

November 28, 2018



ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR SCHOOL

The Martyr Messenger

*By: Principal, Julie Perrault
Asst. Principal: Dr. Joe Greco*

As we finish the month of November, we look forward to all of the wonders and joys of the Christmas season. It is a very busy time for us at school, and I am sure it is equally as busy for your families. I pray that we can keep Jesus at the center of our thoughts and in our hearts as we eagerly await Christmas day. Below I have included some information and reminders for the weeks ahead:

- If you are planning to join your child and would like to have hot lunch, please call the office before 8:30 so they can get your lunch order in.
- If you have 2nd and/or 7th grade students, the sacramental prep fees (\$50.00 a family) will be withdrawn this month.
- November 30- Students will be bringing home progress report and Terra Nova results. In the weeks ahead, I will share how our students at SSM compare to the Archdiocese scores,
- December 3: No School- Teacher in-service/School of Faith
- December 3: 2A reconciliation at 7PM
- December 4: 2B and 2C reconciliation at 7PM
- December 5: 6th grades goes to The Rose
- December 6: 1st grade goes to the Orpheum
- December 10: Santa Shoppe Grades K-5
- December 10: Earned DDD—Teachers will let students know
- December 11: COOK'S NIGHT OUT—Freddy's at 180th and Center
- December 11: Santa Shoppe

Thanks for all you do and many blessings to your families in the weeks to come,

Mrs. Julie Perrault

School Families

Dec 2018 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Classes Resume	3rd-6 Martyr 7th & 8th to Jason	K-2 & 7-8 Martyr Martyr Messenger	1st to Orpheum	Progress Reports		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7 pm 2A First NO SCHOOL--	7 pm 2B, 2C First NO SCHOOL--	6th to Rose Theater	2:30pm - Benedictus			
8	10	11	12	13	14	15
12:30pm - Music In	Earned Free Dress Santa Shoppe K-5	Cook's Night Out-- Santa Shoppe K-5	Martyr Messenger			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				K-2 Music Program 2	End of 2nd Quarter 12pm - DISMISSAL	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
NO SCHOOL--	NO SCHOOL--	NO SCHOOL--	NO SCHOOL--	NO SCHOOL--	NO SCHOOL--	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
NO SCHOOL--	NO SCHOOL--	NO SCHOOL--	NO SCHOOL--	NO SCHOOL--	NO SCHOOL--	



SANTA SHOPPE

SAVE THE DATES:

December 10 & 11

Envelopes & info sheet will be sent home in Dec. 7th's Friday Folder.



NEXT TURN IN DATE

12/4/18

Please submit Box Tops to your class one week prior to allow enough time for coordinators to count your Box Tops.

Mrs. Schaffer's class collected the most box tops and will enjoy a cookie party and the Box Top trophy.

Grade	Teacher / Classroom	Boxtops Collected YTD	Total Box Top \$\$ Earned	Box Top \$\$ Earned for Classroom
Preschool		582	\$58.20	\$29.10
Kindergarten	Keller	927	\$92.70	\$46.35
	Erickson	303	\$30.30	\$15.15
	Schaffer	1,383	\$138.30	\$69.15
1st Grade	Fitch	821	\$82.10	\$41.05
	Jackson	570	\$57.00	\$28.50
	Keller	466	\$46.60	\$23.30
2nd Grade	Gill	409	\$40.90	\$20.45
	Roduner	692	\$69.20	\$34.60
	Lowry	501	\$50.10	\$25.05
3rd Grade	Garrett	559	\$55.90	\$27.95
	Vamosi	301	\$30.10	\$15.05
	Figura	568	\$56.80	\$28.40
4th Grade	Christiansen	359	\$35.90	\$17.95
	Haack	606	\$60.60	\$30.30
	Trout	917	\$91.70	\$45.85
5th Grade	Roche	415	\$41.50	\$20.75
	Freeman	617	\$61.70	\$30.85
	Jones	375	\$37.50	\$18.75
6th Grade	Hoover	535	\$53.50	\$26.75
	Kaufhold	30	\$3.00	\$1.50
	Mullen	283	\$28.30	\$13.15
7th Grade	Mabeus	546	\$54.60	\$27.30
	Hentzen	395	\$39.50	\$19.75
	Potach	376	\$37.60	\$18.80
8th Grade	Harvey	330	\$33.00	\$16.50
	Pestel	228	\$22.80	\$11.40
	Oliver	504	\$50.40	\$25.20
TOTAL SSM		14,578	\$1,457.80	\$728.90

Start your Christmas shopping early this year by donating to the Teacher/Staff Christmas Gift Certificate Program.



St. Stephen's Home and School Association will again be offering all families the opportunity to participate in the annual Christmas Gift Certificate Program to thank the teachers and staff of St. Stephen the Martyr School for all they do for our children.

Consider the time and number of gifts it would take if you were to individually thank all of the staff who interacts with your children every day! This program saves you time and money during the holiday rush.

This is an optional program; however we would ask that you give serious consideration to participating. This program has been a huge success in the past and it is our hope that the tradition will continue this year with the support and participation of our St. Stephen's family.

Each family is asked to make a contribution to a general Christmas fund. The money is then used to buy gift certificates for each of St. Stephen's teachers and school staff members who share in the daily education and care of your children.

Participation is easy. Just place your contribution (Cash or checks made out to SSM Home & School will be accepted) in an envelope marked with your family name and children's names and grade levels and "Christmas Gift Certificate Program". You can then:

- drop it in the box in the school office
- send it with your child (or in their backpack) to be sent to the office
- mail it to

St. Stephen the Martyr School
C/O Teacher Appreciation Christmas Gift Program
16701 S st.
Omaha, NE 68135.

We will be accepting donations through **Wednesday December 5.**

The staff is always so very grateful for these Christmas gifts. It is a simple way for all the supportive families at St. Stephen the Martyr School to show their heartfelt gratitude to our teachers and staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Teacher Appreciation Committee Chairs with any questions.

God bless you and your family during this most holy of seasons.
Teri, Chriss, Mindy and Julie - Teacher Appreciation Committee Chairs

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
St. Stephen's 8th Grade Pasta Dinner

Dinner is being provided by

Tickets being sold after
5 p.m. Saturday evening
& Sunday 9am, 10:30am,
12pm & 6pm masses in
January



Tickets being sold during
all PAL games on
December 15, January
6&12

Saturday, January 12, 2019
6:00 pm until 8:30 pm
St. Stephen the Martyr
167th & S Street

Can't stay to eat? Take out is available.

Ticket prices: Age 11 and up \$9.00

Ages 4-10 is \$5.00 and Ages 3 and under eat free

Each presale adult ticket will get 1 free raffle ticket

All meals include pasta, meat or marinara sauce,
salad, bread & drink. Desserts will be available for
an additional charge.

***All Proceeds go toward sending our 8th Grade
Students to Washington, D.C.***



SSM MUSICAL AUDITIONS AND OTHER MUSICAL INFORMATION

[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/VIEW/SSMHOMEAANDSCHOOL/MUSICAL](https://sites.google.com/view/ssmhomeandschool/musical)

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER ON THE SITE. REGISTRATION BEGINS DEC. 1ST -JAN 15TH

Auditions for Actors in 6th – 8th grades

Any student, grade 6-8th, is welcome to take part in the auditions for this year's SSM Musical. Auditions will take place on **Dec. 10th and 11th at 3:30pm Room 116 (the Music room)**. Everyone who auditions will be given a part. No preparation necessary, but you will need to be present for both days! **You must complete the registration form on the website to participate in the auditions.**

Student Actors 1st-5th grades

Signup for the Musical begins Dec. 1st. Students in these grades perform songs and dances as part of a group. Everyone gets a part. Rehearsals begin January 14th, 2019. Participation during Tech Week is mandatory. This year we will hold rehearsals on Saturdays. Rehearsal schedule will be available on the website/SignUp Genius.

Scenic Crew 3rd – 8th grades

Join our Scenic Design team and help create sets and props for the musical. Interested young artists are invited to join us on select Saturdays or Sundays during the rehearsal period for our Scenery Workshops. We'll be sketching designs, collaborating with other young artists to finalize our plans and drawing and painting our scenery together. It's a messy but fun way to spend your weekend!

Tech Crew - 6th - 8th grades

The tech crew is a key part of bringing the musical to life. As a tech crew member, you will help with lighting, sound, stage management and production management. Tech Crew rehearsals start a bit later after general rehearsals begin. Schedule will be posted on our website.

Parents & Volunteers:

We require that every participants' parents volunteer a minimum of 2 hours towards the production. To find the best volunteer option for you, please visit our website.

If you have further questions, please contact Marina Brown (MarinaDBrown@email.com) or Katie Baumker (Baumkers@cox.net)

SCHOOL

PERFORMANCE:

MARCH 21ND @ 1:15PM

GENERAL AUDIENCE PERFORMANCE:

MARCH 22ND @ 7:30PM

MARCH 23TH @ 7:00PM

BOOK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TECH WEEK:

MARCH 18TH –20TH

ALL MUST BE PRESENT

COST:

ACTORS (1ST-8TH): \$25

TECH CREW & BACKSTAGE:
\$10

**THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE
REHEARSALS ON SATURDAYS!
PLEASE COMMIT RESPONSIBLY!**

Signing up to participate in the musical production is a strong commitment. You will be part of a team which will require you to be present at rehearsals and fully participate as part of the actor group or tech crew

Introducing...

Martyr Jump Starter

Please join us for coffee, donuts and Catholicism!



First Featured Topic: Advent

Speaker: Fr. Dave Belt

Sunday, December 2, 2018 @ 10 a.m.

Dining Room

All Families Welcome!



St. Stephen the Martyr
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Encounter, Know, Proclaim

Questions? Contact Cathy Ashton, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis, at 402-861-4507

Skutt Dance Team Winter Clinic 2018

Open to all Kindergarten-8th grade

Friday, December 14 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm



Come and dance with Skutt Catholic's nationally ranked dance team!
Perform a routine at Halftime of the Skutt Varsity Boys' Basketball Game!

*Critiques and feedback for 6th-8th Graders – Get Ready for Dance Team Tryouts!

*Dance and Craft Activity, T-Shirt, Dinner and Special Surprise Included!

*COST: \$50 – Register by 12/5 to Guarantee a T-Shirt**

PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT (CHECKS MADE OUT TO "Skutt Dance Team") SKUTT CATHOLIC DANCE TEAM, 3131 S. 156th Street, Omaha, NE 68130.

OR Register Online www.skyhawkcamps.com

Child's Name _____ Referred by SCDT Dancer? (Name) _____

Age _____ Grade _____ School _____ Allergies _____

T-Shirt (please circle): Youth S M L Adult S M L

Questions? Please contact: skuttcatholicdanceteam@gmail.com

I certify that my child, _____, has permission to attend the 2018 Skutt Dance Team Winter Clinic and has been cleared by a physician to participate. We agree on behalf of ourselves, the child named herein, and our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend Skutt Catholic High School, its officers, directors, and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha and representatives associated with the 2018 Skutt Dance Team Winter Clinic supervision, from any illness, injury or cost of medical treatment arising from or in connection with the student named above or participation in the camp activities, that is not the result of intentional neglect or willful or wanton misconduct by the school, its agents, representatives, or employees.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Email _____