



St. Stephen Catholic School

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October 25, 2018

Principal's Points



Dear Parents/Guardians:

I'm leaving this information here for one more week to be sure everyone has seen it. On Friday, **October 12, Facts/RenWeb launched a new website** rebranding the RenWeb company to the FACTS name.

What does this mean for you?

* The way you log into your accounts will not change (whether in ParentsWeb or on the RenWeb Home app). **Your usernames and passwords will remain the same.**

* If you currently go to RenWeb.com to access ParentsWeb, you will be able to continue doing so for a time, but you'll want to start making the switch and logging in at FACTSMgt.com.

* There are **additional login instructions on the Parent Resources** sheet that FACTS provided. It's available [here](#).

The name ParentsWeb will be changing to FACTS Family Online. However, you will still login using the same credentials at FACTSMgt.com and you will still use it the same way once you've logged in.



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

**Kona Ice will not
be here
tomorrow Friday,
October 26**

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**Reminder**

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

### Class Pictures



Here is the direct link to the [St. Stephen Catholic School gallery](#). Once you are on the site, enter the following email to gain access to the gallery - [kbiase@sscsfl.org](mailto:kbiase@sscsfl.org). This is where you may purchase class pictures. Individual pictures will have a separate website and we will let you know when they are available.

### Lunch /WT Cafe



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

## FAMILY FAITH FEST

Catholic School Tuition Drawing  
(see below for details)

All Star Lineup  
[Entertainment Preview](#)



The location for the event has been changed to the Florida State Fairgrounds at 4800 US-301, Tampa, FL 33610.

Please be sure you are reserving your free [tickets](#) for the Bishop's Family Faith Fest. I'm hoping to see everyone there on Oct. 27.

Click [here](#) for the Bishop's One Family video supporting Faith Fest.

Thank you for all the support you give our school!

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/>



### Family Faith Fest

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](#)

### Uniform Information

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Uniform Store  
4228 N. Armenia Ave.

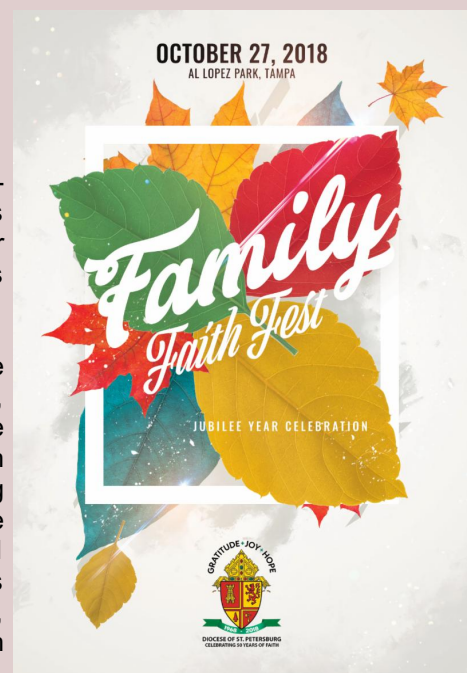
Policy and Order  
Forms for the  
2018-19 School Year:

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

## Family Faith Fest Brings Together One Family

The Family Faith Fest is a one-of-a-kind experience for families and adults of all ages that will bring together thousands of people from across Tampa Bay and West Central Florida. We hope you will join us on Saturday, October 27 from 10 am to 6 pm for live music, food (for purchase) exhibits, activities for children and teens, the celebration of Mass, shopping, health displays and much more. By joining together as one Body of Christ - One Family, we can all grow in faith and grow in unity! Bishop Gregory Parkes invites you to the Family Faith Fest, the Diocese of St. Petersburg's 50th Anniversary celebration, Saturday, October 27 from 10 am to 6 pm at Al Lopez Park in Tampa. Everyone who attends the Family Faith Fest is asked to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit programs of Catholic Charities that serve the most vulnerable among us. Most needed items include: canned vegetables, fruits and soup, boxed and bagged dried pasta and rice, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, crackers, dried fruits, nuts, and shelf-stable drinks (like Gatorade).

Visit [www.familyfaithfest.org](http://www.familyfaithfest.org) for more information.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 @ AL LOPEZ PARK, TAMPA**

**VISIT THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOOTH  
10AM - 4PM TO ENTER TO WIN ONE OF:**

**Four \$250 tuition vouchers for Catholic K-8**

**Four \$500 tuition vouchers for Catholic high school**

The drawing will be held on Tuesday, October 30 and winners will be notified by email. Vouchers will be sent directly to the child's Catholic school. Vouchers have no cash value but may be used at any Catholic school in the Diocese of St. Petersburg for the current academic year or the 2019-20 school year. No purchase necessary to win. Each adult may enter one child in the contest; parents/guardians may enter all children in their family. [www.familyfaithfest.org](http://www.familyfaithfest.org)



# ART

## [Art Blog](#)

Thank you for your support of the art program. Look for artwork and information about the Original Works Fundraiser program coming home Thursday October 25th. All students grades EC3-8th will be included.  
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

## Come ride with us to Family Faith Fest!

October 27th at Al Lopez Park, Tampa

Cost is \$15 per person. The bus will pick up passengers at 9:15 am here at St. Stephen Catholic Church underneath the handicap awning on the North side of the building and return at 7 pm.

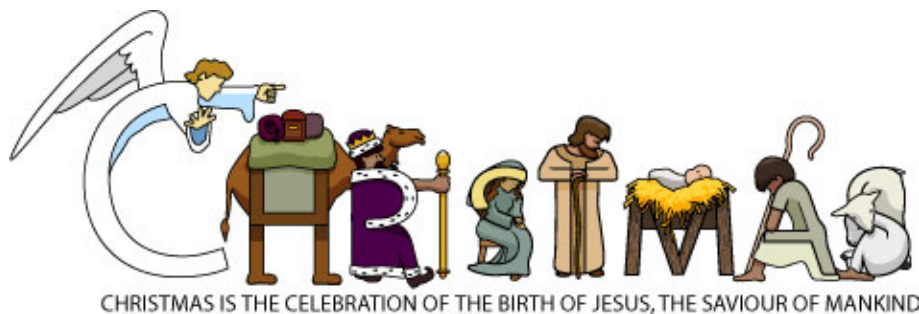


"About Our motor coaches: Restrooms, overhead and undercarriage storage and so much more!"



"Bring your picnic baskets, lawn chairs, and blankets! Get ready for a "faith-filled" day with fun, food, fellowship, Christian entertainment and especially Mass with 6000 plus other Catholics with Bishop Parkes and leave the "driving and parking" to the professionals!"

## Christmas Card Contest



All students are invited to participate in the SSCS Christmas Card Contest. Card designs should reflect the seasons of Advent or Christmas and the Birth of our Lord. Students should use a plain white 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper. The winning design will be printed on Christmas cards sent out by the school and the student will receive a set of 25 cards with the design. All submissions should be the student's original artwork and should include the student name and grade written on the back in pencil.

Designs must be submitted by Friday November 2, 2017  
Drawings sent in after that date will not be considered.

## Statement from the Diocese of St. Petersburg



In light of the news stories regarding a former priest at Christ the King, the Diocese of St. Petersburg has issued the following [response](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Umoh.

## Remembering Our Loved Ones ...Dia de los Muertos



**The Day of the Dead is a Mexican Holiday that celebrates family members who have died.**

To connect with our Catholic traditions on All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), All Saints Day and All Souls Day; we would like to encourage students to bring in pictures of loved ones who have died for display on our school shrine.

If you choose to participate, please make sure that the picture is labeled with the student's name and grade so we can return it to them. Each student can bring in ONE picture, or collage of pictures, up to 8.5x11. Please do not send in 'original', 'valuable' or 'one of a kind' pictures that could get lost or damaged. Copies of photographs are fine. The photo submissions will be taped to paper and hung on the wall. We will make a good-faith effort to return your photos safely and with minimal damage (rips, folds, tape marks, etc.) in Thursday folders the following week.

You may also send in artificial flowers or LED battery-powered tea lights that can be displayed with our shrine. These may not make it back to you since they will be hard to label and keep track of. There will also not be open flames (candles) allowed or live flowers (water could be spilled or splashed on pictures)

Pictures will be on display starting on Halloween (Wednesday, 10/31/18) for one week. We will say special prayers for these deceased loved ones during technology and world languages classes.

I hope you and your children have a safe and happy All Saints Day season and this event will add to your family traditions.

**Office Volunteer Needed**



**Angels Among Us needs a volunteer to work in the office for a few hours. Please call Nicki Gallagher 813-741-9203 or email [ngallagher@sscsfl.org](mailto:ngallagher@sscsfl.org) to set up day and time.**

**If you are a new family, please remember 4 volunteer hours must be for Angels.**

# Original Works Art Fundraiser



Keep a look out for a yellow folder included with today's Thursday folder. It will have an order form and an original artwork created by your child. You will order online but will have to return the artwork to school so Mrs. Gonzalez can send it and your order form back to the company for processing. All artwork and orders are due Friday, November 2nd. If you do not wish to order, you can keep the artwork and discard the order form and folder. There is no pressure to purchase but please know that all orders will be in before Christmas break and make awesome personal gifts for friends and family.

With Peace,  
Mrs. Gonzalez  
Art Teacher  
Religion Coordinator  
Middle School Coordinator

# Trunk or Treat

FRIENDS and FAMILY! Join us for **TRUNK or TREAT!**

Decorate your "trunk" for Halloween – Prizes awarded to Most Creative, Most Interactive (Game/Activity for kids), Best Theme, Attention to Detail, "CAR costumes"!

**When:** Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30 - 8 p.m. Vehicle **MUST** be parked by 6:15 p.m. (Participating cars must be placed between 5:45 - 6:15 pm to participate)

**What:** Kids - wear your costumes.

(No scary masks or costumes, no weapons and no clowns permitted)

Parents - decorate your car trunk. Kids will walk around for trick or treating – please bring **LOTS** of treats to pass



**Event Details**

- Set-up starts at 5:45 p.m. Vehicle **MUST** be in place by 6:15 p.m.
- Park with **trunk** exposed so kids can walk around and collect candy from the back of your vehicle. Fill in all parking spaces upon entering the lot. Volunteers will be on hand to help direct.
- **One** adult must stay with **vehicle** at all times.
- Turn vehicles **OFF** during the event.
- 7:50 p.m. Announcement of the "END OF THE EVENT" will be called. Parents are to help gather children and place them into your vehicle.
- "ALL CHILDREN ARE SECURE" approximately at 8 p.m. (do **NOT** put your car in motion until you hear this announcement) The **Knights of Columbus** volunteers will direct vehicles out – please be patient and move slowly for the safety of the children.

We look forward to seeing you at Trunk or Treat 2018 and helping us keep our kid's safe and having FUN!



High School Visit - October 30

**Academy of the Holy Names and Jesuit High School**

Parents of eighth grade students are invited to attend an informational meeting with representatives from Academy and Jesuit from 12:30-1:15.



Contact Mr. Honors for more information:  
[ahonors@sscsfl.org](mailto:ahonors@sscsfl.org)



**JESUIT**  
HIGH SCHOOL

Nov. 6 - ELA Parent Curriculum Night for Grades 3-5



All parents of students in grades 3-5 are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 6th from 6:30-7:30 to learn more about our exciting new ELA curriculum, Wit & Wisdom. Please RSVP [here](#).

## Angels Among Us



There is still time to get your seat reservation for 11/10. Join us in playing Heads and Tail to win a prize worth over \$1000. The gift of beautiful jewelry and a dinner cruise will make for a great date night ! Raffle items include a Arctic 60 cooler of cheer. And don't forget the puppy in the Live Auction!

The Class Craft Auction Creations are exceptionally beautiful and unique this year. Come to Angels on November 10 and bid to bring your students craft home. Seat reservations are available on the school website or come into the school office. Thanks to parents for all for their time and support for Angels.



## Angels Among Us Update



**Celebrate the Ministry Work of the  
Angels of St. Stephen**



Join us on November 10 to celebrate the ministry work of the thirteen nominees for the First Annual Angel Award. Share in the excitement as the Award is presented to Kit, Mark or Caryl.



The seat reservations are far exceeding prior years so go to the school website and purchase your reservation now. If you prefer, please come into the school office with your payment (cash or check only accepted in the office).

**We are down to a few weeks so please reserve your seat now!**



**Classes have been busy creating their masterpieces which will be available at the event!**

**Place your seat reservation on line at the school website. [sscsfl.org](http://sscsfl.org)**

## CRAYOLA COLORCYCLE PROGRAM

**4H Techwizards** club has started the **Crayola ColorCycle Program** at SSCS!

Crayola is encouraging people to collect dried up markers (any brand, including EXPO markers) to be recycled! They even pay for shipping! Each grade level has a collection center.



**Volunteer Opportunity**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with coffee and donuts following all Sunday morning Masses, 8am - 1pm.

**For SSCS parents, volunteer hours can be used to count towards volunteer school hours for the school.**

If you are interested in volunteering, please click on the link to sign up [Coffee and Donut Sign Up Link](#)



### Mustang Sports News



Girls basketball and boys track seasons have started. All of the teams are practicing for the next few weeks to prepare for the games and meets.

Girls basketball paperwork and \$65 fee are due to Coach Green or the office by **Friday November 2.**

The four sports forms and fee must be turned in to be eligible to play in the games that start on Tuesday November 6. Please see the school website for the complete girls basketball schedule.

Boys track paperwork and \$65 fee are due to Coach Green or the office by **Wednesday November 7.** The four sports forms and fee must be turned in to be eligible to run in the meets that start Saturday November 10. Here are the dates of the boys track season meets.

**Saturday November 10 at Jesuit High School from 8:00-noon-Running and Relay Meet 1**

**Wednesday November 14 at Mary Help of Christians at 4:00-Cross Country Meet**

**Thursday November 15 at Christ the King at 4:00-Field Event Meet 1. Disc, Shot Put, and Long Jump**

**Wednesday November 28 at Christ the King at 4:00-Field Event Meet 2**

**Thursday November 29 at Tampa Catholic from 5:00-9:00-Running and Relay Meet 2**

**GO MUSTANGS!**

Coach Green



