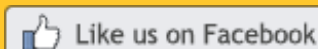




St. Stephen Catholic School



April 19, 2018

Principal's Points

Dear Parents & Guardians:



Congratulations to our raffle winners this week. Tomorrow is our Grand Prize of \$3000!

If you are already curious about when Easter break is next year, the dates and events have been put on the school calendar. Please keep days off and holidays in mind when planning family vacations and try to plan around our scheduled time off.

Please see below for information about Clubs and Electives for next year. I am looking for some volunteers to help with a club.

This is week 5 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 activating Google Safe Search on your desktop, laptop and IOS/Android devices. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



Have a great weekend!

Peace

Linda Umoh

Remember to like our Facebook page



School Office Hours

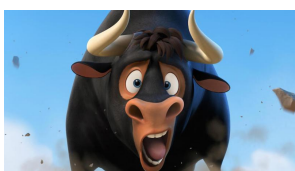
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Missed a Tidbits?

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

Upcoming Events

**Noon Dismissal
tomorrow
Friday, April
20th**



PTCO Presents Ferdinand Friday. April 27

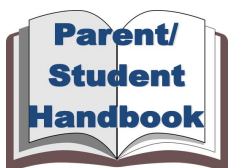
Art Fair
 Thursday, May 3rd
 3:15-5:00 pm

**First Holy
Communion
Rehearsal**
 at the church
 Thursday, May 3rd at
 6:15pm

**First Holy
Communion**
 at the church
 Saturday, May 5th at
 10:00am

4th Grade Field Trip
 May 8th
 Tampa Bay History
 Museum
 12:00-3:00 pm

Handbook Highlights



Marvelous Mustang

All enrolled students of St. Stephen Catholic School are eligible for the school's special award, "Marvelous Mustang". This monthly recognition is given to students who exhibit characteristics or actions pertaining to the annual school theme. This year's school theme is *Make it Happen!*

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

Clubs and Electives



Please share your talent or expertise and consider volunteering to teach a club or elective next year. Please click [HERE](#) for details.

SSYRA



All students who qualified for the 2017-2018 SSYRA program by reading at least three of the books this year will enjoy an ice cream party tomorrow

April 20th!

K-2nd grade 10:30

3rd-5th grade 11:15

Rice Bowl results



Thank you to all students and families that faithfully donated to the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program. The total collected for the rice bowls was \$1279.19!

Summer Camps registration due tomorrow!



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 tomorrow April 20.**

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

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

Counselor Corner

Yeah, but...

Kristina Kuzmic

I often get asked how I stay so positive. To be honest, I struggle with it daily. I'm a recovering pessimist. I filmed this video last time I was in Croatia visiting my family. If you struggle with being negative (or have a kid who struggles with it), I hope this helps!

[Click here](#) for the video

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](#)

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

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

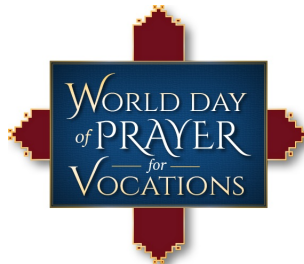
Click [Here](#) to print out registration



Do you play an instrument?

Ms Julie's PK4 class is doing a unit on music this month. If you play an instrument and would like to play it in front of the class, please email Ms. Julie at jpollock@sscsfl.org.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



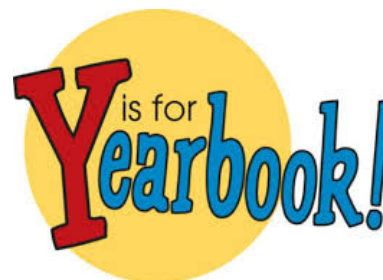
The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life.

While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the Religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission "ad gentes".

2018 marks the 55th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Attached are some ideas that can be done at home with your family. [World Day of Prayer](#)

Deadline is coming fast!



It's not too late to order your yearbook
Get your child's memories before they sell out!
Limited number remaining.

You may order at [Jostens Yearbook](#)
or
Print off the [Order Form](#) here

Yearbooks

You may order online:
[Jostens yearbook](#)

or
Print off the order
form [Here](#)

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



Spirit night

SPIRIT NIGHT

Chick-fil-A -
Bloomingdale Avenue, Valrico
Tuesday, April 24
3:30-8:30 p.m.



Be sure to mention
St. Stephen Spirit Night
when ordering. 15% of each sale comes back to
the school!

April is Month of the Military Child



We want to celebrate our students who come from
military families because they serve, too! There is a
jean day on April 27th, and students of active and
retired military members can wear purple. Students
can see Mrs. Clendenen about getting a purple ribbon
to wear if need be.

Calling all aspiring authors



Calling all aspiring
authors in grades 3-8.
The first meeting of
the SSCS student
writing group will be
after school on
Friday, April 27th in
the front office

conference room until 4:00. All skill levels are
welcome! Come be inspired to become a better
writer and help others do the same.

Spring Book Fair

please drop off your payment to the front office.

[Sign Up](#)
[Genius](#)



April 30th - May 4th

Our Book Fair theme is Paws for Books: **Come, Stay, Read a Great Tale!**

Readers will find purr-fect books and have a dog-gone good time.

Costume Contest

Please see [Flyer](#) for details

Volunteers still Needed!

We need your help! Please complete the form attached by circling the areas that you are interested in volunteering for and print it out and return it into the office or you may use the Sign Up Genius link below.

Sign Up [Link](#) or
print [Volunteer Form](#)

Munchkins with Moms

Dad volunteers needed to serve at Munchkins for Moms



Please use the [Link](#) to sign up

Art Fair



Art Fair

Thursday, May 3rd

3:15 - 5:00 pm

Artwork from every student in the school!

Live Music Performed by Students
Refreshments
A Scavenger Hunt
Find the hidden Mustangs in the exhibition and win!

Spring Concert

The Spring Concert is approaching very quickly! Your children have been hard at work to put on a great show! The show is on May 4th at 6:30 pm in the FLC. Grades 4-7, Drama Club, Band, and show choir will be performing. Your student will need to arrive at 6 pm to sit with their class. Dress is as following...

4th: Spring colored clothes
5th: Animal prints (Lion King)
6th: Cowboy/Cowgirl attire
7th: White dress shirt and dark colored bottoms.

See you on May 4th for a Night on Broadway!



Library News

The end of the year is coming soon, and exciting renovations are coming to our SSCS media center this summer! In order to prepare the media center for the new flooring, we will be packing up all the books beginning the week of May 7th. That means **all library books must be returned to the library by Monday, May 7th**. If you are interested in helping with the pack up, please contact Mrs. Robles at grobles@sscsfl.org. Thank you!



Join the SSCS Dad's Club



Titles are earned!! Join the SSCS Dads Club and help serve the school and the students. We are currently seeking both #1 DADs and the World's Greatest Dads to assist with projects throughout this summer and the next school year. If you are interested and available, please email me at shaungallagher23@yahoo.com

Volunteer hours will be given toward this year or next year depending on what you need.

The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature.

Save the Date



The 19th Annual Angels Among Us Gala!
Hosted by St. Stephen

Dinner ~ Silent and Live Auction ~
Entertainment ~ Open Bar

Proceeds Benefit the Children of
St. Stephen Catholic School

Please join us for the most elegant event of the year.
Bring your friends and family for a spectacular evening!
Black Tie optional, Adults 21 +

Follow us on **facebook** at St. Stephen Catholic School
for updates!

Thank you to our Seraphim 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 Niec, HN Wealth Management
Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hughes
Dr. and Mrs. Antonio Zumpano

Mustang Sports News



The boys flag football team lost to Christ the King 26-6. The Mustang touchdown was scored on a rushing TD by Quarterback Jakob M. The Mustangs have won their past two games. They beat St. Peter Claver 28-12. QB Jakob M. 2 rushing TD's and Jacob L. and Brayden M. with touchdown catches. Jordan O. had an interception on defense. They also won against Mother Teresa 14-13. QB Jakob M. with a rushing TD and Jordan O. with a touchdown reception. The Mustangs are back on the field today with a doubleheader here at St. Stephen. The boys play Villa Madonna at 4:00 and Incarnation at 5:15. Next week is the last week of the regular season with games at St. Lawrence on Monday and at home on Tuesday vs St. Joseph and Thursday vs Nativity.

All of the girls did a great job at the first track meet on Saturday. Here are the girls who finished top eight in their event and earned points for the team.

Varsity-Kristen B. - 1st Mile(6:16), Hannah Grace W. - Mile(6:30), Katie Tyson - 8th Mile(7:08), 3rd Mile Relay(5:09)

JV-Sophia C.- 8th 100(16.74), Vivian G.- 3rd 200(30.75), and 7th 400(1:13), 8th 4x100 Relay(1:08), 6th 4x200 Relay(2:28)

The 2nd and final track meet is tomorrow at Tampa Catholic at 4:30 and the cross country meet is Tuesday at Mary Help at 4:00.
Good Luck to all of our Mustang runners.

The Sports Awards Dinner is May 15. Athletes and families mark your calendar. More info coming next week.

GO MUSTANGS

Coach Green



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