

The background of the image is a soft-focus bokeh of warm autumn colors, primarily oranges, yellows, and reds. In the foreground, several sharp, dark red maple leaves are visible, some hanging from thin branches. The overall mood is cozy and seasonal.

Autumn Vibes

**LEAVES ARE
CHANGING!**



Dear SSCM Families,

As we are preparing for upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences, we are excited to introduce a new and easier way for families to schedule conference times.

This year, SSCM will be using PTCFast.com, an online scheduling system that allows parents to select available conference times directly with their child's teacher(s). Our goal with this change is to make the scheduling process simple, convenient, and accessible for all families.

How to Schedule Your Conference

1. **Click the SSCM Parent-Teacher Conference link:**

https://ptcfast.com/schools/SS_Cyril_and_Methodius_School

2. **Select your child's teacher(s).**

Families with multiple children or students in the upper grades may select multiple teachers as needed.

3. **Enter your information.**

Follow the prompts to provide your name, email address, and student information.

4. **Check your email.**

PTCFast will send you an email with a link that allows you to view the available conference times for the teacher(s) you selected.

5. **Choose your conference time(s).**

Select the available time that works best for your family and confirm your appointment.

6. **Save your confirmation.**

You will receive confirmation of your scheduled conference time by email.

A Few Important Reminders

Conference times are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage families to schedule early. If you have more than one child at SSCM, please allow enough time between conferences to move from one teacher to another.

If you need to meet with multiple teachers, particularly at junior high level, please schedule a separate conference with each teacher you wish to see. **All junior high students (Grades 6–8) are required to attend conferences with their parents. Students in Grades PK–5 are encouraged to attend conferences with their parents.**

We believe PTCFast will make scheduling conferences easier for our families while helping us maximize the time available for meaningful conversations between parents and teachers.

Parent-Teacher Conferences provide an important opportunity for us to work together, celebrate student growth, discuss areas for continued development, and ensure every Comet is supported in reaching his or her potential. Thank you for your continued partnership and support of SSCM. We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Conferences!

God Bless,
Mr. Turney



Dear SSCM Families,

As part of our continued commitment to being a school where every student is known, supported, challenged, and positioned for success, I am excited to formally introduce our Learning Resource Center (LRC) and Student Support Team.

The LRC represents an important investment in supporting the individual needs of our students. Its purpose extends beyond providing help when a student is struggling. Through collaboration among classroom teachers, specialists, families, and administration, we are building a schoolwide system designed to identify student needs, provide appropriate support, and maximize student growth.

MTSS: Meeting Students Where They Are

Central to this work is our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). MTSS uses student data, classroom performance, teacher observations, and progress monitoring to help us determine the appropriate level of academic or social-emotional support for each student.

Our MTSS framework includes three levels:

- **Tier I – Strong Core Instruction for Every Student:** All students receive high-quality, grade-level classroom instruction that includes differentiation, small groups, checks for understanding within our I Do → We Do → You Do or 5 E's instructional models.
- **Tier II – Targeted Support for Some Students:** Students who need additional support receive targeted intervention in addition to Tier I instruction. This may include small-group reading or math support, additional skill practice, or push-in/pull-out support.
- **Tier III – Intensive, Individualized Support:** Students demonstrating a need for greater intervention receive more individualized support, which may include increased frequency or duration, smaller groups or one-on-one instruction, and more frequent progress monitoring.

Importantly, the tiers are not labels placed on students—they describe the level of support a student needs at a particular time. Support can increase, decrease, or change as students grow.

Using i-Ready to Inform Decisions

i-Ready is an important data tool within our MTSS process. Reading and Mathematics Diagnostic data helps us identify student strengths and areas for growth. Combined with classroom assessments, student work, and teacher observations, i-Ready helps our team make informed decisions about instruction and intervention.

Our goal is to create a continuous cycle:

Identify the Need → Provide the Right Support → Monitor Progress → Adjust Based on Data → Celebrate Growth

Meet Our Student Support Team

We are blessed with an outstanding team of SSCM professionals:

- **Mrs. Monique Capouch – Learning Resource Center Director:** Leads our LRC, coordinates our MTSS process, and works with teachers, specialists, families, and administration to coordinate and monitor student support.
- **Mrs. Bernie Anderson – Schoolwide Reading Specialist:** Provides targeted literacy support and works alongside classroom teachers to strengthen student reading skills.
- **Mrs. Bernice Kucera – Schoolwide Math Specialist:** Provides targeted mathematics support to strengthen foundational skills, mathematical understanding, and student confidence.
- **Mrs. Julie Dolak – School Social Worker:** Supports the social-emotional well-being of our students and collaborates with students, teachers, and families.

We are also grateful for our partnership with District 113A, which provides additional specialized personnel to support our students and school goals:

- **Ms. Briana Kierzek – Speech and Language Services:** Provides services for students with identified speech and language needs.
- **Ms. Asli Weil – Special Education Services:** Provides special education services and collaborates with our team to support the individual learning needs of eligible students.

Together, these professionals allow us to provide a more coordinated and comprehensive approach to student support. Classroom teachers remain at the center of Tier I instruction, while our LRC, specialists, social worker, and District 113A partners provide additional expertise as student needs are identified. Through regular progress monitoring, we can determine whether support should continue, change, become more intensive, or be gradually reduced as a student demonstrates growth.

Most importantly, this work reflects something at the heart of our SSCM Mission and Graduate Profile: every child who walks through our doors is unique, possessing individual gifts, strengths, and opportunities for growth. Our responsibility is to know our students well, meet them where they are, and provide the support and challenge necessary to help them become the very best version of themselves.

We are excited about what our Learning Resource Center, Student Support Team, and MTSS framework will bring to our students and families. Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to help every student learn, grow, and thrive at SSCM.

God Bless,

Mr. Turney

COMETS ON THE MOVE~ MEDALS TO PROVE~



TOMORROW IS OUR WALKATHON!

**WE WILL RECOGNIZE THE TOP THREE STUDENTS IN EACH GRADE
WHO COMPLETE THE MOST LAPS!**

**1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED AT OUR
ALL-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 8:00 A.M.!
PARENTS OF MEDAL WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED SO THEY CAN
ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY!**

LET'S GO COMETS!



SSCM COMETS

WALK • RUN • RIDE

2026 SCHOOL WALKATHON

MOVE FOR OUR SCHOOL • SUPPORT THE WALLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Together
We Go
Further!



**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 16**



9:00–11:00 AM
SCHOOL GROUNDS



READY • SET • GO!
BRING YOUR COMET SPIRIT

EVERY LAP MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

PRESCHOOL 3 – KINDERGARTEN



BIKE OR SCOOTER

Ride for approximately
10 minutes.

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED.

GRADES 1 – 8



WALK OR RUN

Complete ¼-mile laps
around the school for
approximately 20–25 minutes.

MOVE

BELONG

ACHIEVE



ASK FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO PLEDGE!

- ✓ Choose a flat donation or pledge an amount per lap.
- ✓ Students will bring their completed lap cards home after the event.
- ✓ Donations are due Wednesday, October 21.
- ✓ Cash or checks payable to SSCM PSO.



SHINE BRIGHT. EARN A MEDAL!



1ST • 2ND • 3RD PLACE IN EVERY GRADE

Top lap finishers will be recognized at the all-school assembly on Friday, October 23.

MOVE • CHEER • LAUGH • SHOW YOUR COMET PRIDE!

Wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes • Bring a water bottle



WHY PARTICIPATE?

Build fitness, school spirit and friendly competition while supporting our school community.



PARENTS CAN JOIN THE FUN!

Your class RPC will email volunteer opportunities and a sign-up link soon.



WALK IT • RUN IT • RIDE IT • ROCK IT



Picture Retakes & Yearbook Photos!

Thursday, October 22!

ABSENTEE & NEW STUDENTS

No payment is needed yet!

A few days after Picture Day, your student will bring home a photo proof with easy ordering instructions.

You'll get to see the photos first, then choose your favorites and decide what you'd like to order—no guesswork required!

RETAKE STUDENTS

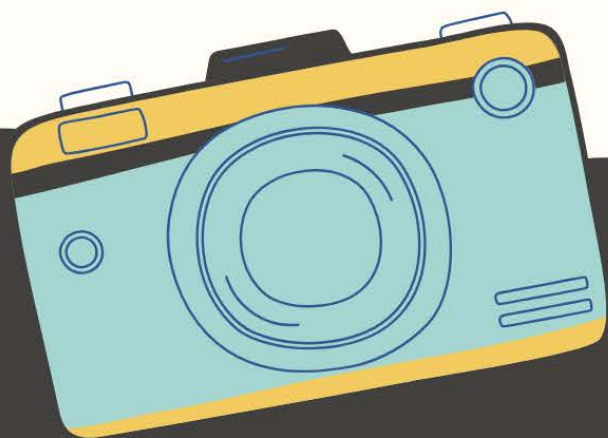
Not loving the first photo? No worries!

Your child can have their picture retaken and give it another try.

Group yearbook pictures will also be taken this day!

All students should be in SSCM full uniform or PE uniform if you have PE this day.

ONLY THOSE DOING RETAKES CAN BE DRESSED DOWN FOR PICTURES and CHANGE INTO THEIR UNIFORM AFTER THEIR INDIVIDUAL PICTURES!



NOVEMBER 2026

SSCM LUNCH MENU

LUNCHES ARE \$5.25 EACH ~ INCLUDES SELECTION OF A SIDE ITEM AND TREAT

ORDERING OPEN 10/1 - 10/15

MILK (2% WHITE OR LOW FAT CHOCOLATE) IS OFFERED FOR \$.55



MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

2

A - TACOS

B - HAMBURGER OR
CHEESEBURGER

C - HAM OR TURKEY
SANDWICH (COLD)

3

A - HOT DOG

B - MOSTACCIOLI
(SAUCE OR BUTTER)

C - MAC & CHEESE
BITES

4

**SPECIAL
LUNCH~
PIZZA
DAY**

5

**½ DAY ~
11AM
DISMISSAL**

6

**NO
SCHOOL~
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

9

A - HAMBURGER OR
CHEESEBURGER

B - BOSCO STICKS

C - SALAD WITH
GRILLED CHICKEN

10

A - CHICKEN
TENDERS

B - ITALIAN BEEF
SANDWICH

C - HAM OR TURKEY
SANDWICH (COLD)

11

**SPECIAL
LUNCH~
HOT DOG
DAY**

12

A - MEATBALL
SANDWICH

B - MINI CORN
DOGS

C - MAC & CHEESE
BITES

13

A - FRENCH TOAST
STICKS

B - SLOPPY JOE

C - PIZZA - CHEESE
OR PEPPERONI

16

A - MINI PANCAKES

B - MAC & CHEESE

C - PIZZA - CHEESE
OR PEPPERONI

17

A - CHICKEN
TENDERS

B - MINI CORN
DOGS

C - HAM OR TURKEY
SANDWICH (COLD)

18

A - TACOS

B - PIZZA - CHEESE
OR PEPPERONI

C - SALAD WITH
GRILLED CHICKEN

19

A - HOT DOG

B - SPAGHETTI
(SAUCE OR BUTTER)

C - CHILI &
CRACKERS

20

A - HAMBURGER OR
CHEESEBURGER

B - MAC & CHEESE
BITES

C - PIZZA PUFF

23

A - CHICKEN
TENDERS

B - BOSCO STICKS

C - CHILI &
CRACKERS

24

**½ DAY ~
11AM
DISMISSAL**

25

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

26

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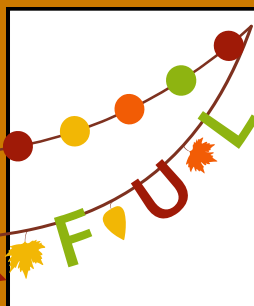
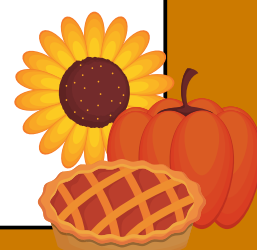


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A - SPAGHETTI -
(SAUCE OR BUTTER)

B - HAMBURGER OR
CHEESEBURGER

C - HAM OR TURKEY
SANDWICH (COLD)



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SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK*



**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 26TH**

S - SHOW COURAGE

Dress like a first responder, military, teacher, or any other courageous career choice!



**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 27TH**

S - SPORT YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT

Wear your school spirit wear!



**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 28TH**

C - CHASE YOUR DREAMS

Wear your pajamas to school!



**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 29TH**

M - MAKE YOUR OWN MUSIC

Dress as your favorite musician, music genre, or anything music themed!



**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 30TH**

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Wear your "school appropriate" Halloween costume and get ready for SSCM Trunk or Treat!



If you are not dressed in theme, you must wear your school uniform.
Dress code applies to all theme days!

DROBNE MONETY RATUJĄ DZIECI



TWOJE DROBNE MONETY NAPRAWDĘ POMAGAJĄ

TRZY KROKI JAK MOŻNA POMÓC:

- 1. Zabierz specjalną butelkę po Mszy Św. _____**
- 2. Weź butelkę do domu i wrzucaj do niej przez miesiąc swoje drobne monety.**
- 3. Zwróć butelkę przed Mszą Św.**

Thank You!



The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

Crisis pregnancy counseling, medical and social service referrals, material goods assistance. www.GoTWC.org or call us at 773.794.1313

SSCM SCHOOL TRUNK OR TREAT

A FUN MORNING FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!



FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 30



9:00 - 10:50 AM



SSCM SCHOOL

FAMILY PARTICIPATION MAKES THE MAGIC HAPPEN!

Dress up, decorate a table, and help make the magic happen
as our kids trick-or-treat from table to table!

THERE WILL BE ONE WINNING TABLE
CHOSEN BY OUR STUDENTS!



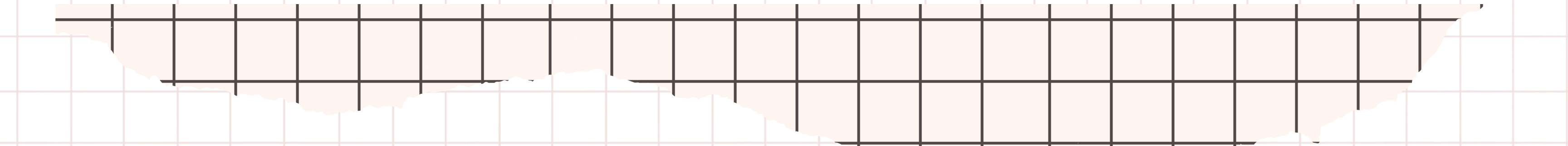
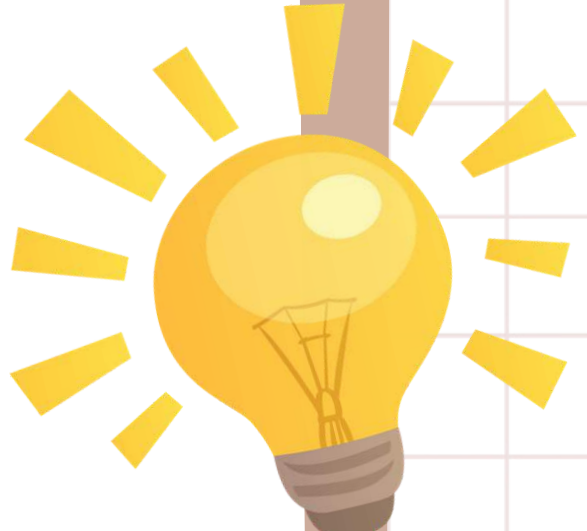
CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW
TO REGISTER ONLINE!

CLICK HERE TO BE PART OF THE FUN!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6Mc3PKaOMgem9UXDujK4eukPjtByF041fjvBUeHmIDZ61QQ/viewform>

STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 11:00 AM!
NO EARLY DISMISSAL!





NJHS Food Drive

Helping Hands has requested:

Jars of Spaghetti Sauce

Spaghetti

Manwich

Cake Mix

Brownie Mix

Frosting

Pancake Mix

Pasta

Rice side dishes

Hamburger Helper

Shampoo

Conditioner

Kleenex

Toilet Paper

October 1st-October 22nd

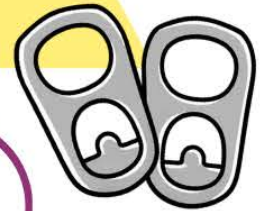
Please no Mac 'n Cheese

Thank You for Your Donations!



POP IT & DROP IT

HELP SUPPORT RONALD
MCDONALD CHARITIES



1

POP A TAB

2

SAVE IT

3

FILL A GALLON
SIZED BAG



THE CLASS WITH
THE MOST BAGS OF
POP TABS BY THE
END OF THE YEAR
WINS A PIZZA PARTY!



♥ LITTLE TABS.BIG HEART.BIG IMPACT. ♥

DISCIPLINE
CONFIDENCE
RESPECT
COMMUNITY

NEW KARATE CLUB AT SSCM

TRAIN TOGETHER. GROW TOGETHER.

Interested in joining with your child?
Parents are welcomed to enroll too! *(but not required)*



**STRENGTH
BALANCE
COORDINATION**
Ages 7+



**FOCUS
DISCIPLINE
CONFIDENCE**
*All fitness
levels welcome*



**TEAMWORK
FAMILY
CONNECTION**
*No prior
experience necessary*



**FALL SESSION
CLUB DATES
OCTOBER**

Mondays & Wednesdays
14 • 19 • 21 • 26 • 28

NOVEMBER

2 • 4 • 9 • 11 • 16 • 18 • 23



LOCATION

SSCM – SIVORE HALL
Class size is limited, enroll early!



TUITION (FALL SESSION)

\$240 per person

*A portion of the proceeds will go
directly back to SSCM School.*



CLASS TIME

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Mr. John Bialas

- SSCM Alum
- Proud parent of current Comets
- 15 years as a collegiate professor
- 30+ years dedicated to the study of martial arts
- Holds a 6th Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu Karate
- Served as assistant instructor at the Lemont Park District Isshinryu Karate school
- Proud member of the United States Isshinryu Karate Association



COME JOIN US!



Email
Bialaskarate@gmail.com
to register



Let's Raise Some Dough

30% of all proceeds donated to your organization



HELP US SUPPORT: SSCM



Faith, Family...Future!
www.school.stcyril.org
2019 National
Blue Ribbon School

SS. Cyril & Methodius PSO

NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS... & PIZZA!

Join us Halloween weekend for the SSCM Home Run Inn
Pizza Fundraiser!

October 28-30th • Home Run Inn Darien
7521 Lemont Rd, Darien, IL 60561 |
(630) 739-9696



HOW TO ORDER ONLINE:

- 1 Choose the fundraiser location & date when placing your order
must be a valid fundraiser date
- 2 Select "Active Fundraiser" under the menu tab
- 3 Add the fundraiser and any of your favorite food items
to the cart and checkout!

Questions? Contact us at (877) 792-8646 or hrrsalesteam@homeruninn.com

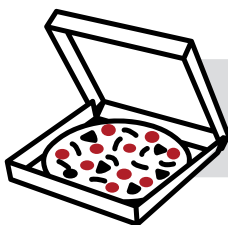
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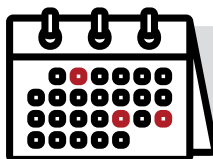
Interested in raising some dough for your organization?

Anyone can submit a fundraising request for your school, sports team, club and more! Simply select a time/location, register your group, share your fundraising link, and we'll do the rest.

Yes, it's that easy.



Every menu item counts!
Dine-In, carryout & delivery



Flexible scheduling



**30% donated to
your organization**

Questions? Contact us at (877) 792-8646 or hrisalesteam@homeruninn.com

—SSCM—

INVITES YOU TO OUR
FIRST ANNUAL

Winterfest

FAITH ♥ FAMILY ♥ COMMUNITY ♥ HOLIDAY CHEER



DECEMBER 12TH

12 PM–9 PM • AT SSCM

A MAGICAL DAY
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



LIVE
MUSIC



VENDORS



BONFIRES
& S'MORES



SANTA



CHRISTMAS
MOVIE

...AND MUCH MORE!

SHOP

EAT

ENJOY

GIVE

TOGETHER

Good
People
Bright Lights
Warm Hearts



♥ TOGETHER WE MAKE THE SEASON BRIGHTER ♥