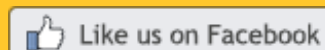




St. Stephen Catholic School



March 8, 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

BINGO TONIGHT
6:30 P.M. in the FLC

WEAR YOUR
UNIFORM TO MASS
March 10-11

Principal's Points

Dear Parents & Guardians:

As you may be aware, the parish is hoping to complete the sale of the old church property on Bell Shoals Road as quickly as possible so that we can focus our attention on growing in our new home. As part of this process, a meeting was recently held to discuss the rezoning efforts of the this property. There is a small, but vocal group that is opposed to the development of the property that is negatively influencing the county zoning and planning staff. The Development Team requests your immediate action to help our commissioners decide on the rezoning proposal. Please call or email the four staff members listed below with your statement of support today. Include in your statement something about how the proposed development:

- Is a good use of the property
- Serves a need in the community
- Allows seniors to stay in an area they have lived in for years
- Is designed to be compatible with the surrounding communities
- As a residential community will not likely have a significant impact on the traffic issues already experienced on Bell Shoals Road

The planning staff is compiling all the recommendation reports and testimonials, and it would be to our benefit if the staff members had some positive feedback regarding this proposed development to consider in advance of their decision.

Remember to come to **Mass this weekend** in your school uniform and receive a **Holy Card** after Mass from the priest. Show it to your teacher on Monday and come in **free dress**.

Counselor Corner



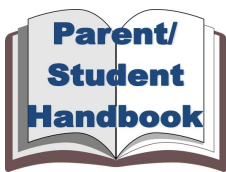
Positive things you should be saying to your child

[Link](#)

Donations

First Grade is in need of 18 count egg cartons. Please send them in to the office.

Handbook Highlights



Volunteer Service Hours

The following parent hour requirements will be strictly enforced for all school families:

All school families: 20 total service hours

All new families are required to devote 4 hours of their total requirement to our Angels Among Us



Thank you for taking the time to show support for this project. by calling and/or emailing the county officials listed below as soon as possible.

Brian Grady, Executive Planner
GradyB@hillsboroughcounty.org
813-276-8343

Israel Monsanto, Principal Planner
monsantoi@hillsboroughcounty.org
813-276-8389

Tony Garcia, Planning Policy and Review Team
garciat@plancom.org
813-273-3774 x332

Yeneka Mills, Senior Planner
millsy@plancom.org
813-273-3774 x373

Please continue to support our Spring Spirit Raffle. Raffles sales are supporting the purchase of 7 AC units this year. Please make every effort to do what you can to support this fundraiser. If you have just enrolled your child to attend St. Stephen next school year, you too can participate in our raffle. Tickets are available in the school office for purchase or for you to sell. Remember, if you have a business where we can put some out for sale, please pick up tickets in the office. There are many opportunities below to sell tickets.

Peace

Linda Umoh

Remember to like our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/sscsfl/>

Volunteer opportunities still available

Auction.

In the event that completion of parent hours presents a significant family hardship, a family may send a written petition to the Principal of St. Stephen Catholic School describing the nature of the hardship. Each family hardship is heard and decided on a case-by-case basis, with Christian compassion and discretion.

All unfulfilled volunteer service hours will be billed at the hourly rate of \$50.00.

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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 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](#)



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

****Volunteer Opportunity****

Click [HERE](#) to sell raffle tickets at the Fish Fry



****More Volunteer Opportunities****

Palm Sunday and Easter Church Services - March 25 & April

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

Spirit Night



**Tuesday, March 13th
3:30pm-9:00pm**

A percentage of all sales will come back to support SSCS. Please don't forget to mention our school and your classroom. There will be a pizza party for the class with the most participation.

See [Flyer](#)

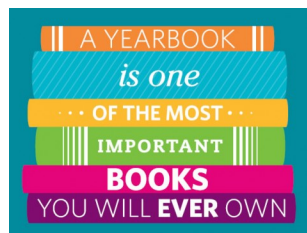
East Coast Pizza
13340 Lincoln Rd.
Riverview, FL 33578

SSYRA Program contest



**Students in grades K-8th
should be finishing up reading
their books for the contest by
Friday, March 16th to
participate in the Ice Cream
Party.**

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

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](#)



Donuts and Coffee



with this event.

Volunteers Needed!

March 25

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

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

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 or at 813-477-7478

Interested in being a sponsor, please contact Mario Castillo or Audra Soriano at angels@sscsfl.org or at 813-477-7478

Donations needed

Hello SSCS Families,

I am looking for donations of the following items:

- large car magnets
- wire hangers
- empty 2-liter bottles
- zip ties
- lace
- fishing line



Thank you for your support of the art program.

Mustang Sports News



Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Basketball team for winning the Catholic league championship Friday night at Jesuit. The Mustangs beat 1st seed Villa Madonna 30-27, and were led in scoring by Jakob M. 13 points and Frankie F. 7 points. They finished the season 12-5. Thank you to all of the students, families, faculty, and staff that came and cheered the Mustangs on to victory! Great game and season Mustangs!

Congratulations to 8th graders Jakob M., Frankie F., and Brandon D. for being selected to represent St. Stephen in the Catholic league All Star game that was played last night at Nativity. The varsity is playing in the inaugural St. Theresa's March Madness tournament this weekend at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Spring Hill. It's a 10 team double elimination tournament with middle schools from central Florida. Good luck Mustangs!

Boys flag football tryouts were Monday and the roster is set.

Practice starts next week. Games start March 27.
More info coming soon.



Girls JV and Varsity Track season and practice started this week. Mrs. Stencel and Mr. O'Reilly are coaching this season. The running and relay meets are Saturday, April 14 and Friday, April 20 at Tampa Catholic 5:00-9:00. Field events 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.

Field Day is Wednesday, March 28. Grades K-4 9:30-11:00, Grades 5-8 1:00-2:30, and PK3 & 4 10:00-11:00. 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-4 and PK3 & 4 time frames but Coach Green will need volunteer help with stations for the older group, 5th-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

VOLUNTEER



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