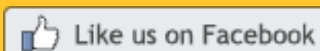




St. Stephen Catholic School



September 27, 2018

Principal's Points

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Next week is going to be one of the most exciting weeks in the school year! Make sure you read all the details concerning spirit week, book fair, and grandparents' day. The students and teachers have been busy preparing their mythical creatures to decorate their doors and our student council will be pumping all the students up to get excited about reading at tomorrow's reading rally.

The book fair has always been one of my favorite times of the year. This is an opportunity for students to continue to develop a love of reading through falling in love with a new book, finding a favorite author, or rediscovering a cherished classic.

One easy way for parents to let their children shop at the book fair is using the e-Wallet option through Scholastic. Set up your child's e-Wallet at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sscsf1>

Teachers and students are all excited to welcome grandparents and grandfriends to our school next Friday. We will be starting the day off with Mass together then each class will have activities, breakfast, and a chance to visit the bookfair together.

Thank you for all the support you give our school!



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 be
available on all

half days for purchase.
(They will be located in the parking lot)

**Class Pictures,
8th Grade Cap
and Gown
Pictures and
Retakes**

(Please call the school if you plan to retake your students picture)

Tuesday, October 9

**B-I-N-G-O
Thursday,
October 11
in the FLC**
Doors open at 6pm
Bingo starts at
6:30PM



**Father
Daughter
Dance**
Sponsored by
Community for
Women
**Friday, October 19,
2018**

Click here for more
Information:
[Father Daughter
Dance Information](#)



**Box Tops are
due October 23**

Reminder
If Thursday
folders go home
please
remember to

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/>



Spirit Week Schedule and Reminders

Monday October 1st- Mustang Monday

- Students will dress in mustang colors and show their mustang pride
- Free dress rules apply

Tuesday October 2nd - Tacky Tuesday

- Students will wear a "tacky" themed outfit
- Free dress rules apply
- Doughnuts with dad for initials A-L in the east hallway from 7:00-8:00 am

Wednesday October 3rd- Whimsical Wednesday

- Dress as your Favorite Fairy Tale Character
- Free dress rules apply
- Doughnuts with dad for initials M-Z in the east hallway from 7:00-8:00 am

Thursday October 4th- Team Thursday

- College gameday, staff and students will come representing their favorite college team
- Free dress rules apply
- This will also be family night in the media center (will last from 3:00-5:30 p.m.) and NJHS will be hosting this event with games and activities

Friday October 5th- Faithful Friday/ Grandparents Day

- Today is a day to appreciate our grandparents and go to Mass
 - School uniform for everyone to show our respect to God and His faithfulness to us
 - Will be a half-day
1. Grandparents can come to school and check in between 7:45-8:15 and go to their grandchild's classroom. They can check in at two locations: the front entrance by the office or in the breezeway by the Angel's Wing.
 2. Grandparents who come late can go directly to mass and check in after mass on the way back to the school then proceed to their grandchild's classroom. We will have a table set up as they enter the breezeway from the church.
 3. Grades 5-8 with grandparents who wish to visit the bookfair will proceed directly to the bookfair after mass and stop to pick up siblings along the way. We are hoping they will be finished and back to the Angel's Wing by 10:00 AM and will then have their breakfast.
 4. All other classes will go to their classrooms for their breakfast after mass. We suggest giving them time to eat and socialize

return them to the school the next day

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 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

then having the students ready to perform a song or a poem or something for the grandparents until about 10 AM.

Last day for Food Drive



Please bring in your cans for the Food Drive by tomorrow morning!

Grades who have a 100% participation, will have their cans counted.

The class with the highest "cans per student" number will receive mustang bucks for each member of the class.

Noon Dismissal

**Noon Dismissal
Friday, October 5, 2018**

[Kona ice will be available for purchase](#)



Grandparents, GrandFriends Day...



**Grandparents'
and
Grandfriends' Day
Friday, October 5th**

at
St. Stephen Catholic School



**Join us for
Mass ~ Breakfast Treats ~ Book Fair ~ Class Activities
and best of all...Time with the Grandkids!**

**Grandparents and Grandfriends should arrive 7:45-8:00.
Please check in at either Front reception area or the breezeway between the Main Building and the Angel's Wing prior to going to the classroom. You will walk to Mass with the students. For those not attending Mass, may check in at either door at 9:15.**

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
2018-19 School Year:

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

Mrs. Gonzalez's ART BLOG



Hello Parents and Students!
Here is the first art blog of the year. It will be available on a Tidbits link as well and updated bi-monthly. You can find photos and updates on what your child's class is doing in the art studio.

[Art Blog](#)

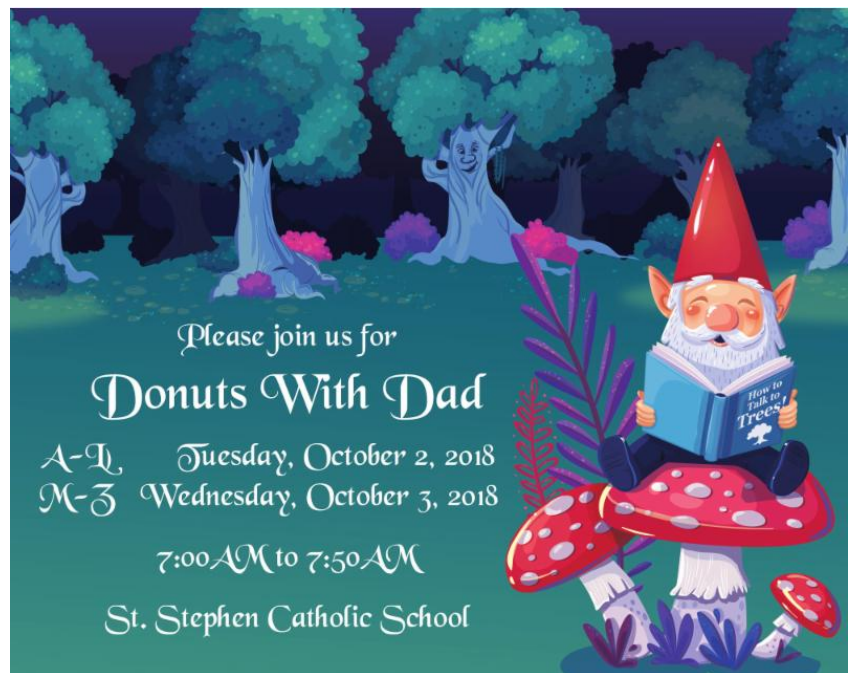
Thank you for your support of the art program. Look for artwork and information about the Original Works

Parents should send in a note to the teacher if the students will be leaving with a grandfriend or grandparent.

Volunteer Opportunities Still Available

Donuts for Dad is approaching and we are still in need for some volunteers for the event. If you are interested please click on the link below:

[Volunteer for Donuts with Dad](#)



Book Fair



October 1st through October 5th
You may order your books online with the

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](#)



link below:

[Book Fair Online Shopping](#)

No cash on hand for the Book Fair? No worries...Scholastic now offers eWallet as a secure, cash-free way for your child to shop at the book fair. Please click on the link for more information. You may also print off your students wish list:

[Book Fair Wish List](#)
[eWallet Information](#)

For the very first time here at St. Stephen...



SSCS PTCO Presents.... Double Feature Night

Friday, October 12th, 2018
in the FLC
Doors Open @ 6:00 pm
Movie Starts @ 6:30 pm

Hot Dogs, popcorn,
snacks, and drinks will
be available for
purchase.

A raffle for a Blu-
Ray/DVD copy of the
movie will be held at the
end of the movie.

Families are welcome
to bring a blanket/pillow
to sit on. NO
OUTSIDE CHAIRS
PLEASE



Parents must stay for duration of movie. Dropping off of children
is not permitted.

Angel Award Finalists



Angels Among Us is pleased to announce the three parishioners that have been selected as the finalists for the

First Annual Angel Award.

Caryl Nolan

Kit Moretuzzo

Mark Lovejoy

Congratulations to Caryl, Kit and Mark.

We look forward to hearing about their extraordinary work on 11/10.

Please join us at the Gala and meet all the nominees.

The Award will be presented that evening to the finalist. This is a great opportunity to thank the parishioners who have done so much for our community.

Angels Among Us Update



Thanks to all who have already donated to Angels or requested a seat reservation. Donations, Sponsorships and Volunteers are still needed to make the Gala on 11/10 a success.

New families are required to have 4 of their 20 required volunteer hours with Angels. If you have not yet volunteered, please watch for the Sign up Genius or call Nicki Gallagher in the school office to discuss volunteer opportunities available now and during the event.

Another way to get your hours, donate 2 bottles of liquor, spirits or wine with a minimum value of \$20 a bottle and you will earn one hour. Please note we are now accepting donations of wine. Drop off your donation in the front office with you name and the receipt.

The Gala offers a fun time with friends and families of SSCS and a chance to support the students. **Place your seat reservation on line at the school website. We are down to a few weeks so please act now! sscsfl.org**

Call if you need info about sponsorships or donations or want to know how you can be part of Angels 2018. Check FaceBook for updates on Auction items and exciting Angel news.



"Music is a world within itself, it is a language we all understand." -Stevie Wonder

Dear Parents,

The music program is off to a great start this school year and it is not too late to join!

Music is such an important part of a well-rounded education. Did you know that learning to play an instrument can help students achieve in other academic subjects like math, science, and reading also? In fact, "The College Entrance Examination Board found that students in music appreciation scored 63 points higher on verbal and 44 points higher on math [on their SATs] than students with no arts participation." - The College Entrance Examination Board, 2001

If you have not signed up yet, click the following link to join today!

www.pemusic.com/join

Sincerely,

Paul Effman

Mustang Sports News



SOCCER: On Thursday, the St. Stephen soccer team lost to Mother Teresa, 6-0. The Mustangs played Corpus Christi on Tuesday. They played well but lost 3-1. The Mustang goal was scored by Noelle H. on a 25 yard free kick. The Mustangs are back on the field today here at St Stephen against Christ the King at 4:15. They wrap up the regular season next week with a home game Tuesday vs St. Peter Claver and on the road Thursday at Incarnation. Both games are at 4:00.

VOLLEYBALL: The St. Stephen varsity volleyball team lost last Thursday to Villa Madonna two games to zero. The Mustangs played well on Wednesday against Corpus Christi but lost in the third game, 15-13. The varsity played great yesterday and beat St. Lawrence two games to zero.

The JV team tied Villa Madonna one game to one. There wasn't a JV match vs Corpus Christi. The JV lost their first match of the season on Thursday vs St Lawrence.

The varsity and JV teams play their last regular season match today vs Christ the King here at the St. Stephen FLC. Varsity



plays at 4:00 and JV at 5:00.
The varsity will have their first playoff match on Tuesday.
Opponent and gym site to be determined.

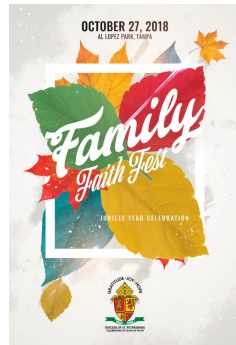
Girls JV and varsity basketball and boys JV and varsity track are the next school sports.
Sign ups for boys track season and girls basketball tryouts will be held this week and next.
More info next week about the upcoming girls basketball tryouts and season and the boys track season

Good luck to our Mustang soccer and volleyball teams!

Please see the school website under athletics for the complete volleyball and soccer match/game schedules and info about the boys and girls sports seasons.

GO MUSTANGS
Coach Green

Family Faith Fest



Faith is Alive at the Free Family Faith Fest!

Prayer and the Sacraments will be a major focus of the Family Faith Fest. There will be a large "Faith Village" where many people will gather to pray the rosary and to worship Jesus Christ through Eucharistic Adoration. Priests will also be on hand to answer questions and to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bishop Gregory Parkes will celebrate Mass at 4 pm on the large stage.

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. Visit www.familyfaithfest.org for more information.

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