



# FRIDAY NOTES — January 30, 2026

The MO Scholarship Application Process requires a child who may have or has a special need to be evaluated by the public school district in which the child resides. The application process also requires that the child's IEP be written by the public school district of the child.

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So many **STARS** these past two weeks—and I want to be clear: this isn't a *"you get a STAR, you get a STAR, everyone gets a STAR"* moment. These recognitions are meant to shine a light on those who consistently go above and beyond daily expectations.

Yesterday, Mrs. Tessin sent more than **80 thank-you notes** to the many individuals who set up, supported, stuffed swag bags, printed and picked up posters, arranged tables, provided nourishment, served as runners, and acted as parent and student ambassadors and greeters for both the SCCA School Fair and the SSP Wednesday Night Open House. While June sent the thank-yous, she herself was the key to the overall success of these events—and, quite honestly, most SSP events.

A special thank-you as well to **Jim Sciaroni and Fidencio Tomas**, who worked tirelessly to clean our campus so we could return after *Snowmageddon*. Gratitude also goes to the **PTO**, under the leadership of **Jill Summary**, for providing treats, assisting with setups, and helping make Catholic Schools Week memorable—including tonight's Glo Dance.

Equally hard at work around campus are **Kim Armstrong, Sara Dannan**, and our Artist Liaison, **Jenna Chierek**, preparing for the Queen of Hearts Masquerade Gala.

We often say *"it takes a village,"* but rarely is that phrase so fully embodied as it is in the daily hustle, vibrancy, and teamwork on display at SSP School. Thank you to all who make a difference—every single day.



## WEEK IN PREVIEW February 1—6, 2026



**SUNDAY 2/1** Sunset Youth Mass 4:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word 10 am & 4:30 pm

**MONDAY 2/2** Disney Dress Day (make up day)

PTO Dine-Around: Stacked STL

Lunch: Pancake & Sausage Bites **Alternative:** Bagel & Cream Cheese or **Salad:** Spinach

**TUESDAY 2/3** Grades 2 & 4 Mass Servers: Sam Bernstetter &

Alex Overmann **Lunch:** Bosco Pepperoni Stick **Alternative:** BLT Wrap or **Salad:** BLT

**WEDNESDAY 2/4** Parent Appreciation (Donuts @ Drop Off)

Kickoff of Tapping with Tina's Ballerinas 3—4 pm

Lunch: Chicken Rings **Alternative:** Chicken Caesar Wrap or **Salad:** Chicken Caesar

**THURSDAY 2/5** Grade 3 Recorders

All School Mass Servers: Oscar Chierek & Evan Goedecker

Lunch: Super Bowl Dog **Alternative:** Taco Wrap or **Salad:** Taco

**FRIDAY 2/6** Palmer Music - Band / Grade 1 Play 1:45 pm

Fr. Aaron Religion Classes 3-4 pm **Lunch:** Papa John Sausage Pizza **Alternative:** Cheese Pizza and **Salad:** Chef

Fr. Aaron Nord's Select Sacrament Religion Classes second semester classes will be held on: **Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27, and March 6 & 20 from 3—4 pm** in the Art Room.

On a **Personal Note...** Mr. Sturgill will be in Scottsdale, AZ as part of the LEI program he's involved with Notre Dame University this weekend through February 4. In his absence, the school in the very capable hands of **June Tessin, Mary Ann Buschmann** (lead teacher) and **Gloria Openlander** (Learning Consultant & former principal). I will return on 2/5/26.

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





## ♥ SSP Gala 2026: Queen of Hearts Masquerade – Sat, Feb 14 ♥

Invitations are in the mail this week for the [St. Stephen Protomartyr Gala](https://www.saintstephenstl.org/gala), our school's largest fundraiser! Grab your valentine or invite a neighbor, and join us for an evening to celebrate faith, community, and Catholic education.

### Here are FIVE ways you can help make this the BEST Gala yet:

- Purchase your [SSP Gala tickets](https://www.saintstephenstl.org/gala).
- Volunteer: [Sign up online](https://www.saintstephenstl.org/gala) or join us for a weekly planning meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (email [gala@saintstephenstl.org](mailto:gala@saintstephenstl.org) for details)
- Donate a bottle of wine or bourbon: Drop-off or pick-up available. Contact Kim Armstrong (314)239-3068
- Share a duplicate, extra, or unopened gift that didn't quite steal your heart. Email [gala@saintstephenstl.org](mailto:gala@saintstephenstl.org) to arrange drop-off or pick-up.
- Purchase a Golf Cart Raffle ticket: Enter for a chance to win a 2021 Club Car Tempo golf cart. Tickets are \$100 and available via cash or on the [SSP Gala site](https://www.saintstephenstl.org/gala). Sales close February 14, with the winner announced at the Gala.

Questions? Please email [gala@saintstephenstl.org](mailto:gala@saintstephenstl.org) or reach out to **Kim Armstrong** or Sara Dannan. ♥ ♠ ♦ ♣



# DANCE DANCE DANCE

TAPPING WITH TINA'S BALLERINAS

## Dance at St. Stephen Protomartyr

WEDNESDAYS

Starting February 4th

PRESCHOOL AT MORNING RECESS

K-8TH ~ AFTERSCHOOL UNTIL 4PM

ALL DANCERS WILL LEARN:

TAP | BALLET | POM | MUSICAL THEATER/JAZZ

TUITION : \$48 PER MONTH

Dance Master Certified with a B.A. in Dance  
from Webster University

For more information contact:

Call or Text Tina Stemmler

(314)-680-2613



**Mission Carnival** is a long-honored SSP tradition that students and staff look forward to each year! The 8th grade class is excited to host food, games, coloring contests, and raffles for all PK3-7th grade students to enjoy on Tuesday, February 17.

All proceeds from Mission Carnival will benefit St. Baldrick's Foundation this year.

To learn more about our mission focus and to purchase tickets for activities, please complete the form linked below. No cash will be accepted on the day of Mission Carnival, so please plan accordingly. **The form is open now through Tuesday, February 10 at 3:00 PM.** [NEW LINK: Mission Carnival 2026](#)

If you have any questions about Mission Carnival, please contact [Mrs. Anglo](#) directly. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity. It is very much appreciated!

## BOY SCOUT Pizza Sale

SSP Boy Scout Troop 179 is holding its annual Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser. These are 14" fresh pizzas made by the Scouts themselves. Orders are being taken from now until Feb 3rd. Pick up your pizzas at the IHM cafeteria on Saturday Feb 7th between 2:00 and 5:00pm. 100% of the profits go directly to the Scouts to offset camping and activity costs. Contact a Scout or Scoutmaster John Ebert at [theebert6@gmail.com](mailto:theebert6@gmail.com) or 314-258-0613 to place your order. Thank you for your continued support of Scouting



## FREE READING TUTORING

GRADES 2-4



Spring 2026 Reading Tutoring

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
OF  
ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

## SSP SPORTS TRIVIA

ENTRY

**\$50**

DOORS OPEN

**06:00 PM**

JAN

**31ST**

2025  
CHAMPS

★★★★★



LUDY'S FOUL  
BALL LOUNGE

★★★★★

REGISTER  
HERE

SCAN ME



SELL OUT  
EXPECTED

3949 WILMINGTON AVE, SOUTH CITY, 63116

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ST. STEPHEN'S  
Entry includes a delicious world class dinner, drinks and snacks  
An evening of Sports Trivia  
Games of Chance including CHUCK-A-LUCK



# Where Friendship Grows

Sing songs with friends.  
Explore a state park.  
Dream up a new invention.  
As a Girl Scout, she'll go on  
amazing adventures and  
discover new skills with her  
besties cheering her on  
every step of the way. She'll  
find the kind of friendship  
that lasts a lifetime and  
gives her the confidence to  
be what she wants to be.

Interested in joining Girl Scouts?

Contact your Community  
Engagement Manager for more  
information!

[slantsberger@girlscoutsem.org](mailto:slantsberger@girlscoutsem.org)

OR

Scan this QR code to fill out an  
interest form to be contacted.



Scan the QR code  
to learn more or visit  
[girlscoutsem.org/join](http://girlscoutsem.org/join)

girl scouts  
of eastern missouri



## Girls on the Run is for **EVERY** girl

**Girls on the Run is an  
afterschool program like  
no other!**

Twice per week for 8 weeks, girls will have  
fun, make friends, increase their physical  
activity levels and learn important life skills.  
Trained and caring Coaches lead 3rd - 5th  
grade girls through interactive lessons and  
movement activities. The season ends with  
her and her adult Running Buddy  
(parent/guardian, etc.) completing a  
noncompetitive 5K event.



*Why it matters*  
**It's fun. It's effective.**

Participating in Girls on the Run transforms girls' lives by  
helping them increase their self-confidence, develop healthy  
relationships, and feel good about themselves, inside and out.



Girls who were the least  
active at the start of the  
program increased their  
physical activity by more  
than 40%\*



97% of participants said  
they learned critical skills to  
manage emotions, resolve  
conflict, help others or  
make intentional decisions\*

\*Results based on a independent study conducted by  
Positive Youth Development expert Maureen R. Weiss, Ph.D.

### Questions?

Contact Marcy Meyer at  
[marcy.meyer@saintstephenstl.org](mailto:marcy.meyer@saintstephenstl.org)

**Location:** St. Stephen Protomartyr

### Program Dates

Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:30 PM,  
starting week of 3/2 and ending with 5K Event on  
May 9th.

### Program Fee: \$175

Scholarships, payment plans, and sibling discounts  
available. Payment not due at time of registration.

### Registration

General Registration open Jan 12th - Feb 22nd. If  
space is available, Late Registration will be open  
2/25 - 3/6, or until team is full.



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