



# Saint Stephen Protomartyr School

## FRIDAY NOTES OCTOBER 17, 2025



### Congratulations to Our SSP STARs!

We are proud to recognize this week's SSP STAR inductees for their outstanding commitment to our school community: once again for all the **parents & parishioners** who regularly **volunteer at recess and/or the cafeteria**. To the **SSP Staff** who make volunteer to make (Mandatory) **Homework Club** a reality. These teachers with regularity start their evenings at least an hour later to provide extra assistance for students: **Mary Ann Buschmann, Stacey Hulse, & Stephanie Minor**. Honorable mention goes to **Carol Anne Lorenz**, and **Gloria Openlander**. A tip of the hat goes to our Learning Team: **Learning Consultant—Gloria Openlander** and **Resource Teacher—Gloria Seper**. The "**Glorias**" open the door for small miracles to unfold.

### Homework Club Updates

To ensure smooth operations, **parent sign-up via the Google Form is REQUIRED** for students to attend Homework Club. We will no longer call home if a student wishes to attend but is not signed up. **Schedule:** Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays **Sign-Up Deadline:** 12:00 PM on the day of attendance. This cutoff allows staff to prepare and confirm that students have homework to complete. Parents will be contacted for early pick-up if homework is finished before 4:00 PM. Aftercare students will transition to aftercare once their work is complete.

### Mandatory Homework Club

As outlined in the Parent Handbook (p. 17), students with persistent homework completion issues will be **required** to attend Homework Club daily until they are caught up. This ensures continued learning & academic success.

## MINI FALL BREAK

*Beginning: Thursday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at NOON*

*Concluding: Sunday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Classes Resume: Monday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM*

## WEEK IN PREVIEW 10/19—24, 2025



**SUNDAY 10/19** Sunset Youth Mass 4:30pm  
Children's Liturgy of the Word 10am & 4:30pm  
Sacred Sparks (Monthly) Meeting 5:30 pm

### MONDAY 10/20

Training for New Altar Servers Grades 4-8 with Deacon Dana  
Lunch: Sausage & Pancakes Alternative: Bagel with Cream Cheese or Salad: Spinach

### TUESDAY 10/21

Training for New Altar Servers Grades 4-8 with Deacon Dana  
Grades 2 & 7 Mass Servers: Lily Minor & Blaine Bauer  
Lunch: Dino Chicken Nuggets Alternative: BLT Wrap or Salad: BLT

### WEDNESDAY 10/22 Online Report Card Viewing 3:30 pm

Training for New Altar Servers Grades 4-8 with Deacon Dana  
Lunch: Pizza Quesadilla Alternative: Chicken Caesar Wrap or Salad: Chicken Caesar

### THURSDAY 10/23 Noon Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences

All School Mass Servers: Regan Joly & John Lorenz  
Lunch Will not be served

**FRIDAY 10/24** No School for Parent-Teacher Conferences 8 am — 12 pm  
Girl Scout (Trunk) Table or Treat: Lot opens 6:30 Open 7-8 pm

**SSP GIRL SCOUT TABLE AND TREATS**

You, your friends & families are invited for a great time!

**Who:** All are encouraged to come dressed in a Halloween costume for this event! Kids will have a blast walking from table to table collecting Halloween goodies, while enjoying POPCORN, CHILI, HOT DOGS, NACHOS, SODA & WATER for purchase.

**What:** Decorate your table & bring your best candy & trinkets to give out!!!

**When:** Friday, October 24, 2025  
Set up: Lot opens at 6:30 pm  
Trunk or Treat will begin at 7pm - 8:00 end.

**Where:** SSP GYM LOT

**Cost:** \$5 per family early registration, \$10 night of event. Tables will be set up, or bring your own.

girl scouts venmo

**CASH or VENMO is an option for payment @SSPTroop1164**

**\$5 per family - (Early registration) \$10 per family (Night of event)**

Please return this form to school office in a sealed envelope marked "Trunk or Treat"

Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**SSP TABLE & TREATS** Please reserve table (check box) YES ☐ NO ☐

# Homework Club

**SIGN UP!**



**CLICK ON the icons above to Sign Up or Volunteer**

Our altar servers help us pray at Church, and it's a great way to love God! So, I invite our students currently in 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th grades to become altar servers for both the daily and weekend parish Masses. Being an altar server is a big responsibility.

You are responsible for:

- Learning to serve well
- Arriving on time when you serve
- Finding a sub when you can't come.

# CALLING NEW ALTAR SERVERS!

St. Stephen Protomartyr School is looking students in Grades 4-7 to join our ministry



For more details, contact Mr. Medellin-Sturgill via email at [greg.sturgill@sspstl.org](mailto:greg.sturgill@sspstl.org)

Next week, **October 20-22**, Deacon Dana will meet with those interested in serving and instruct them about the role of the server. New servers will minister with an experienced server at weekday Masses in November/December.

Please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it to the school office by Monday, October 20th. Thank you! If you have any questions, contact Mr. Sturgill at 314-752-4700 X 320 or [greg.sturgill@sspstl.org](mailto:greg.sturgill@sspstl.org).

Fr. Aaron Nord

I am interested in becoming a server. \_\_\_\_\_

(Student's Name, please print)

Our daughter / Our son has our permission to be a server.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent's Signature)

Parent's email address (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

