



# St. Stephen Catholic School

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August 16, 2018

## Principal's Points

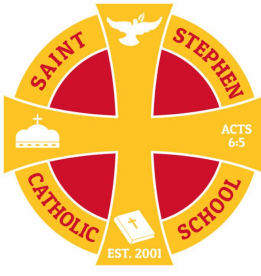
Dear Parents & Guardians:

Thank you to all the families who joined us at Mass this past weekend. It was wonderful to see so many children in uniform. Those who came in uniform were able to have free dress on Monday. For our new families, I want to take this opportunity to talk about our children's envelope program.

In today's society, our children receive many messages that tell them how to live their lives and sometimes the messages are not all positive. We would like to bring a different message to our children - a message of stewardship. We want them to know that God has given them gifts and that they each have something to share with others. For this reason, we provide children's offertory envelopes to allow them to place their gifts in the offertory basket each week. This is not about raising money. This is to teach the children the idea of giving back for all that God has given them. As children prepare their envelope each week, they should write down how they gave of their time or talent to help others. Children should also be instructed in the idea of giving 10% of their treasure.

Each week, during the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, children will be invited to come to the altar to place their envelope in a basket. If a child is uncomfortable coming to the altar, he or she may also place the envelope in the baskets that are passed through the congregation. We ask you to support the effort by first and foremost bringing your children to Mass every weekend. Remind them to bring their envelopes with them and talk with them regarding their time, talents, and treasures. Please do not just give children money for their envelope. Children will be proud to contribute a portion of their own allowance or earnings from doing chores at home. For older children, it could be from money they earn from jobs like babysitting or mowing lawns. Each student will receive a new box of envelopes by tomorrow to bring home.

Our All In T-shirts have arrived. We will send them home tomorrow and students may wear them to school on Friday, August 24 with jeans, jean bermuda-length shorts, jean capris, or PE shorts. Planners have also



### Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday**  
**8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

### Missed a Tidbits?

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

### Upcoming Events

Student Council will be hosting a Bake Sale during both lunch periods the week of August 27th. All items .50 to

\$1.00



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**First Grade in need of pvc pipe. If you have any pipes and the connectors left over from a project please consider donating it and bring it to the front office**  
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**Noon Dismissal  
Friday  
August 31**

**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](#)

arrived and students should start using them by Monday.

Some reminders about carline. Students are not dismissed from their classrooms until 3:00 which means carline begins a few minutes later. We ask that you follow the carline procedures. Cars picking up students in grades K-4 should remain in a single line near the fence until they pass the turn off for the middle school carline. Beginning tomorrow, if you are in the middle school line you will be required to go around so we can move cars into that line. Thank you for understanding.

I look forward to seeing everyone tonight!

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/>



**Back to School Night Tonight!**



**Please join us tonight  
Thursday, Aug. 16**

for  
**Back to School Night**

There will be two sessions: 6:30-7:10 pm and 7:15-7:55 pm. Our evening will conclude at 8:00 p.m. This evening is for parents only. Thank you.

**PTCO Meeting and Farewell to Bonnie**



**Come to the First Meeting of the Year  
Thursday, Aug. 16**

The PTCO meeting will be held in the Family Life Center starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be time to sign up for volunteering and then we will make our way to the classrooms for the teacher presentations. All Parents/Guardians who attend the PTCO meeting will receive a **Free Dress**

**Pass in the FLY** for their student(s) to be used on **Friday, Aug. 17.**

At the end of the meeting we will say farewell to Bonnie Rose and celebrate her many years of service to St. Stephen. Please join us in saying Farewell.



**Parent/Student Handbook**

## Uniform Information

Risse Brothers School  
Uniform Store  
4228 N. Armenia Ave.

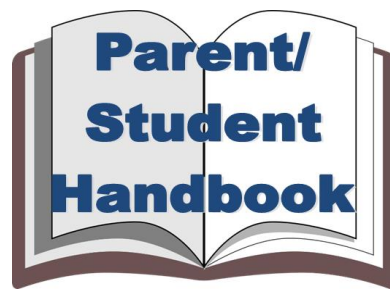
Policy and Order  
Forms for the  
2018-19 School Year:

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

## 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](#)



## DEADLINE HAS PASSED

Acknowledgement of the handbook was due on August 10. We will be running a report tomorrow. Any student who is missing the parent acknowledgment will be held in the office on Monday until we contact the parent and this is completed. Thank you for being ALL IN to get this done!

## School Lunches



We have a new lunch program **WT Cafe**. There is a new menu that the kids will love with appropriate portion sizes, made from scratch foods with allergy friendly choices. 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 by clicking on [WTCafe.com](http://WTCafe.com)

## Looking for Volunteers!

Mr. Siffermann is looking for a parent or two who would like to volunteer to help in board game club (Tuesday, end of the day) Please contact him at [csiffermann@sscsfl.org](mailto:csiffermann@sscsfl.org)

The art room needs help with Polyurethane sealing wooden mural for the school grounds and building a loom. Please contact Mrs. Gonzalez if you are able and willing to help. [jgonzalez@sscsfl.org](mailto:jgonzalez@sscsfl.org)



## Angels Among Us



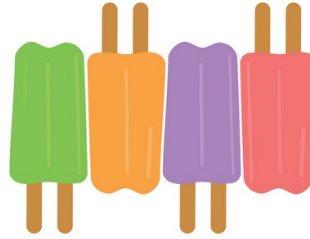
**Help Wanted  
Angels Among Us**

Angels is in need of several technology/ computer experts to assist with setting up

hardware, troubleshooting software issues and providing Tech support leading up to the event on 11/10 as well as before the Event. Volunteer hours will be given for your time.

Please contact [ngallagher@sscsfl.org](mailto:ngallagher@sscsfl.org) if you fit the bill.

## Ice Cream



**We offer ice cream to all our students for \$1.00 on Friday's or the last day of the week that we serve lunches on. You may prepay for the year for \$32.00. Please send in your payment by Friday, August 24th to receive the discounted price.  
(Please make checks out to SSCS)**

## PTCO Movie Night

SSCS PTCO  
Presents

# SHERLOCK Gnomes



- Hotdogs, popcorn, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase.
- A raffle for a Blu-Ray/DVD copy of the movie will be held at the end of the movie.
- Families are welcome to bring a blanket /pillow to sit on. No outside chairs please.

Friday, August 24th, 2018  
At the Family Life Center

Doors Open @ 6:00 pm  
Movie Starts @ 6:30 pm

Parents must stay for duration of movie. Dropping off of children is not permitted.

## Mustang Sports News



Tryouts for girls jv and varsity volleyball and coed varsity soccer were this week. The teams have been chosen and they'll start preparing for the games and matches that start the week of September 4.

Girls volleyball season runs from August 13-October 5. Mr and Mrs Sava are returning to coach varsity volleyball and Mr Pistone will be coaching JV volleyball.

Coed soccer season runs from August 13-October 12. Coach Riker is returning to coach the team this year.

Game and match schedules are available on the school webpage.

All students that participate in St Stephen athletics must complete and turn in to the office the four Diocesan and school required sports forms before being eligible to play. The sports forms are available on the school website under athletics. The sports forms must be completed each school year, including the physicals.

The sports fee is \$65 for girls volleyball and coed soccer.

Student athletes have their eligibility checked every Monday during the season. Student athletes must maintain a 70 or above to stay eligible to practice and/or play in games. Please see the parent student handbook for the complete eligibility policy.

St Stephen participates in the Hillsborough Catholic Youth Sports League (HCYSL) with nine other Catholic schools from the county. Girls sports are volleyball, basketball, flag football, and track and the boys sports are coed soccer, track, basketball, and flag football. The sports seasons schedule for the league and St Stephen is available on the school website under athletics.

GO MUSTANGS  
Coach Green



## Family Faith Fest

OCTOBER 27, 2018

AL LOPEZ PARK, TAMPA



# Family Faith Fest

JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATION



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