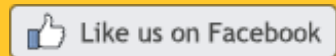




# St. Stephen Catholic School



March 15, 2018



## 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

**Students may  
wear a green  
shirt and jeans  
tomorrow**

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## Principal's Points

Dear Parents & Guardians:

The safety of your children is as important to us as we know it is to you. Electronic devices and the Internet can be tools that assist with education and at the same time they can have a negative influence on the lives of children. One negative influence is pornography. Pornography is a virus infecting the minds and hearts of adults and children in our society and more people are exposed to it than ever before. Protecting our children from pornography is a Catholic responsibility that we must attend to with urgency. In 2009, Michael Leahy released results of a survey of 29,000 individuals at North American universities 51% of male students and 32% of female students first viewed pornography before their teenage years (12 and younger). You may be thinking, "My fourth grader isn't looking for porn." Sadly, the porn industry is looking for your fourth grader. Scientific research on the brain reveals exposure to pornography has long term, harmful effects to our society through abuse, broken families and damaged relationships.

The Diocese of St. Petersburg has provided workshops to teachers, administration, staff, and parents in partnership with Covenant Eyes, an Internet Accountability and Filtering Software Company, to teach them about safeguarding family's technology against unrestricted access explicit material. 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. For the next 8



**SSYRA reading logs  
are due tomorrow  
March 16**

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**Bingo  
March 22 in the FLC  
Doors open  
6:00 pm  
Bingo starts  
6:30 pm**

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Rice Bowls will be collected in homeroom Monday March 26th & 27th. **If you are available** to come in March 28th or 29th from 8am-11am to disassemble rice bowls and sort money in the front office conference room we are looking for parent volunteers! Please use the link below to sign up today!

[Link](#)

**Counselor Corner**

Parenting Funny:



**Donations**

First Grade is in need

weeks in Tidbits, we will also be providing information and tips to keep your children safe.

Peace

Linda Umoh



Remember to like our Facebook page

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

**Volunteers needed for 7th Grade Field Trip**

**Are you in need of volunteer hours? Be a Finance Park Chaperone**

7th grade is in need of 2 volunteers to assist with a field trip to Finance Park in Largo next Friday, March 23 from 7:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The volunteers must arrive at Finance Part at 7:45 a.m. for a 30 minute training prior to the class arrival. Volunteers will work with the students once they arrive until 2:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Bohnart by Friday, March 16. All parents are eligible to volunteer, not just 7th grade parents. Thank you.



**Volunteer opportunities still available**



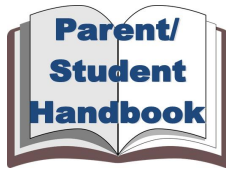
**Keeping it Kool  
St. Stephen Spirit  
Raffle**

**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 online

of 18 count egg cartons. Please send them in to the office.

## Handbook Highlights



### Parent - Teacher Communication

Two or more conferences are scheduled during the year to provide for dialogue regarding the student's development in the school program. Parents must attend portfolio conferences each year. Teachers and parents may request additional conferences during the year. Our school messenger system is a computerized dialing communication software program that will be used to contact parents during school emergencies via phone and email. It is extremely important that parents keep the office informed of any changes to contact information.

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## 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



## \*\* Volunteer Opportunities\*\*

Palm Sunday and Easter Church Services - March 25 & April

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Click [HERE](#) to sell raffle tickets after Mass

## SVDP Food Drive

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March 19-23

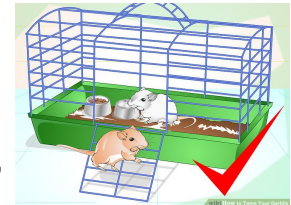
Please bring in a non perishable any day next week. The class with 100% participation and the most food will earn a Mustang Buck for each student and music during Art class.



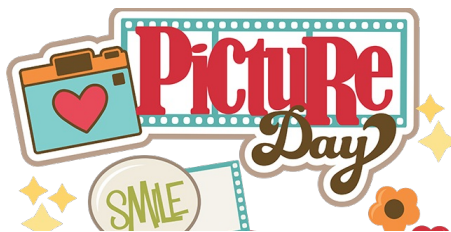
## Pet owners

PK4 is doing their Pet Unit in class this month. If you have a pet that can be brought into the classroom in a cage and you would like to speak to the students on the care of the pet, Please contact Ms. Julie at [jpollock@sscsfl.org](mailto:jpollock@sscsfl.org)

(Ex. Ferret, Sugar Glider, Hedgehog, Guinea Pig etc...)



## Spring Pictures



### Spring Pictures

Tuesday, March 20th

Order forms were sent home today. Please wear nice clothes for Spring

Photos. Girls should dress modestly with covered shoulders and bottoms to the knees. Shoes may be appropriate dress shoes for girls with no more than 2 inch heels. All students will be photographed. Please return order forms with money enclosed on picture day. (No sibling pictures will be available)

**3 Volunteers needed that day. If you are interested please call the front office.**



day. Thank you.

[Birthday Treat Request Form](#)

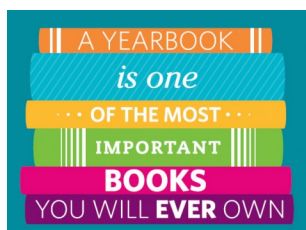
### Uniform Information

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](#)

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](#)

### Donuts and Coffee



### Volunteers Needed! March 25

with this event.

Please consider hosting coffee and donuts after the morning Masses on March 25 and help us highlight our school. Coffee and donuts are provided. See the link below for details. There is also an opportunity to sell raffle tickets. We are looking for both parents and students to help

Click [HERE](#) to sign up

### Field Day

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Wednesday, April 28

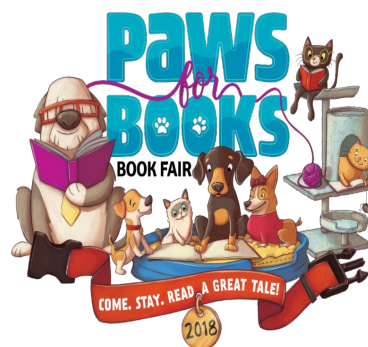
Events will include fun  
filled activity stations,

and an obstacle  
course. Parent

Volunteers needed. For more information,  
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](#)

### Buddy Lines



Celebrate *Friendship* with **Buddy Lines**

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](#)



Show your appreciation to teachers or save your memories forever with Buddy Lines in your yearbook. Students can purchase these during your lunchtime in the FLC or you can print off the order form from the attached flyer. (35 word max)

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

### Angels Among Us needs your help



#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

Volunteers are needed to begin contacting prospective sponsors for the 2018 Angel Among Us Fundraiser which will be held on 11/10/18. If you love to sell, have a dynamic personality, have contacts in the community, previously been a sponsorship volunteer or are committed to supporting our students through this fundraiser, WE NEED YOU ! You will be provided everything you need; a proven successful script, a list of prospective contacts, sponsorship level details etc.. Support will be available to help you as needed.

Initially, we will need ten volunteers and will increase the number of team members in the near future. New families to our school for the 2018-2019 school year are encouraged to join our team of volunteers. The hours will be credited for this year if needed to meet your obligation or will be credited to next year if you have already met this year's obligation. Hours for new families will be credited toward their obligation for the new school year.

Please use the link below and sign up. You will soon be contacted by the Sponsorship Committee leaders.

[Link](#)

Interest in volunteering but have questions, please contact Mario Castillo or Audra Soriano at [angels@sscsfl.org](mailto:angels@sscsfl.org) or at 813-477-7478

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### Donations that are still needed

Hello SSCS Families,

I am looking for donations of the following items:

- empty 2-liter bottles
- fishing line

Thank you for your support of the art program.

Mrs. Gonzalez

Donations  
are greatly  
Appreciated!

## Mustang Sports News



The Boys Varsity Basketball team participated in the inaugural St. Theresa's March Madness tournament this past weekend at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Spring Hill. It was a 10 team double elimination tournament with middle schools from central Florida. The Mustangs went 3-2 to finish 3rd overall. They beat Notre Dame, Villa Madonna, and St. Joseph. The Mustangs were led by 8th graders and team captains Jakob M. and Frankie F. The varsity finished the season 15-7, the most wins in school history. Great job Mustangs!

The boys flag football team has a few weeks of practice before the games get started. The Mustangs open the season Tuesday March 27 vs Corpus Christi here at St. Stephen at 4:00. See the athletics web page for the complete game schedule. All boys flag football players must have the sports paperwork and \$65 fee turned in to the office or Coach Green by Friday March 23 to be eligible for the games.



The Girls JV and Varsity Track team has been working hard at practice. Mrs. Stencel is doing a great job getting the girls ready for the meets. The running, relay, and high jump meets are Saturday, April 14 and Friday, April 20 at Tampa Catholic 5:00-9:00. Field events are at Christ the King at 4:00 on Thursday's, April 12 and 19 and the cross country meet is Tuesday, April 24 at Mary Help at 4:00. All girls track team members must have the sports paperwork and \$50 fee turned in to the office by Tuesday, April 10 to be eligible for the meets.

Field Day is Wednesday, March 28. Grades K-3 9:30-11:25, Grades 4-8 1:00-2:30, and EC 10:00-11:00. Please note that 4th grade has been move to the afternoon session, 1:00-2:30. This was done to balance out the numbers of classes going in each session. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding! The students will participate in different stations and activities including an obstacle course bouncy. Each class will need 2-3 volunteers to help with class supervision during their activity time. 8th graders will supervise the stations for the K-3 and EC time frames but Coach Green will need volunteer help with stations for the older group, 4th-8th.

This is a fun and great way to get your volunteer hours completed. Please contact your homeroom teacher if you can help with class supervision and Coach Green if you are able to help with stations and activities. Volunteers are vital to making the field day a success. Thank you!

**GO MUSTANGS**

Coach Green

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