



ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL

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Newsletter
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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are beginning the month of February and marking the 100th day of school soon.

We held our new student open house this past Sunday. Teachers were on hand to discuss curriculum and answer questions. Please continue to spread the word about our wonderful school community.

*Please read the enclosed urgent message regarding drop off and pick up, and share with any family members and friends who drive your child(ren) to and from school. It is **imperative** that these policies be followed.*

Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to us.

Joanne Mallozzi, Principal

Value of the Month:

"Honesty is the best policy." *Benjamin Franklin*

Teaching the value of honesty to children is part of the development of moral and emotional strength. The quality of honesty helps to develop character and solid self-esteem. Teaching honesty by example is very effective. Be honest with your children at a level that they can understand. Teaching by example means that you conduct your own personal and business affairs in an honest and ethical manner. By doing so you will be demonstrating the self-respect that accompanies ethical behavior.

Inclement Weather – We will make every effort to send a Connect Ed Message to notify parents of school delays and closings. Just in case you don't happen to receive the message, we also recommend that you listen to WTAG, 580 AM and WSRS, 96.1 FM on the radio or tune into the major TV news stations.

Outdoor Clothing – With the cold weather upon us, we want to remind parents to send children to school with jackets, hats, mittens and boots if needed. The children will be going out to recess during the winter months. **Please label your child's clothing.**

Mother/Son Night – We need someone to chair this event and also volunteers to help with planning.

Spree Day – We are in need of a chair person, co-chair and volunteers for this annual fun event!

Calendar Raffle Donations – The calendar raffle fundraiser is coming this spring! Donations of gift cards or services, or \$25 sponsors would make our raffle even more successful. **They are needed by February 15th.** Sponsored squares can have a message "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone special to you...

Magazine Drive: The top sellers were Jayce Batista (6) and Cataleya Watson (K). The top classrooms for magazine sales were Grades K & 6. The students will enjoy an ice-cream party to celebrate their efforts.

Thank you to Michelle Mason for ALL of her hard work, as well as Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Watson and all of our students and families who participated in this annual fundraiser.

This Week's Brown Envelope Inserts...

- March Lunch Order Forms
- February Calendar
- Urgent Notice from the Administration
- BoxTops Collection Sheet
- Milk Orders

Coming Up...

- ~ Friday, February 1 – Chill Out for Grades K-8 – The cost is \$1
- ~ Friday, February 1 – Dress Down for the Patriots – The Cost is \$2
- ~ Monday, February 4 – **IF** the Patriots Win, Dress Down, No Cost
- ~ Saturday, February 2 – National Catholic Schools Week Ends
- ~ Friday, February 15 – BoxTops Due & Clip & Count
- ~ February 18-22 – NO SCHOOL - Vacation Week
- ~ February 25 -SWOMP Club Meeting
- ~ Wednesday, February 27 - Next Newsletter
- ~ Thursday, February 28 – Progress Reports

BOXTOPS reminder: This is the month to send in those boxtops! The next collection is Feb. 15th and there is a special bonus for every student who brings in 2 completed collection sheets. If you need more "bonus" sheets, please ask the office. Clip & Count volunteers are welcome from 11:30am – 2:00pm on Feb. 15th, too.

I M P O R T A N T . . .

Financial Aid Forms K-8

Financial Aid is distributed by the Diocese of Worcester based on need as it relates to the cost of tuition. Assessment of financial need and distribution of grants is made solely by the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment of the FACTS Management Company. In order to be considered for financial aid, students must be enrolled and have completed their tuition agreement with their school. Applicants must apply on line. The website is <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. This link is now available.

Please note the deadline for applications is Friday, March 1, 2019. If you need assistance with the application process, please contact the school at 508-755-3209 well in advance of the application deadline.

Re-registration Forms for 2019-2020

All current students need to re-register for the upcoming school year. We want to remind parents that the \$175.00 registration fee and the completed registration form must be turned into the school office by Friday, March 1, 2019. *After the March 1st deadline, the re-registration fee will increase to \$200.00 and a spot cannot be guaranteed.*

If your child will not be returning next year, please indicate that on the re-registration form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. All financial obligations to St. Stephen School must be satisfied prior to a student's transfer. Please note that any parish school and diocesan high school will not accept incoming students from parish schools whose financial obligations are incomplete.