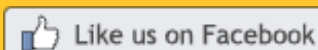




St. Stephen Catholic School



February 1, 2018



School Office Hours

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If you miss a weekly Tidbits or need to look at a previous one, you can find it on the School Facebook



page.

Upcoming Events

**NOON
DISMISSAL
TOMMORROW**

Principal's Points

This week was truly an example of our students learning, serving, leading, and succeeding. Students learned about different career options on Tuesday, today they learned ways to serve the parish through various ministries, 8th graders took on a leadership role on Wednesday as they became teachers, and all students will aid in the success of the school through their walkathon efforts. Thank you to everyone who shared their time and talent to make this week a success.

As mentioned in our latest PTCO live, the raffle requirement will be reduced and each family is being asked to sell 10 raffle tickets. Look for a Sign-up Genius soon to take advantage of other opportunities to help sell raffle tickets while earning volunteer hours at Masses and the Lenten Fish Fries. Everyone needs to work together to make this fundraiser a success so we can "Keep our Mustangs Kool!"

Click [here](#) to read a letter from the Florida Department of Health regarding the flu. It is important to keep children home when they are sick. Please remember to follow the handbook. When a child is absent for more than three days, please provide a doctor's note stating the reason for the absence and when the child may return to school. Please read the letter for more information.

Reminder there is **no school next Thursday, Feb. 8** and **school is in session on Friday, Feb. 9.**

Peace

Linda Umoh

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 2**

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## **Volunteers Needed!**

Volunteers needed to help at the Fish Fry during Lent. The Fish Fry is held at the FLC every Friday from 4:30-7:30 beginning February 16.

Volunteer hours will count toward your school volunteer hours. For more info, please see the sign up

[Fish Fry Link](#)

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Catholic Schools Week Food Drive Jan. 29th-Feb. 2

Classes with 100% participation will have their items counted. Winning classes receives Mustang Bucks and a kickball game with Mrs. Gonzalez

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**February 8, 2018  
NO SCHOOL  
Teacher Professional  
Development Day  
There will be school on  
Friday, February 9th**

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Remember to like our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/sscsfl/>



Catholic Schools Week



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 - February 3
#CSW18

Catholic Schools Week is a time when we celebrate the gift of Catholic education for our children. The 2018 theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of Catholic education. Not only are schools communities themselves, they're part of larger communities of home, church, city and nation. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed" encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

Friday, February 2 - Celebrate our Students

- Students will wear their Catholic Schools T-shirt with jean shorts or PE shorts
- Students will be participating in the Walkathon Fundraiser



**Please join us
Thursday,
February 8 for
BINGO
in the FLC
Doors Open at
6:00 pm
Bingo starts at
6:30 pm**

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**7th Grade will lead the  
Parish Stations of the  
Cross on Feb. 16th, the  
first day of Lent. the  
Stations will begin at  
7pm and the 7th graders  
should arrive at the  
sanctuary at 6pm.**  
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**2018 Parish Lenten
Mission**

**Fr. Richard Leonard
February 19-21
Pre order books
See flyer for more
details
[Flyer](#)**

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**SAVE THE DATE**



**DIOCESE OF  
ST. PETERSBURG**

**Family Faith Fest -  
October 27, 2018 at Al  
Lopez Park in Tampa**

**Mustang Movers Walkathon, Tomorrow!**



## **Hope to see you there!**

It is that time of the year again and our Mustang Movers Walkathon is tomorrow Friday, February 2, 2018. Any dollar amount is wonderful and it is a one-time donation and not based on laps walked. Please mark all donations on the pledge sheet and turn in all money in the envelope provided the day of the walkathon. People may pay by cash, check, or on our schools website there is a PayPal link to give a donation (please make sure to put the child's name and grade in the comment section). Instructions on donating online can be found in the attached packet. Please come out tomorrow morning to cheer your child's class on. If you have any questions or want to volunteer to help with the event please contact Wendy McAuliffe at

[twinwendy1@verizon.net](mailto:twinwendy1@verizon.net)

[Mustang Movers Packet](#)

**This year SSCS students are *Walking on Sunshine* on their way to learn, serve, lead, and succeed in life. Help us make the walkathon a fun and successful event for the kids. Please click on the link below for volunteer opportunities.**

[Click here to Volunteer](#)



**Spirit Night**

**Please mention St. Stephen Catholic School  
when purchasing jump time**



## Handbook Highlights

### Miscellaneous Medical and Health Issues:

If your child is ill (running a fever, exhibiting flu or strep symptoms, experiencing constant sneezing or runny nose, or has an unexplained rash, head lice or nits), please keep him/her home and notify the office of his/her absence. Children should be fever free (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.

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### Safe Environment & Background Screening

#### [Fingerprinting and Safe Environment Process](#)

### 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, located at 4228 N. Armenia Avenue. Below are the forms for the 2017-18 School Year:



**SKY ZONE**  
**ST STEPHEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**  
**FEBRUARY 7TH 4-8PM**

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>60 MINUTE - \$15.99</b> | <b>120 MINUTE - \$22.99</b> |
| <b>90 MINUTE - \$20.99</b> | <b>SKY SOCKS \$2.99</b>     |

PLEASE MENTION ST STEPHEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL WHEN PURCHASING JUMP TIME



**SKY ZONE TAMPA**  
10137 E ADAMO DR, STE 800B, TAMPA, FL 33619  
(813) 833-1740 • [WWW.SKYZONE.COM/TAMPA](http://WWW.SKYZONE.COM/TAMPA)

### Hack-a Thon

[Spirit Wear Order Form](#)  
[Uniform Policy](#)  
[Boys Uniform](#)  
[Information](#)  
[Girls Uniform](#)  
[Information](#)

## Yearbooks



Yearbooks are \$45 until 2/16/18

Order yours now

Print out order form here:  
[Order Form](#)

You may order online:

[Jostens yearbook](#)

Check out the school's  
 free photo sharing app.

[Replay It](#)

## Art Blog

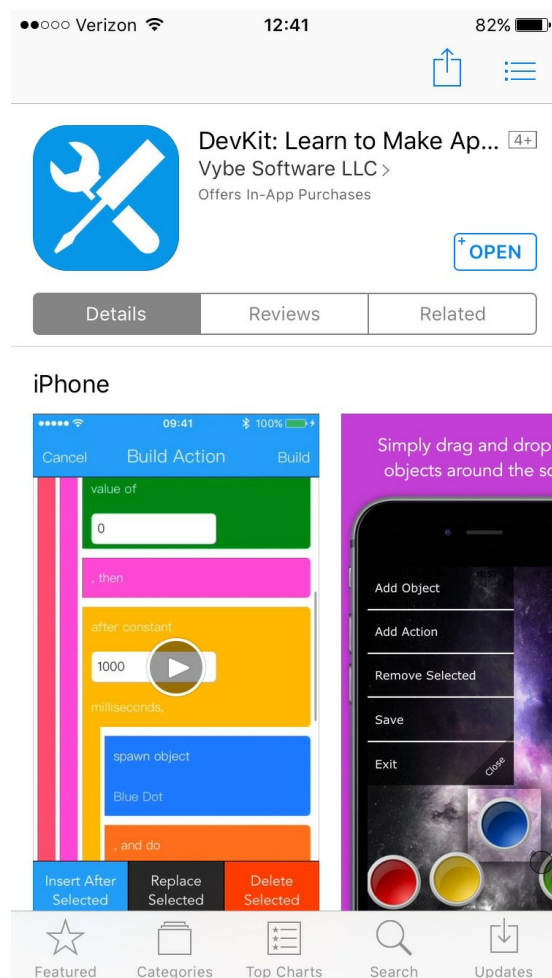


Check out Mrs.  
 Gonzalez's Art Blog

[Art blog](#)

## Own the Avenue

Order your Own the  
 Avenue street sign. What  
 a great way to recognize



## Hack-a-Thon for Grades 5-8

Join us on  
 Saturday,  
 February 10 for  
 this amazing  
 opportunity to  
 learn to code  
 Mobile Apps.

See [Flyer](#)

Please use the sign  
 up genius to  
 participate  
[Sign Up](#)

## Altar Server Training

**SAVE THE DATES**  
 Our Next Quarterly Saint Stephen Catholic Church  
*Altar Server Training*  
 occurs on

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3 & SUNDAY, MARCH 4 (1 to 3 PM)**

As usual, in preparation for Lent, we are offering 2 opportunities over the 1st weekend of March, to provide both **Current & Prospective** Saint Stephen Altar Servers, ample opportunities to attend. You only need to attend one of the two sessions; however, all are welcome to attend both sessions if you feel you need the practice. **THIS TRAINING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO SERVE IN OUR CHURCH;** additionally, **SSCS STUDENTS MUST ATTEND this training to Serve at School Masses.**

**Our Quarterly Lead & Senior Server Coordination Meeting\***  
 will occur on **SATURDAY, 3 MARCH, NOON -1 PM**, immediately preceding the first scheduled Training Session

*\*Lead & Senior Servers must attend this meeting in order to continue service in those capacities*

### Questions

Please Contact: Mr. Julio Alvarez (altarserverinfo@ss@gmail.com) or Ms.  
 Marcia Hart (jnmhart@verizon.net)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR APPLICATIONS FOR NEW  
 SERVERS, PLEASE VISIT "LITURGY" at  
<http://ststephencatholicchurch.schoolinsites.com>

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 Genius](#)



Did you know you can earn money for the school every time you shop on Amazon? And with the holidays approaching, that can be a lot of shopping. The Amazon Smile program allows individuals to choose a charity to support and a percentage of all purchases they make is donated directly to the charity. You can register at [Amazon Smile](#). There are no fees or charges to the shopper, just money in the bank for the school! The school just received our 2nd quarter deposit of \$123.00 and to date, we have received almost \$1000. Anyone, anywhere can sign up and support our school; parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends. For questions or more information, please contact Bonnie Rose at the school, 813-741-9203 ext 1203, or [brose@sscsfl.org](mailto:brose@sscsfl.org)

### Mustang Sports News



#### BOYS BASKETBALL:

The St. Stephen boys varsity basketball team has won their past two games after a three game losing streak last week. The Mustangs lost to Villa Madonna 30-24, and were led in scoring by Brandon D. with 8 points. They beat Mother Teresa 62-40...Frankie F. 23 points and Jakob M. 21 points and beat Corpus Christi 33-28, with Frankie F. scoring 17 and Brandon D. 8 points. The varsity is back on the court Monday vs St. Lawrence at St. Lawrence at 4:00. 2:45 early dismissal for varsity players and siblings. They also play Tuesday at home against Christ the King and Wednesday at home vs Corpus Christi. Varsity games are at 4:00

The boys JV basketball team had one game this week on Monday and they played well beating Mother Teresa, 34-12. The Mustangs were led in scoring by Austin W 17 points.

The JV plays next week on Monday vs St. Lawrence at St. Lawrence and Tuesday at home in the FLC against Christ the King. JV games start at 5:10.

\$2 admission to the FLC for ADULTS ONLY for St. Stephen sporting events.

Girls JV and Varsity Track is the next girls school sport. Mrs. Stencel and Mr. O'Reilly will be coaching the girls this season. Practice will start the

first week of March. More season info and practice dates coming soon!

**GO MUSTANGS**

Coach Green

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