

August 22, 2018



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Asst. Principal, Dr. Joe Greco*

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We are officially into the 2018-2019 school year! I want to welcome all returning families and new families to St. Stephen the Martyr School. Being at school is so much better now that the students are here. I really appreciate all of the support for our new morning walking club. Rain or shine, the students are beginning each day with smiles and conversation as they walk alongside their peers.

I want to share a few reminders and updates:

This week we started the student masses. Grades 1-2 attend mass on Tuesdays, Grades 3-5 attend on Wednesdays, grades 6-8 attend on Thursdays, and we have all school mass every Friday.

Martyr Mondays (Spirit tops) will begin September 10.

Our next big school event is Curriculum Night. It is held on Thursday, August 30. See details on the following page. The night will begin at 6:00 for grades K-5 with two sessions being offered (6:00-6:15 and 6:15-6:30). At 6:30 we will meet in the gym for a brief welcome and information session. Middle school curriculum night will begin at 6:50. I hope to see you there!

Morning drop off is running smoothly. I want to remind you that staff will begin their shifts at 7:40 so any students dropped off before that time will be unattended. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Please consider signing up to help with the fall festival. This is going to be a grand event and so much fun for the family.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4fa4a929a31-parish>

Thanks for a great first week. I feel so blessed to be a part of this school.

Mrs. Julie Perrault  
Principal

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ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR SCHOOL

# The Martyr Messenger

## Curriculum Night - August 30, 2018

### KDG-5<sup>th</sup> Parents visit homeroom and Specials classrooms sessions 1&2

Specials teachers (art, music, library, Spanish, computer, &P.E.) in library-both sessions. 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers together in room 219-both sessions.

6:00-6:15 1<sup>st</sup> session

6:15-6:30 2<sup>nd</sup> session

**6:30-6:45 ALL Kdg-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS Please REPORT TO GYM (teachers do NOT need to attend)**

#### **Middle School: Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Parents**

**6:45-6:52** Pass to Homeroom classrooms from the gym

**6:52-6:58** **Period 1 Homeroom-pick up schedules**

Pass 6:58-7:00

**7:00-7:04** **Period 2**

Pass 7:04-7:06

**7:06-7:10** **Period 3**

Pass 7:10-7:12

**7:12-7:16** **Period 4**

Pass 7:16-7:18

**7:18-7:22** **Period 5**

Pass 7:22-7:24


**7:24-7:28** **Period 6**

Pass 7:28-7:30

**7:30-7:34** **Period 7**

Pass 7:34-7:36

# August 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>13</b> <b>SPV – Red Bell Pepper Strips</b> Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick Baby Carrots Veggie Juice Fruit Cup	<b>14</b> <b>Westside's First Day of School</b> Chicken Nuggets with a Soft Pretzel Or-Italian Hoagie Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Soft Pretzel Green Beans Muskmelon <b>Farm to School</b> Frozen Treat	<b>15</b> Pizza Hut Pizza Or-Turkey BLT Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick Romaine Salad Mixed Fruit	<b>16</b> National Tell a Joke Day! Beef & Cheese Nachos Or-Antipasto Pasta Salad Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Dinner Roll Seasoned Black Beans Watermelon <b>Farm to School</b> What's a sea monster's favorite dinner? Fish and Ships	<b>17</b> Macaroni & Cheese with Garlic Bread Or-Roast Beef Sandwich Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Garlic Bread Peas Grapes
<b>20</b> <b>SPV – Baby Carrots</b> Hot Dog on a Bun Or-Salami, Cheese, & Crackers with a Nutrigrain Bar Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick Cowboy Beans Pears	<b>21</b> BBQ Chicken Legs with a Dinner Roll Or-Chef Salad with a Dinner Roll Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Dinner Roll Corn Cobbett Muskmelon <b>Farm to School</b> Chocolate Chip Cookie	<b>22</b> Cheeseburger on a Bun Or-Turkey Custer Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Soft Pretzel Celery Sticks Peaches	<b>23</b> Rotini Pasta with Meat Sauce and Garlic Bread Or-Southwest Chicken Salad with Garlic Bread Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Garlic Bread Romaine Salad Watermelon <b>Farm to School</b>	<b>National Waffle Day 24</b> Popcorn Chicken & Waffles Or-Cottage Cheese and Fruit with a Dinner Roll Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Dinner Roll Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Cinnamon Applesauce
<b>27</b> <b>SPV – Grape Tomatoes</b> Breaded Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce Or-Turkey and Cheese Hoagie Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick Green Beans Pineapple	<b>28</b> Teriyaki Beef with Rice Or-Sunshine Chicken Salad with a Dinner Roll Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Dinner Roll Broccoli Muskmelon <b>Farm to School</b> Fortune Cookie	<b>29</b> Pizza Hut Pizza Or-Chicken Salad Croissant Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit	<b>30</b> Roasted Turkey with a Ciabatta Roll Or-Hummus, Flatbread and Vegetables Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Ciabatta Roll Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Watermelon <b>Farm to School</b>	<b>Westside No School 31</b> Chicken Nuggets With a Soft Pretzel Or- Buffalo Chicken Wrap Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Soft Pretzel Baked Beans Orange Wedges
<b>3</b> <b>SPV – Baby Carrots</b> <b>Labor Day - No School</b> 	<b>4</b> <b>New Item!</b> Popcorn Chicken Sub with Marinara Or-Ham & Cheese Hoagie Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Breadstick California Blend Vegetables Apple	<b>5</b> Chicken Fried Steak with Gravy and a Dinner Roll Or-Southwest Chicken Wrap Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Mandarin Orange & Pineapple	<b>6</b> Herb Roasted Chicken Over Bowtie Pasta w/Garlic Bread Or-Crispy Chicken Salad with Garlic Bread Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Garlic Bread Broccoli Watermelon <b>Farm to School</b>	<b>7</b> Pancakes & Sausage Links Or-Tuna Salad on 9 Grain Bread Or-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Soft Pretzel Sweet Potato Tots Banana

8 oz. nonfat flavored or 1% unflavored milk served daily. Menus subject to change.  Denotes PORK in main entrée.  Denotes BEEF in product. This Institution is an equal Opportunity provider and employer.

Home and School has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities!  
Check out ALL of the amazing Home & School Committees on our website!  
[www.ssmhomeandschool.org](http://www.ssmhomeandschool.org)



### COMMUNICATION

Website: Updating Home & School website from home as needed.

Facebook: Update Home & School FB page from home 3-5 times per week.

Bulletin Board: 1x/month-Purchase supplies with H&S funds & decorate bulletin board at school.

Martyr Messenger: 2x/month-at home-submit 1 page of H&S happenings into Martyr Messenger.



### WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Boohoo Woohoo Bagels: Following school drop off-assist with set up/clean, & welcoming new families at the event.

Back-to-School Play Dates: July-Sept-On location-2-4x/year.

Back-to-School Yard Signs: August-before school year-Delivering signs to kindergarten families.

### ENRICHMENT

Musical: Jan-March-at school &/or home-costume design, set design, sound, ticket/flower sales.

Secret Santa Shoppe: December-at school-Assisting students at event shopping, paying, wrapping, product pick up, set up/clean up.

Yearbook: Yearlong-at school and home-take pictures for child's class, collect pictures, and upload to website.



### EVENTS

Martyr Marathon: August/Sept.-at school and/or home-Packet assembly, marketing, counting money, day of help, etc.

Social Committee: Four events through year-at school or on location-help at event, provide supplies for event

Uniform Exchange: July-Sunday morning at school-set up/put away uniforms, help at event

### TEACHER APPRECIATION

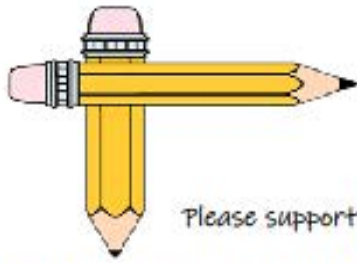
Catholic Schools Week Teacher Luncheon: February help bring supplies/food, decorate, serve/clean up food.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Spring-1 week- Multiple opportunities at home & school-decorate, supply food, donations, volunteer.

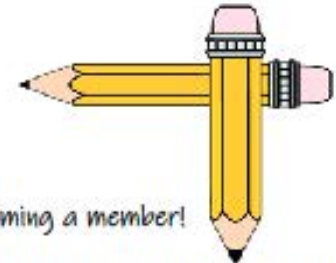
Teacher Hospitality: During Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences bring supplies/food, serve/clean up food for lunch & dinner for the teachers.

### VARIOUS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are just too many fun opportunities to list!  
Check out the website for the most current volunteer needs!



# St. Stephen The Martyr Home & School Association 2018-2019



Please support the St. Stephen's Home & School Association by becoming a member!

Membership dues, fundraisers, & volunteer hours allow the Home & School to support many wonderful committees, activities, & events! Check out the boxes below to see how you can help. We could not do it without your generosity!

Meetings are held every other month & although attendance is not a requirement to be involved with Home & School we would love for you to join us at our next meeting & see all the awesome things St. Stephen's Home & School has to offer!

All are welcome!!!

BONUS: All family memberships receive a copy of our school directory that includes vital classroom & family contact information.

<p><b>DIRECTORY CONTACT INFO: (Please Print Clearly)</b></p> <p>Family Name _____</p> <p>SSM Students &amp; 2018-2019 Grade _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please exclude my contact information from the School Directory.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Add Two Households. CONTACT: andrea.jhansen@yahoo.com or 402.981.4359</p> <p>*Contact information comes from Parish Files. If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or email? CONTACT: 402-896-9675</p>	<p><b>PAYMENT OPTIONS:</b></p> <p>\$25 Household Membership Dues     \$ 25.00          \$5/each Extra Directory             \$ _____          TOTAL AMOUNT DUE                     \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Payment By EFT</b></p> <p>I authorize St. Stephen The Martyr to use my banking information currently on file for my e-lunch charges.</p> <p>_____          Signature Required for EFT</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Check</b>                                     Check # _____          Payable To: St. Stephen's Home &amp; School</p>
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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Home & School is dependent on parent involvement! Share your time & talents to make our school the best it can be! Please check your areas of interest below and a committee chair will be in contact soon!

### COMMUNICATION

- Website
- Facebook
- Bulletin Board
- Martyr Messenger

### WELCOME COMMITTEE

- Boo-hoo Woo-hoo Bagels
- Welcome Back Play Dates
- Back-to-School Yard Signs

### ENRICHMENT

- Musical
- Secret Santa Shoppe
- Yearbook

### EVENTS

- Martyr Marathon
- Social Events
- Uniform Exchange

### TEACHER APPRECIATION

- Catholic Schools Week Teacher Luncheon
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Teacher Hospitality

### VARIOUS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

☺ Please return this form with your payment to the office by August 31, 2018 ☺



# Save the Date

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Martyr Marathon

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

### What is Martyr Marathon?

Martyr Marathon is our Home & School Association's largest fundraiser of the year. Students earn money for the school by walking the marathon route. Students are encouraged to collect pledges from family, friends, neighbors or businesses to support their effort. Donors then pledge a flat donation in support of our school.

### What will the money raised this year go toward?

Your support allows our Home & School Association to continue funding programs and events that help make our school an outstanding educational institution for our children, including technology upgrades, the school musical, teacher grants, student scholarships and much more. This year, a portion of funds raised will go toward improving school security among other initiatives.

### How do students collect pledges and raise money?

Ask friends and family! This year we are using a brand-new online fundraising tool, [PledgeStar](#), that makes it much easier for your child to request pledges and secure donations from family and friends - both near and far. Parents simply register their child(ren) as a family and create a fundraising page to request donations. It's fun, it's easy and the statistics show that people who use it typically raise twice as much as those who don't. PledgeStar registration instructions will be shared on Friday, August 24. Fundraising also begins on Friday and will continue until the date of the Martyr Marathon on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### What is our 2018 fundraising goal?

This year, our All School Goal is \$50,000 and we know we can do it with your help! Each student (including pre-K students\*) earning their Family Goal will receive a goal bag full of gift cards, coupons and other kid-friendly goodies. Families with multiple students will have their totals split among their children for class prize level determination.

#### 2018 Family Goals:

- > 1 student family: \$80
- > 2 students family: \$130
- > 3+ students family: \$175

### Want to make a bigger impact?

Any SSM family who raises at least \$250 will qualify as a Family Sponsor and will be listed in a parish-wide letter in the bulletin. Also, does your employer have a Matching Gift policy? It's a great way to make your donation go even further. Some companies that have matched in the past include: Union Pacific, First Data, Lincoln Financial Group, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Raytheon.

### What's in it for you? Prizes, prizes, and more prizes!

- Achieving our All School Goal of \$50,000 means everyone will receive a day off of school!

- **Classes will compete** within their grade-level to see who can raise the most; **Gold, Silver and Bronze** honors will be awarded to each grade based on who raises the most money; the Gold-winning class (top fundraiser) in each grade will receive a class party.
- **"Blitz" day/week** opportunities will happen throughout the online fundraising period for prizes.
- As mentioned, each student achieving their **Family Goal** will receive a goal bag filled with gift cards, coupons and other goodies.
- All K-8 students will receive a water bottle and a t-shirt to wear during the Martyr Marathon.

#### When does the walk/event begin and what does it entail?

The event will be held Friday, September 14, 2018. All grades (K-8) will walk together from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please Note: *Parents/guardians must turn in a signed waiver/permission slip for each child in their family to participate by September 10<sup>th</sup>. Students who do not have a signed waiver will not be allowed to walk. See the Martyr Marathon permission slip included in today's Martyr Messenger for more information.*

Below is a more detailed schedule for parents, volunteers, teachers and students:

9:15 a.m.	Parents join us for coffee & donuts in the school cafeteria after mass (optional)
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Volunteers arrive and head to their designated duty per their sign-up
10:00 a.m.	Parents line up on various spots along the route to "cheer on" the students/teachers
10:00 a.m.	"Opening Ceremonies" in gym (students, faculty and designated volunteers only)
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Official start and end of the Martyr Marathon all school walk/spirit competition
11:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Post-walk party with bubbles, popcorn and music for all in the East parking lot
11:45 a.m.	Students return to classrooms to collect personal belongings
12:00 p.m. (Noon)	School dismissal

#### What is the walking route?

New this year! The walking route will begin in the SSM East parking lot. Students will take a right out of the parking lot and walk the neighborhood around the school along S. 166<sup>th</sup> Street before turning right down "V" street. Students will then proceed from "V" street into the SSM South Parking lot and head west around the church. Students will then walk along the North side of the school and through the East lot toward the baseball fields for the spirit competition before ending in the East lot for popcorn and music. Parents and volunteers can stand along the route (like a parade!).



Each class will have the opportunity to showcase their spirit in a competition with the whole school. Maybe your class will come up with a chant, make signs, or do a dance? Special judges will determine **Gold, Silver and Bronze** winners. Teachers of the winning class won't be disappointed – how about a free massage gift certificate and other goodies?

#### How can you help?

We need volunteers like you to make our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Martyr Marathon a success! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0448a8af2aa75-martvr>. All volunteers will receive a Martyr Marathon t-shirt (while supplies last). And most importantly, All SSM Parents are invited to the Martyr Marathon and encouraged to attend! Hope to see you there!

For questions, please contact the committee at [martyrmarathon@gmail.com](mailto:martyrmarathon@gmail.com).

*\*Due to class scheduling, Pre-K students will not participate in the walk, but will participate in a dance party in their classroom and will receive a water bottle. Details TBD.*

**2018 Martyr Marathon Permission Slip-Please return by September 10th**  
**St. Stephen the Martyr School, Archdiocese of Omaha**

**MEDICAL INFORMATION AND PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM/LIABILITY WAIVER**

Participant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ grant permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian's name

Child's name

to participate in this parish/school event that requires walking to a location away from the parish/school site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish/school employees and/or volunteers from \_\_\_\_\_ St. Stephen the Martyr .

Name of parish/school

A brief description of the activity follows: This is the school's largest fundraiser of the year. This year, a portion of the walk route will be along S, 166th and V Streets. Students will depart from the SSM East lot and proceed around the block within Mission Hills before heading back to school grounds in the SSM south parking lot and around the school. Students will walk in the streets along the route, which will be blocked by the City for student, teacher, volunteer and parent safety.

Type of event: 2018 Martyr Marathon Fundraising Walk, Grades K-8

Date of event: Friday, September 14, 2018

Destination of event: Please see event/route map attached for more details

Individuals in charge: 2018 Martyr Marathon Committee

Estimated time of departure and return: 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

Mode of transportation to and from event: Walking with respective classes, teachers and volunteers

Cost per student N/A (automatically deducted per eLunch) passes may be honored.

As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant").

I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend \_\_\_\_\_ St. Stephen the Martyr \_\_\_\_\_ its

Name of Parish/School

officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Arch/Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ Omaha \_\_\_\_\_, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish/school, its officers, directors, and agents, and the Arch/Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ Omaha \_\_\_\_\_, its employees and agents and chaperons, or representative associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses which may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of the parish/school or the Arch/Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ Omaha \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_