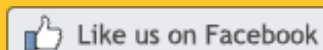




St. Stephen Catholic School



March 29, 2018

Principal's Points

Dear Parents & Guardians:



Today, Holy Thursday, is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. This evening is the beginning of the Triduum which marks the end of the Lenten Season and the beginning of three days in which the Paschal Mystery unfolds and

leads us to the Resurrection.

You may have noticed our Angels Among Us sign as you exit the property. We are getting the date out there early this year so everyone can plan and save the date. Our goal is to stir up some excitement in the Parish and in the community to have more outside involvement in our fundraiser beyond our school families.

Please remember to bring in your Raffle Ticket \$\$ when you return to school on April 9. That is the last day to turn in tickets and money to be in all the drawings. Remember how important it is that we have 100% participation in this fundraiser. We are now up to 7 air conditioners that need to be replaced this year along with gates, painting, an awning, a floor, LED lighting, oh my. The list keeps growing and we need



School Office Hours

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

Missed a Tidbits?

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

Upcoming Events

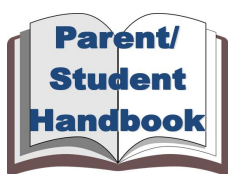
Easter Break
March 30-April 6th
Students return
Monday, April 9th

Happy Easter!



4th Grade Field Trip
May 7th
Tampa Bay History
Museum
12:00-3:00

Handbook Highlights



Parent - Teacher Communication

Unfulfilled Financial Obligations

Students whose families have not met all financial obligations, including tuition, extended day, lunch, graduation fee, lost or damaged textbooks or library book replacement fees, or volunteer hours, will not receive their final report card or diploma until these obligations have been met. Students may not start school if they have unpaid bills and are not guaranteed a place in class. Payments received may be applied to the oldest balance due which may affect the student's participation in other school activities or events (i.e., sports, extended day, graduation).

everyone's help. 100% participation will guarantee us approximately \$20,000 and even that is just a drop in our financial needs bucket. Please do all you can to help.

This is week 3 in providing tips and information to keep your children safe. If you have a student who is in 4th grade or older, please consider texting the word 'secure' to 66866. This is a "text to join" that will provide you with 1 tip a day for 7 days that can help you safeguard all the technology in your home, computers, laptops, ipads, smartphones, etc.

This week's tip is about understanding apps. Your children will want to download a multitude of apps. It would be daunting to research them



**PROTECT
YOUNG EYES**
defending kids from online danger

all and even harder to figure out if they will allow your child access to explicit material. Use Protect Young Eyes to research apps before you download them. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Have a Blessed Easter and enjoy the time away from school!

Peace

Linda Umoh

Remember to like our Facebook page

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

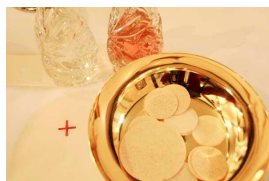
Mass

St. Stephen Catholic School students are invited to wear their uniforms to Mass on the second Sunday of each month. If they approach Father as they leave and obtain a holy card, they may have free dress on the following Monday.

The next opportunity to wear school uniforms to Mass is April 7 - 8



The parish is also interested in having a school family present the gifts at each Mass on that weekend. If you and your family would like to bring up the gifts at a particular Mass, please sign up by Thursday afternoon. Please check in 15 minutes prior to Mass with the Lead Usher near the main doors of the sanctuary and identify your family. Dress with reverence for the service you are providing. If you sign up and then are unable to serve please call Jim Petosky at 813-672-6504 or 813-340-4193.



Thank you for being an active part of our school and parish family.

Safe Environment & Background Screening

[Fingerprinting & 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](#)

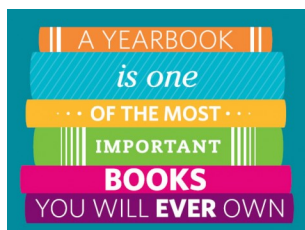
Uniform Information

Risse Brothers School
Uniform Store
4228 N. Armenia Ave.

Policy and Order
Forms for the
2017-18 School Year:

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

Yearbooks



You may order online:
[Jostens yearbook](#)
or
Print off the order
form [Here](#)

Lenten Retreat

Hello Parents!

During the Lenten Retreat today students had many opportunities to further their relationship with Christ. Fr. Curtis and Fr. Dermot joined grades 1-5 for various discussions including Jesus' walk to Golgotha, the tie between our Baptism and the Lenten Season, and the tradition of the Scapular. The middle school grades had an opportunity to learn about and work with THORN Ministries, who feed the homeless in the Tampa area. Sixth grade created a helium balloon rosary, seventh grade created Saint Shrines for next year's Confirmation, and eighth grade created a nylon rosary. All students prayed the Living Stations of the Cross prayerfully performed by our 7th graders. It was a beautiful day to be part of St. Stephen Catholic School!

Attached are some resources you can use at home to enrich

your family's holy week traditions which includes a reflection

on the Lenten Journey and 10 Ways to celebrate Christ's

Resurrection.

[Resources](#)

Raffle Tickets

Keeping it COOL

St. Stephen Spirit Raffle

Support our Spirit Raffle. Money earned will help purchase new AC units for the school. There will be a prize for the top two families selling the most tickets. Please contact the office if you need more tickets. For Raffle details click [HERE](#)

Click [Here](#) to buy your Raffle Tickets

Kids on the Block

Check out the school's
free photo sharing app.
[Replay It](#)

Art Blog

Please click on the link
below for information on
how to volunteer for the
art fair on May 3rd. I
am looking for
donations of
refreshments and
volunteers to help hang
artwork. Thank you
[Link](#)

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
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](#)



Last week our 3rd and
4th grade students had
Kids on the Block
(KOTB) puppet show.
KOTB is an educational
puppet troupe that
performs personal
safety education shows
about Child Abuse
Prevention and Bullying

& Stereotyping Prevention for schools in the Diocese of St.
Petersburg as well as other public and private schools in
Hillsborough County. Our students learn about how to
recognize inappropriate, harmful behaviors and ways to seek
out help. Guidance lessons then follow up with these
messages of standing up for themselves and others. If you
would like further information about the program visit their
website at <https://cfctb.org/services/kids-on-the-block/>

Thank you for your support!

SVDP Food Drive Results

8th Grade with 2.25 cans per student takes **2nd place** and
wins the privilege of listening to music during art class and
a mustang buck per student.

And the winner is.....

EC 4 with 3.75 cans per student takes **1st place** and wins an extra special art class with
Mrs. Gonzalez that involves spin art with a
bicycle!



Vacation Bible School

June 11-15
Family Life Center

Tracking Mary
Mysteries and Messages

Registration:

April 7 & 8 after Mass in the FLC

April 15 & 18 during Faith Formation classes

See attached [Flyer](#) for more details



Movie Night

SSCS PTCO PRESENTS
Ferdinand

Friday, April 27th 2018

For more information please see attached [Flyer](#)



Spring Book Fair is coming!



April 30th - May 4th

Volunteers Needed!

Spring Book Fair!
We need you!!!
Come join the fun!

Sign Up [Link](#)

Summer Camps



We are excited to continue the tradition of our summer camps here at St. Stephen Catholic School. To find out more information on the camps, you may click on the flyers below. To register for

them please print out the form and send your payment to the office by **April 20**.

[Steam](#) Two weeks to pick from. For rising EC4 students through rising 3rd graders.

[Basketball Camp](#) Grades 3rd through 8th

[Soccer Camp](#) Grades 4th through 8th

[Volleyball Camp](#) Grades 4th through 8th



Click [Here](#) to print out registration

Thank you to our Seraphin Sponsors

We would like to Thank our Seraphim Sponsors. Funds raised through Angels have been used to meet the needs of St. Stephen Catholic School for the benefit of the children. This would not be possible without our special Angels and their support:

Ann Marie Vaughan, Realtor
Bill and Julie Brown, Expert Construction Managers, Inc.
Aaron and Beth Niec, HN Wealth Management
Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hughes
Dr. and Mrs. Antonio Zumpano

Mustang Sports News

Field Day 2018 was a great success! The students had a lot of fun participating at the different activity stations and on the obstacle course bouncy. Plus it was a beautiful day! Thank you to all of the parent volunteers. Without your help Field Day couldn't be such a great time!



The boys flag football team beat Corpus Christi 18-0 to open the season. The Mustang touchdowns were scored on a rushing TD by Brayden M., QB Jakob M. also had a running TD and threw for a TD to Jacob L. Great start Mustangs! Their next game is against Incarnation on Tuesday April 10 here at St. Stephen at 4:00.

The girls track team has been working hard at practice. The first running, relay, and high jump meet is Saturday April 14 at Tampa Catholic from 8am-noon. The first field event meet where the girls compete in the discus, varsity shot put, and long jump is Thursday, April 12 at Christ the King at 4:00. Only the girls participating in those events must attend the field events. The sports paperwork and \$50 fee is due to Coach Green or the office by Tuesday, April 10. The four sports forms must be completed in full and \$50 fee turned in to be eligible to participate at the meets.



Have a safe and blessed Easter break!

GO MUSTANGS

Coach Green

