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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Terra Nova Testing: Terra Nova tests, the annual diocesan testing program, will be taking place for all students in grades 3-8 from March 5 - 16. Students are tested in reading, language, math, science and social studies. It is imperative that your child(ren) is/are on time. Testing will begin at 8 AM.

You can help your child be prepared by making sure he/she gets a good night's rest, eats breakfast and arrives to school on time. All teachers will begin the testing period at 8 AM. Students will be testing in the morning. As our Parent/Student Handbook states, it is diocesan policy that all students must participate in this testing program.

Scholarship Applications: St. Stephen School will again offer scholarship assistance to our **sixth graders who have chosen to stay at St. Stephen School** for grades 7 and 8. Scholarship applications will be available to 6th grade students from Mrs. Mangaudis on Monday, March 12th. Completed applications should be returned by Monday, April 23rd.

Joanne Mallozzi, Principal

Value of the Month – March

Perseverance

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Confucius

When we persevere, we do our best with what we have.

We keep trying; we don't quit or give up easily.

We never make excuses for obstacles that get in the way of getting something done.

Instead we look for ways to remove or work around the obstacles.



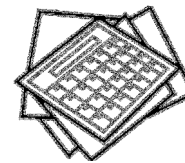
Pi-Day - Wednesday, March 14 is PiDay, a day to celebrate the mathematical constant Pi (π) and to eat lots of pie! It's celebrated in countries that follow the month/day format, because the digits in the date, March 14 or 3/14, are the first three digits of π (3.14). Pi Day was founded by physicist Larry Shaw in 1988. Table Talk of Worcester has generously donated pies for our students to use in classroom activities planned for Wednesday, March 14. We thank Mrs. Corso for making the arrangements.

This Week's Brown Envelope Inserts..

- March Calendar
- April Lunch Order Forms
- Calendar Raffle Calendars and letter coming home today

Coming Up...

- ~ Thursday, March 1 Progress Reports will be available
- ~ Thursday, March 1, Re-Registration Forms and payment due
- ~ Friday, March 2, ½ Day of School - Professional Development
 - ~ 11:15 Dismissal Pre-K
 - ~ 11:30 Dismissal K-8
- ~ Monday, March 5, Terra Nova Testing Begins for Grades 3-8
- ~ Sunday, March 11, Move Clocks ahead 1 hour
- ~ Monday, March 12, Scholarship Applications Available-Grade 6
- ~ Friday, March 16, Chill Out - Grades K-8
- ~ Friday, March 16, Terra Nova Testing Ends for Grades 3-8
- ~ Wednesday, March 28, LifeTouch Spring Pictures
- ~ Wednesday, March 28, Holy Week Mass, 8:30 AM
- ~ Thursday, March 29, End of Term
- ~ Friday, March 29 - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday



April Calendar Raffle:

You will find information on our annual Calendar Raffle in today's envelope. This is our last major fundraiser for the year and has the potential to help our school immensely.

We are asking each family to sell 10 calendars. Families who sell 10 or more will be entered into a bonus drawing! Please tell family, friends and co-workers about this Raffle.

If you have the time, we would greatly appreciate volunteers who can sell Raffle tickets after the St. Stephen Church Masses on March 17th and 18th. Calendars sold are credited to your family total 😊

Please see the enclosed letter for more detailed information and we thank you for your support!

Bag2School-Coming in April – Spring cleaning is right around the corner and we need your help. Please consider donating your unwanted clothes, soft toys, belts, purses and shoes. Donations can be dropped off at the school at any time in April, and collections will end on Thursday, May 3rd. The more we collect, the more money we raise for our school. More information will follow in the next newsletter. Proceeds from this event will benefit St. Stephen School. Thank you for your consideration!



We are very grateful to all of the prize donors for the **Calendar Raffle**. The response was wonderful! Thank you to: Mrs. Mason, Ms. Sacovitch, Ms. Porcaro, Ms. Bartkiewicz, Mrs. Labonte, Mrs. DiCicco, Ms. Mallozzi, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Mangaudis, Mrs. Durden, Gallagher Concrete, Inc. c/o Mrs. Durden and Marlborough Dental Lab LLC, c/o Mrs. Durden. Thank you so much to Ms. Sacovitch and Mrs. Labonte for their hard work in organizing this Raffle for our School!



Good-bye ice skates, 	Good-bye sled, 	Good-bye winter, spring's ahead!
Good-bye mittens, 	Good-bye snow, 	Good-bye winter, spring hello!
Hello crocus, 	Hello kite, 	Good-bye winter, spring's in sight!
Hello jump rope, 	Hello swing, 	Good-bye winter, hello spring!

IMPORTANT...

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 9, 2018. 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 2018-2019

All current students need to re-register for the upcoming school year. We want to remind parents that the \$150.00 registration fee and the **completed registration form must be turned into the school office by Thursday, March 1, 2018.** After the March 1st deadline, the re-registration fee will increase to \$175.00.

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.



As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line and confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.