. Prices per cup range from \$3.00-\$6.00 and will support our PTCO fundraiser! Let's spend some time together!

Join us in the FLC for fun and good food courtesy of the Men's Club, Knight's of Columbus, and the PTCO!

**Special Thank You!**

Thank you to the Men's Club and Knight's of Columbus for their very generous donation of hamburgers, hot dogs, and cooks for this event.

All In



Please [click here](#) to tell us how many will be attending.

If you are interested in getting started on your volunteer hours for next year and are willing to help out that day.

[Click here](#)

### Buddy Families Needed

**Become a  
Buddy  
Family**

Buddy Families are needed in every grade to help the new families become familiar with their new school. For more information and questions about the program, please contact Mabelissa Boatenhammer at [maytpa75@hotmail.com](mailto:maytpa75@hotmail.com)

### Angels Among Us

**Angels has created Sponsorships just for SSCS parents.**



Take a look and see how easy it is to support our students.

Sponsorships are available now and seat reservations will be available when we



reservations will be available when we return from summer break.



**REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
The Palmetto Club**

**Enjoy**

**the Live Music, Open Bar,  
Dinner and Dancing**

Please [Here](#) for more information

## Summer Camps

### St Stephen Summer Sports Camps



**Basketball Camp: July 8-12** Grades 3-8 (2019-20 School Year) [Click here for more info](#)

**Soccer Camp: July 15-19** Grades 3-8 (2019-20 School Year) [Click here for more info](#)

**Volleyball Camp: July 15-19** Grades 3-8 (2019-20 School Year) [Click here for more info](#)

[Sign up here for the Sports Camps](#)

## Reading and Math Summer Work



**Please click on the new link below to see the summer work for all grades**  
[Click here](#)

## Tampa Catholic Champions Volleyball Camp



**Tampa Catholic Champions Volleyball Camp**



### Tampa Catholic Champions Volleyball Camp

Who: Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (5th grade to incoming freshman)

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm

Please see attached for more information and registration

[Click here for more information and registration](#)

## Mustang Sports News



The Sports Awards Dinner was Monday evening and it was a great time celebrating all of the accomplishments of our St. Stephen student-athletes for the 2018-19 school year. Thanks again to all of the volunteer coaches for their time and commitment to the kids and the sports program. The Girls and Boys St. Stephen Athletic Award was presented to 8th graders Avery M. and Jacob L. for their hard work, effort, and leadership representing St. Stephen the past four years. Congratulations Mustangs!

Please see the registration info in Tidbits about the St Stephen sports camps in July. Basketball camp is July 8-12 and soccer and volleyball camp are July 15-19. Basketball and volleyball are full day camps, 9:00-3:00 and cost \$150 to attend. Soccer is a half day camp from 9:00-12:00 and costs \$125 to attend. All campers will receive a t-shirt with their participation.

Next Tuesday, May 21st is the last volleyball open gym for the school year. The open gym is from 3:00-5:00 and all girls in grades 4-7 this school year are eligible to attend.

GO MUSTANGS  
Coach Green

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