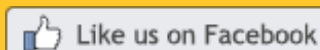




St. Stephen Catholic School



February 8, 2018



School Office Hours

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

If you miss a weekly Tidbits or need to look at a previous one, you can find it on the School Facebook page.



Upcoming Events

Students don't forget to wear your uniform to

Principal's Points

Our Mustang Movers Walkathon had another successful year! We earned just over \$17,000. Thank you to everyone who made the day a success and to all the families and donors. A special thanks to Wendy for heading the Walkathon and making it a truly enjoyable day for all. These funds allow us to enrich our curriculum and continue to provide an excellent education for the children.

Next Thursday we will be sending home raffle tickets for the St. Stephen Spirit Raffle. We will be sending home 15 tickets per family and are requesting that each family sell at least 10. There will be a family prize for the family that sells the most. If you have a business or work somewhere where raffle tickets could be sold (i.e., a take-out counter in a restaurant, break room in an office) and would like extra raffle tickets, please contact the office. If you sell all your tickets and want more just let us know and we will send them home with your child.

St. Stephen Parish is soliciting your feedback in developing our goals for the next 3-5 years. We would appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSCCParishSurvey>

If your child has been saving their Mustang Bucks and would like to have a pizza lunch with me, the date is March 2. Your child must have 50 Mustang Bucks turned into the office in an envelope with their name by Feb. 28.

Click [here](#) to read a letter from the Florida Department of Health regarding the flu. It is important to keep children home when they are sick. Please remember to follow the handbook. When a child is absent for more than three days, please provide a doctor's note stating the reason for the absence and when the child may return to school. Please read the letter

**Mass and get your
holy card for free
dress on Monday,
February 12th**

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**Reminder of Field Trips:**

**Feb. 13th**  
**1st Grade - State Fair**  
**4th Grade - State Fair**

**Feb. 15th**  
**5th Grade - Tampa**  
**Theatre**

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Volunteers Needed!

**Volunteers needed to
help at the Fish Fry
during Lent. The Fish
Fry is held at the FLC
every Friday from 4:30-
7:30 beginning
February 16. Volunteer
hours will count toward
your school volunteer
hours. For more info,
please see the sign up**

[Fish Fry Link](#)

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**Please join us  
TONIGHT  
Thursday, February  
8 for BINGO  
in the FLC**

for more information.

Reminder **school is in session tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 9.**

Peace

*Linda Umoh*

Remember to like our Facebook  
page

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



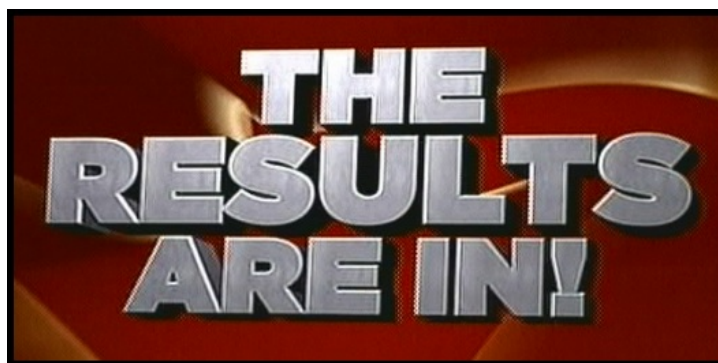
### **Kindness Challenge**



**Let's make the world a little kinder this month! Print off the  
Family Kindness Challenge and see how many you can complete  
this month. Share any pictures with us on FaceBook.**

[Kindness Challenge](#)

**The results are in!**



### **Congratulations to Mrs. Maikowski's 5th Grade**

They brought the most canned goods for the SVDP Catholic Schools  
Week Food Drive. They win a mustang buck each and a kickball game

**Doors Open at 6:00  
pm  
Bingo starts at 6:30  
pm**

**Wednesday,  
February 14th is  
Valentine's Day  
which this year is  
Ash Wednesday  
We will go to Mass  
and students are  
permitted to wear a  
red, pink or  
Valentine's Day  
shirt**

**7th Grade will lead the  
Parish Stations of the  
Cross on Feb. 16th, the  
first day of Lent. the  
Stations will begin at 7pm  
and the 7th graders  
should arrive at the  
sanctuary at 6pm.**

**2018 Parish Lenten  
Mission**

**Fr. Richard Leonard  
February 19-21  
Pre order books  
See flyer for more details  
[Flyer](#)**

**SAVE THE DATE**

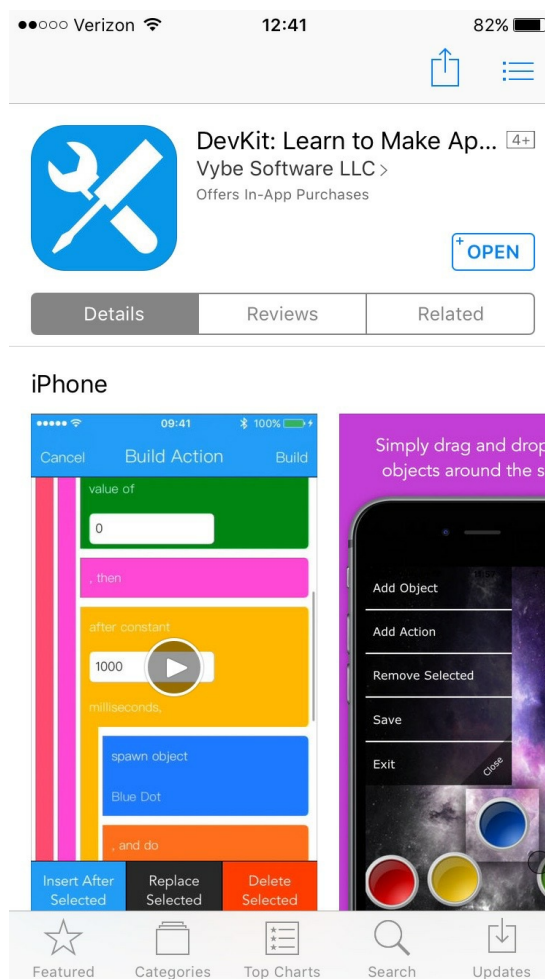


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ST. PETERSBURG**

**Family Faith Fest - October  
27, 2018 at Al Lopez Park in  
Tampa**

with Mrs. Gonzalez

## Hack-a Thon

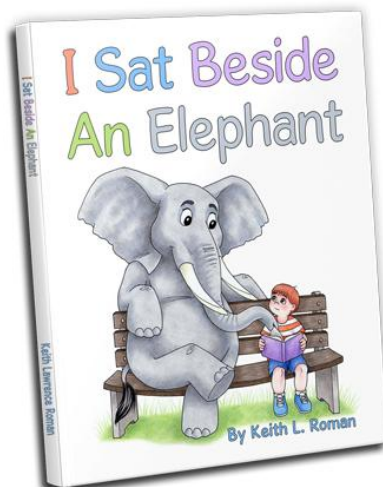


**Hack-a-Thon  
for Grades 5-8  
Join us on this  
Saturday,  
February  
10** for this amazing  
opportunity to  
learn to code  
Mobile Apps.

See [Flyer](#)

Please use the sign  
up genius to  
participate  
[Sign Up](#)

## Author visit



**We are excited to announce  
an upcoming visit from  
children's author Keith  
Roman on Thursday,  
February 22nd. Mr. Roman  
will speak to all grade  
levels. Books will be  
available ahead of time to  
purchase. Look for more  
information which will be  
coming home soon!**



## Medication

### Prescription

### Medication

*If a child is required by a medical doctor to take prescription medication during the school day, school personnel will administer the medication under the following conditions:*

1. The school receives a copy of the doctor's orders which includes:

- name of medication
- condition for which it is being given
- dosage and time of administration
- duration of the request
- doctor's signature and telephone number

2. Medication must be in original pharmacy bottle, with written information clearly visible

3. "Medication at School Permission" form signed & dated by parent must be on file. Medication will be disposed of if not picked up by the last day of school.

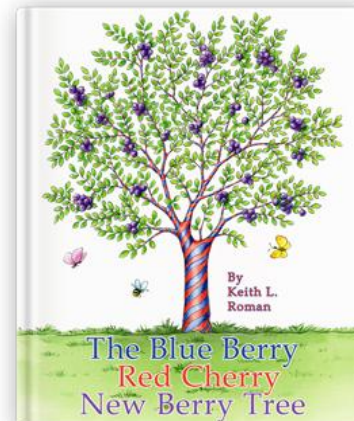
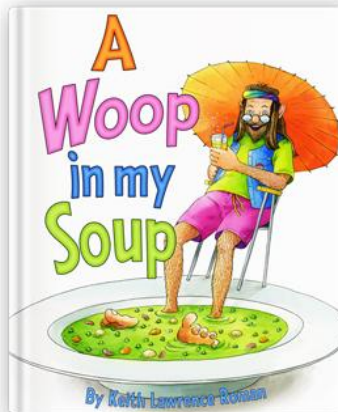
4. No medicine shall be administered to a child in preschool. Rare exceptions may only be approved by the administrator. Medication must either be accompanied by doctor's order or prescription, and the appropriate forms must be filled out in the office.

5. Students are NOT to administer their own medications. DO NOT send medicine in lunch boxes. See front office for possible exceptions with epi-pens or inhalers.

6. Students are not to distribute medication of ANY kind to one another.

**BREAKING THE RULES COULD RESULT IN EXPULSION.**

7. Please see front office for specific forms for EpiPen, Allergy Alert and inhalers.



## Altar Server Training

### SAVE THE DATES

Our Next Quarterly Saint Stephen Catholic Church

## Altar Server Training

occurs on

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3 & SUNDAY, MARCH 4 (1 to 3 PM)**

As usual, in preparation for Lent, we are offering 2 opportunities over the 1st weekend of March, to provide both **Current & Prospective** Saint Stephen Altar Servers, ample opportunities to attend. You only need to attend one of the two sessions; however, all are welcome to attend both sessions if you feel you need the practice. **THIS TRAINING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO SERVE IN OUR CHURCH;** additionally, **SSCS STUDENTS MUST ATTEND** this training to Serve at School Masses.

### Our Quarterly Lead & Senior Server Coordination Meeting\*

will occur on **SATURDAY, 3 MARCH, NOON -1 PM**, immediately preceding the first scheduled Training Session

\*Lead & Senior Servers must attend this meeting in order to continue service in those capacities

### Questions

Please Contact: Mr. Julio Alvarez (altarserverinfo@ss@gmail.com) or Ms. Marcia Hart (jnmhart@verizon.net)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR APPLICATIONS FOR NEW SERVERS, PLEASE VISIT "LITURGY" at <http://ststephencatholicchurch.schoolinsites.com>

# amazon smile

Did you know you can earn money for the school every time you shop on Amazon? And with the holidays approaching, that can be a lot of shopping. The Amazon Smile program allows individuals to choose a charity to support and a percentage of all purchases

## Safe Environment & Background Screening

### [Fingerprinting and 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, located at 4228 N. Armenia Avenue. Below are the forms for the 2017-18 School Year:

[Spirit Wear Order Form](#)  
[Uniform Policy](#)  
[Boys Uniform Information](#)  
[Girls Uniform Information](#)

## Yearbooks



Yearbooks are \$45 until 2/16/18

Order yours now

Print out order form here:  
[Order Form](#)

they make is donated directly to the charity. You can register at [Amazon Smile](#). There are no fees or charges to the shopper, just money in the bank for the school! The school just received our 2nd quarter deposit of \$123.00 and to date, we have received almost \$1000. Anyone, anywhere can sign up and support our school; parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends. For questions or more information, please contact Bonnie Rose at the school, 813-741-9203 ext 1203, or [brose@sscsfl.org](mailto:brose@sscsfl.org)

## Mustang Sports News



### BOYS BASKETBALL:

The St. Stephen boys varsity basketball team has a 4 game winning streak. The Mustangs beat St. Lawrence 41-33, and were led in scoring by Brandon D. 14 points, Jakob M. 13 points, and Frankie F. 12 points. They beat Christ the King 52-40 with Jakob M. scoring 27 points, Frankie F. 13 points, and Brandon D. 12 points. The varsity played Corpus Christi on Wednesday. Results will be listed next week. The varsity is back on the court Saturday vs Mother Teresa at Jesuit at 11:20. This game was originally scheduled for February 19.

The boys JV basketball team split their games this week losing one and winning one. The Mustangs lost to St. Lawrence 32-15 on Monday. They were led in scoring by Kobey H. with 6 points. They beat Christ the King 31-25, and were led in scoring by Austin W. 15 points and Antonio M. and Matthew C. with 5 points each.

The JV has three games next week to wrap up the last week of the regular season. Monday they play Villa Madonna at Villa Madonna at 4:00, Wednesday at home against Mother Teresa at 4:30, and Thursday at home vs Nativity in the FLC at 5:10.

\$2 admission to the FLC for ADULTS ONLY for St. Stephen sporting events.

Girls JV and Varsity Track is the next girls school sport. Mrs. Stencel and Mr. O'Reilly will be coaching the girls this season. Practice will start the first week of March. More season info and practice dates coming soon!

GO MUSTANGS

Coach Green

You may order online:

[Jostens yearbook](#)

**Check out the school's  
free photo sharing app.**

[Replay It](#)

### Art Blog



**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](#)

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