



Principal's Newsletter

From the desk of

Mrs. Ortiz

February 2021

Dear Families,

Hopefully you were able to view our virtual open house. Thank you to Mrs. Pawelczyk for her hard work on making this possible.

If you have not registered for the 2021-2022 school year please do so as soon as possible to reserve your spot. This Friday we will open registration to the public. We have had a great interest in SSS.

Catholic Schools Week was enjoyed by all. Even having to keep our activities low key due to COVID, the students had fun.

Our annual Gala will take place as a virtual event on February 13th. Mr. G's dad will be announcing from the hospitality room. Food pickup will be at door #2. There is no entry to the school in any areas that students would normally gather.

Please note the Fish Fry will also be curbside pickup only. We will utilize 8th graders to help deliver food curbside. Jude Casey Keuhne will run this huge fundraiser. Jude's mom is one of the founders of the annual St. Stephen's Fish Fry. Please show her your support by volunteering to help. Again, there is no admittance to the school in any area students would normally gather.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school COVID free!

MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 School Liturgy 2 pm	2	3	4	5 Curbside pickup Fish Fry
8	9 First Reconciliation Celebration Gr2 6:30 pm/Church	10 Report Cards	11	12 Curbside pickup Fish Fry
15 School Liturgy 2 pm	16 St. Patrick's Day	17	18 St. Joseph's Day	19 Curbside pickup Fish Fry
22	23	24	25	26 Curbside pickup Fish Fry
29	30	31 Catholic Charities Dress Down		

Reminder: 1st Communion Enrollment Mass for Grade 3 is at 9 am on Sunday, March 14th.

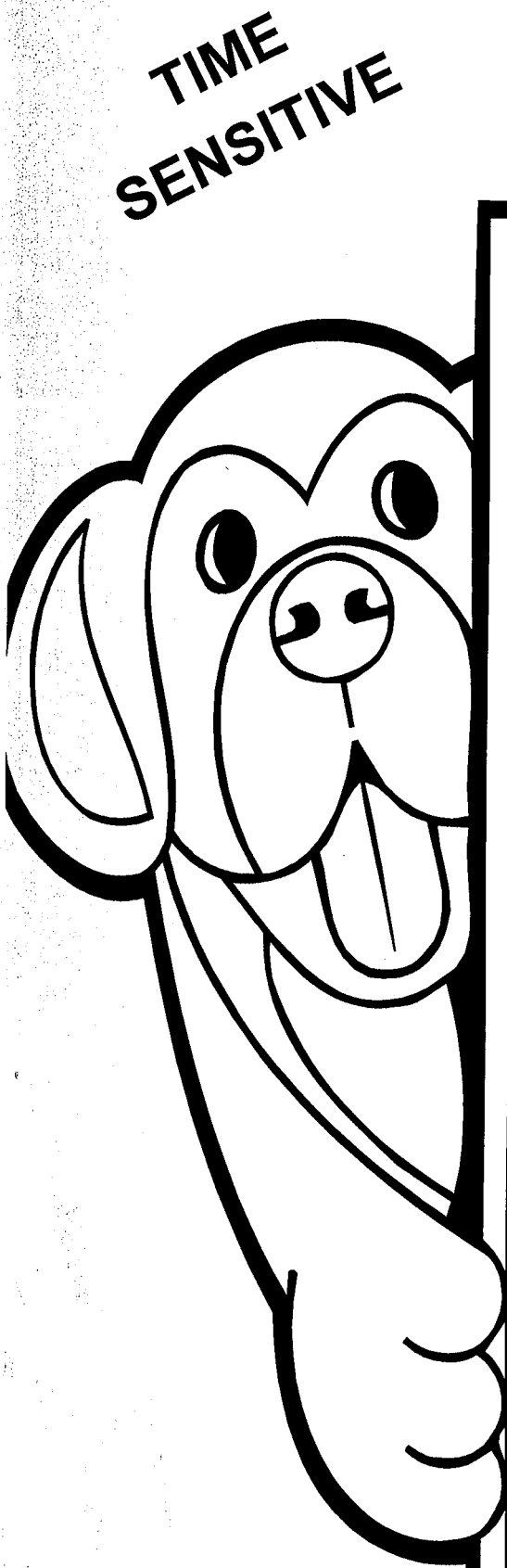
We made it 100 days on February 23rd! Since February 23rd is a Tuesday, we will dress as 100 years old on Wednesday, February 24th.

Have a great break! If you are travelling please abide by the travelling guidelines set forth for NYS.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 School Liturgy 2:00 pm	2	3	4	5 Curbside Pick up Fish Fry	6
7	8	9	10 Report Cards	11	12 Curbside Pick up Fish Fry	13
14 1 st Communion Enrollment Mass: Gr.3 9:00am - Church	15 School Liturgy 2:00 pm	16	17	18	19 Curbside Pick up Fish Fry	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Catholic Charities Dress Down Day Curbside pick up - Fish Fry	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31 Catholic Charities Dress Down Day			

**TIME
SENSITIVE**

A cartoon monkey is holding a large rectangular sign. The monkey is on the left side of the sign, with its head and one arm visible. It has a large, round head, a small body, and a long, curved tail. It is looking towards the sign with a happy expression, showing its teeth. The sign is white with a black border and contains text about registration. The monkey's arm is wrapped around the left side of the sign.

Attention

Please return your registration packets by Friday, February 12th.

We will be opening up registration to the public on Friday, February 12th. There are many families interested in enrolling their children for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Don't risk losing your child's spot, because after 2/12/21 it will be a first come first serve basis.

Also, the registration fee will increase from \$100.00 per child to \$150.00 per child.

Send in your completed registration packet along with the registration fee as soon as possible.

Thank you



Attention Parents

We will celebrate the 100th day of school on Wednesday, February 24th. We would like to have the students dress up like they are 100 years old.

We have included some ideas to help you get started planning what your child will wear.

Girls: Printed skirts, pearls, eyeglasses, sweater, wig or curled hairstyle, gray hair spray, knee high stockings, large purse, scarf.

Boys: Button down shirt, flannel shirt, suspenders, tie, eyeglasses, drawn on mustache or beard, gray hair spray.

Let's get creative !!



8th Grade Basket Tickets ON SALE NOW!!!

\$5/ticket ~ \$25/5 tickets

Tickets can be purchased through the main office or you may contact Angela Ciralo via text at 716.812.1880. The raffle will be held on Good Friday April 2, 2021.

This year's 8th Grade Basket includes:

- \$350 Gift Certificate for The Curtiss Hotel Buffalo Staycation - a one night stay for two in a luxurious Standard King Room, Grab and Go Breakfast and 3 Course Dinner for 2 served in the Chez Ami dining room
- Gift Certificate for Soma Cura Wellness Center (value over \$150)
- Plush throw blanket
- Godiva dessert chocolates
- Bottle of Veuve Cliquot champagne
- Soy candle with essential oils

Uniforms needed for our Exchange



**Make sure to send in all clean, gently used
uniforms in a bag marked**

“UNIFORM EXCHANGE”

If you would need anything please contact

Lauren Krebs @ 716-572-5910 or email

@ lormarie72@yahoo.com

The St. Stephens Advisory Board is currently accepting letters of intent for immediate membership.

The Advisory Board functions as part of the Parish and has a **consultative** responsibility. The consultative responsibilities include "long-range planning, school policy, developing and monitoring the annual budget including tuition and fees, repair and maintenance policies and recommendations concerning buildings, grounds and equipment, Board evaluation and evaluation of the Principal in accordance with Diocesan guidelines."

The Board meets monthly from September through June, typically on the third Thursday of the month at 5 PM at St. Stephen School. Each Board member is required to additionally serve on or Chair one of the operating committees of the Board that meet separately.

Eligibility for membership states that individuals must be 18 years age or older, registered members or St. Stephen Parish or school alumni.

If you are interested in being considered to serve, please submit a letter of intent to the Board no later than **Wednesday February 17th, 2021**. Letters should be sent to: Deborah Hill, Chairperson, SSS Advisory Board at debshawnhill@yahoo.com. The letter of intent should set forth experience, expertise and contribution that one can bring and make to the Board. Please also include the committee you would be interested in serving on or chairing.

Operating **Consultative** Committees of the Board and Simple Description of Duties

Finance Committee -Review and formation of all financial policies - Long Term Financial Plan -Surveying and researching levels and details for sustained financial support -Explore grant writing opportunities - Working on implementing the assistance to form partnerships with local businesses. -Background in business or accounting would be beneficial.	Planning and Development Committee - Marketing responsibilities that include website updates and enhancements, work with the principal and HSA on marketing school events. - Working with HSA and principal on chairing Gala - Coordinate with principal for Open House - Engagement of alumni and past students - Target and identify building enhancements and growth opportunity - Community Relationships - Assist principal as needed to promote school
Student/Parish life Committee - Review and formation of all policies regarding student life. - Developing short and long term plans . - Working with parish community on mutual events that benefit the entire parish community - September New Parent Welcome	Building and Grounds Committee - Review and formation of all policies relating to capital repairs - Overall maintenance programs for buildings, grounds, and equipment - 5 year Building and Grounds plan

Thank you for your continued support of St. Stephen School!