



Principal's Newsletter

From the desk of 
Mr. Gruenauer
 October 2018

Dear Parents,

Please join us for a fun filled afternoon on Wednesday, October 31st for our annual Trunk or Treat. **KIDS COSTUME RULES:** Costumes may be worn to school. No masks can be worn on the bus and all accessories must be in back packs. No guns or swords/knives will be allowed in school. There will be a prize for the best decorated trunk. Please see attached flyer for information.

Please join us for our 2nd Annual
Haunted House



Friday, October 26th

5:30 pm.-9:00 p.m.

\$2/ per person or \$5 maximum/family

Bake sale and costume contest!

Enter the school through door #6 near the gym

10th Annual

Shopping Extravaganza

November 4th 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Some of our artisans and vendors throughout the school will include:

Wooden crafts

Quilters

Children's clothing

Hair bows

Candle makers

Jewelry designers

American doll look alike clothes

Pet products

Purses

Floral arrangements

Chocolates

Jams

Holiday ornaments/crafts

Photography

Paintings

Fabric creations

Tastefully simple

Wine vendors

Mary Kay

Posh

LuLaRue

NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 School Liturgy 9:00 a.m. All Saints Day	2
5	6 NO SCHOOL Superintendent's Conference Day	7	8 Scholastic Book Fair: 5 p.m.-8p.m. HSA Meeting 6 p.m.	9
12 NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day	13 Veteran's Day Prayer Service	14 Grades 1&2 Liturgy	15 Grades 4&5 Penance Grades 3-5 Liturgy	16 Grades 6-8 Liturgy Catholic Charities Dress Down Day Meat Raffle Doors open 6 pm.
19	20 8 th grade retreat	21 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess	22 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess
26	27	28	29 Picture Retakes	30

Wear Pink

This Friday, October 26th, St. Stephen School Students and Faculty will wear pink in honor of Julie Anne Neville.

Mrs. Neville, a teacher at Huth Road School, passed away on Tuesday, October 16th from cancer.

She was a 40 year old mother of four boys.

We would like to honor Mrs. Neville with this dress down day in Pink. The contributions will be sent to the Neville Boys Education fund.

St. Stephen School would like to thank you and Bless all our school families for their support.



St. Stephen School

To Love, To Inspire – To Achieve!

Discipleship Embodied • Partnership Embraced • Scholarship Celebrated • Leadership Modeled • Citizenship Personified

Dear St. Stephen's Families,

We are looking at the possibility of starting a PK-3 program! The program hours of operation are 8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m. Morning care is available starting at 6:30 a.m. (at no additional charge) and afterschool care is available until 5:30 p.m. (daily rates apply). Please let us know if you would be interested in this program. Please check the box indicating which start date you have interest in. Please return this sheet to the school office.

- ☐ PK-3 starting in January 2019*
- ☐ PK-3 starting in September 2019**

*Please note the age criteria:

*3 years old by December 1, 2019 for September 2019 start

**3 years old by December 1, 2018 for January 2019 start

If the program were to begin January 2019 the payment option will be \$590 per month or annual \$3,540 for remainder of 2018/2019 school year (2% discount would be applied). The approximate Weekly Cost averages less than \$165/week.

FAMILY NAME: _____

Contact number: _____

Child Name: _____ D.O.B. ____/____/____

_____ D.O.B. ____/____/____

Sincerely,

Scott Gruenauer
Principal

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SALE ENDS IN "2" DAYS!

ALL ORDER MUST BE TURNED IN
BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

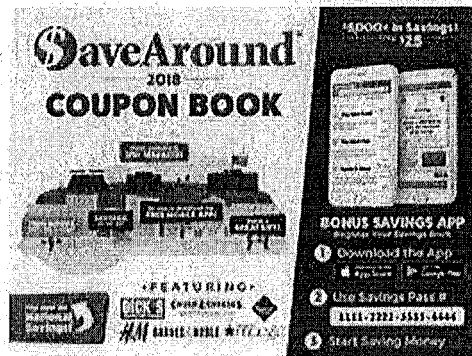
COOKIE DOUGH, POPCORN, TREATS AND MORE

SSS RECEIVES 40% PROFIT

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A COOKIE DOUGH PACKET,
PLEASE CONTACT MARIE DAMON AT 310-1070



SaveAround sales is over!!



THERE ARE MANY BOOKS NOT
RETURNED!!!

ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY THURSDAY 10/25

If you are not sure if your book is back- email or text me. I have a list and will post it after 10/25.

We cannot fill all the orders until all books have been returned.

Any questions, please call or email Eileen Klein

eileen.klein@hotmail.com or 716.208.1513



ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL

Athletic Department

October 24, 2018

Re: JV Boys Basketball

Dear Parents:

Our JV boys basketball team is looking for a head and assistant coach for the 2018-2019 season. I've reached out to a few possible candidates, but to no avail. With the season fast approaching, November 1st, it is important we have the details for the team finalized.

Our sixth grade boys have been working with the varsity coaches this summer and have really excelled in their skills. Both coaches are willing to help transition this team, but the boys will need its own coaches for the season.

I ask that you consider volunteering for this position, as we won't be able to support the team without a coach this season. If you (or someone you know) is interested, please contact me at 982-9036 or lauramherzog@roadrunner.com.

Sincerely,

Laura Murphy
Athletic Director



To: Grades 4-8 Parents and Students
Date: October 12, 2018
Subject: Varsity and JV Basketball
Cost: \$50 per player

Attention all students interested in playing basketball for St. Stephen's!
Basketball season starts November 1st! All game schedules are still being completed but each team has a practice schedule.

Boys Varsity

Coach: Brian Murphy and Mike Esposito

Grades: 7-8

Practice Schedule: M/W 5:30-7pm, Friday 3:30-5pm (alternating weeks)

Boys JV

Coach: TBD If you are interested in coaching, please contact Laura Murphy at 982-9036

Grades: 4-6

Practice Schedule: TBD

Girls Varsity

Coach: Tony LeBarge

Grades: 7-8

Practice Schedule: T/TH 5:30-7pm

Girls JV

Coach: Jason Cwiklinski

Grades: 4-6

Practice Schedule: Tues/W 3:30-5pm, Friday 3:30-5pm (alternating weeks)

Please complete the registration form below (one per athlete), include the registration fee and sports release form and return to the school no later than **Friday, October 26, 2018**. Athletes will not be able to participate in practices without a registration form on file.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Murphy at 982-9036 or email lauramherzog@roadrunner.com

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION 2018-2019

NAME OF STUDENT _____

GRADE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ HOME PHONE _____

PARENTS NAME _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

Parent/Guardian signature)

(date)

Haunted House!

Sponsored by St. Stephen's National Junior Honor Society

When: Friday, October 26th

Where: St. Stephen's School (enter through the gym doors)

Time: 5:30pm-9:00pm

Cost: \$2/person or \$5 max/family (Pay at the door)

Bake sale in the gym.

Wear your best costume for the costume contest!



**Be prepared to get scared as you walk through
our haunted house!**

All proceeds to benefit St. Stephen's NJHS



OCTOBER 31ST

1 PM – 3 PM
SSS MAIN PARKING LOT

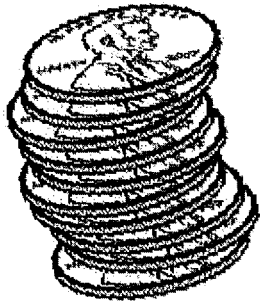
CARS CAN START ARRIVING AT NOON

**STUDENTS WILL PARADE THROUGH
THE PARKING LOT TRICK OR TREATING
AT EACH CAR. PLEASE DECORATE
YOUR TRUNK FOR THE FESTIVITIES!**

We ask that each family please donate 1 bag
of candy to the office by 10/26/18.

Candy will be sorted and distributed
to each car participating in this event!

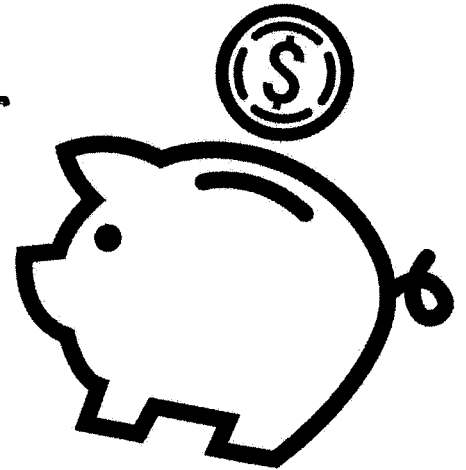
WE ENCOURAGE NUT FREE CANDY BE DONATED



One, Two, Three, Four
I Declare

A Penny War!

October 29th- November 2nd



Where?

The buckets will be in the cafeteria during lunch periods & in Miss White's classroom before first period and during homework prep.

Why?

To raise money for All For Books, which is used to get more free books for our teachers and students at St. Stephens.

What is it?

A Penny War is a fundraiser that builds spirit and friendly competition within a school.

The Rules:

Each penny counts as 1 point. The class with the most points at the end of the week wins. Put your pennies into the bucket in the cafeteria for your class.

Here's the tricky part!

Each silver coin counts as negative points (a quarter would be negative 25, a dime would be negative 10)! Put silver coins into a different classes bucket to get points taken away from them.

What does the winner get?

The class with the most points at the end of the week receives a gym period with Mr. G!

If the entire school raises over \$800, Mr. G will come to school dressed as a unicorn in the month of November!

Dear Parents:

On November 8th, we will be hosting a Fall Scholastic Book Fair at school and I need your help! I am looking for volunteers to help make this a fun, successful event for everyone!

To volunteer: type the link below into your internet browser. From there you can choose which time slots you would like to volunteer for.

<https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/5L9f2M2h3>

If you have any questions, please email me at whitek@ststephensgi.org.

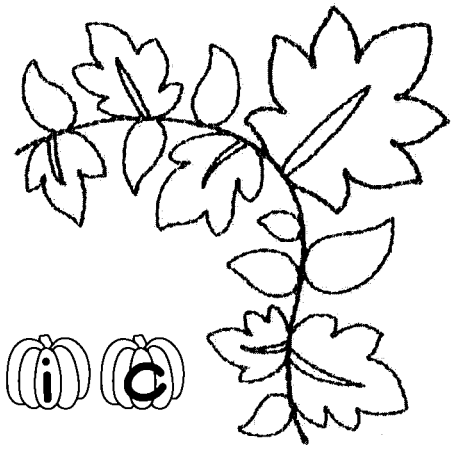
♥ Miss White

Join us at our

F a l l

S c h o o l a s t i c

B o o k F a i r



November 8th, 2018

5:00pm- 8:00pm

Fall Festivities Include:

- make your own popsicle stick scarecrow
- "Spookley the Pumpkin" graham cracker snack
- pumpkin ring toss
- guess the candy corn

Join us for a night of fun fall activities & wonderful new books!

Shop online from 11/2- 11/15 at

scholastic.com/fair





ST. STEPHEN'S 10th Annual SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

**Get all of your holiday shopping done
in one place**

without leaving the Island!

On Sunday, November 4th,

from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

at St. Stephens School

2080 Baseline Rd., Grand Island NY

**Some of our Artisan's and
Vendors include:**

Wooden Crafts, Quilters, Children's clothing,
Hair bows, Candle Makers, Jewelry
Designers, American Girl Doll Look a Like
Clothes, Sea Glass Artisan, Photography,
Paintings, Fabric Creations, Pet Products,
Floral Arrangements, Purses, Baskets,
Holiday ornaments/crafts, Chocolates, Jams,
wine vendors, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple,
Posh, Pamper Chef, LuLaRoe and Scensty

Over 85 Vendors

Food, baked goods and drinks!

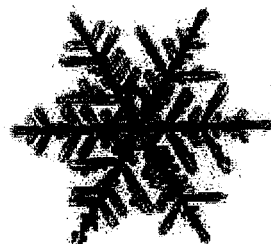
Raffle tickets and Chinese Auction!

**Free Face Painting and crafts
for the kids**

**Our vendors and crafters offer a variety
of items to satisfy your holiday
shopping needs.**

**Looking for a unique gift for that
someone special?**

We have it all!



10th Annual SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Seeking Volunteers

**We are looking for adults or kids who
need service hours
or just want to help the school.**

Friday from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm for set up
Saturday from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm for set up
Saturday 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm for registration
Sunday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm or
11:00 am – 1:00 pm for concession help
Sunday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm to help with crafts
Sunday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm for Basket raffle
Sunday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm to help with clean up and
assisting vendors to take items to their cars

Please Help

We need your help. If you can spare just 1 hr. Plus it is fun!
We really could use help with selling raffle tickets, set up, take down, clean up,
and assisting with the sale of the concessions.
Call Kim at 773-3331 or 481-3746.

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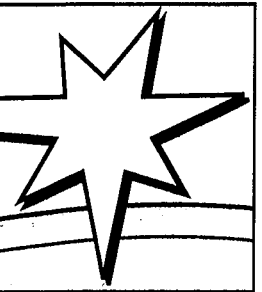
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ornaments/crafts, Chocolates, Jams, wine vendors, Mary
Kay, Tastefully Simple, Posh, Pamper Chef, LuLaRoe,
Tupperware and many more.

Over 85 Vendors

**Admission Is Free
Stop On By**

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

October 2018

St. Stephen Catholic Church

Angela Diebold, Director of Religious Education



Thoughtful Moments

St. John XXIII

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to a farming family in Bergamo, Italy. Ordained as a priest in 1904, he served as the bishop's secretary before being enlisted as an army chaplain during World War I. As Pope John XXIII, Angelo never forgot his humble origins and often visited the poor, the sick and prisoners. As pope, he worked for peace and unity in a world preparing for war. He is most remembered for opening the Second Vatican Council.



Share values

A way to encourage children to share your values is to talk about them. For example, let them know that attendance at Mass, diligence in school, and truthfulness are important. Ten minutes' conversation from time to time is enough. Pray they get the message.

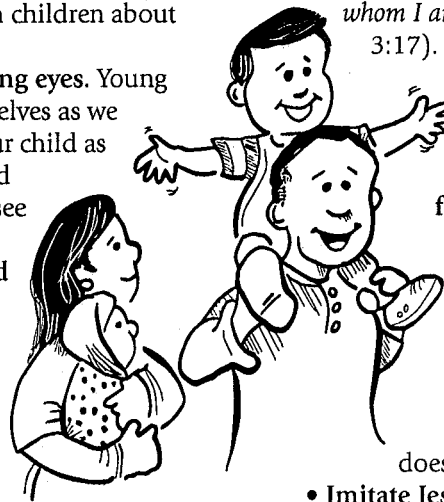
"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and reject not your mother's teaching; for they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck"
(Proverbs 1:8-9).



Love your child with God's great love

Children learn about God's love from their parents. They experience it most clearly when we parent lovingly. Try these ideas to teach children about God's great love:

- Look with loving eyes. Young children see themselves as we see them. Treat your child as a gift from God and that's how he will see himself.
- Love your child even if you don't love her behavior. That's how God loves us.
- Use "no" as a loving word. Hearing it occasionally teaches youngsters self-control.
- Take your child's phone call no matter what you are doing. God always listens to our prayers.
- Don't bring up past mistakes. Our Father never revisits sins we have repented.



• Give public compliments. God praised Jesus in front of everyone saying, *"This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased"* (Matthew 3:17).

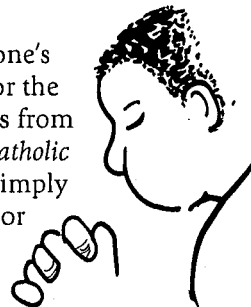
- Always give second chances. Thankfully, God does.
- After you argue, forgive with a hug.
- Skip chores occasionally and spend time together. God wants nothing more than our company.
- Keep your promises. God always does.

• Imitate Jesus' unconditional love: *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have "formal" prayers?

Prayer is "the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2559). Prayer, simply put, is talking with God, or else, spending time with him. In today's



busy world, we can't always "hear" God right away. Formal prayers, like the Our Father and the Hail Mary help us attune to God's way of speaking. They help calm our busy minds so God can speak to our hearts.

Share the joy of the Rosary

October is a month when we celebrate the Rosary. Pope St. Pius V attributed a 16th century naval victory saving Europe from a Turkish invasion to the intercession of Our Lady through the Rosary. We arm our children with a powerful weapon against evil when we teach them to call on Our Lady's help through the Rosary.

Sit together in a comfortable place. Remind children that Our Lady is a mom, happy to have her children's attention.

Choose intentions. When we pray for others' best



interests, children learn the power of prayer.

Start with a story. Pick a mystery and use it to tell a story about Jesus' life and ministry.

Observe 30 seconds of silence. Sit silently for 30 seconds while picturing the image and mystery of Jesus' life.

Start by praying a decade. It takes less than five minutes. As youngsters pray with patience, add mysteries and decades until you pray an entire Rosary. Don't force it. We want prayer to be a joy, not a chore.

Scripture LESSON

Mark 10:46-52, a blind man leads the way

A blind beggar saw Jesus more clearly than the followers who were his companions.

Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was near and cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to quiet him, Bartimaeus persisted and Jesus finally noticed him and had his disciples call him over.

Bartimaeus responded by casting aside his cloak and rushing to Jesus. Even the little he had was thrown aside. The only person in Mark's gospel to call Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humble and confident that his



prayer would be answered. It is this profound trust that Jesus wanted to elicit from the crowd. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as his disciple.

What can a parent do? Sometimes difficulties of being Christian can blind us to the joys of following Jesus. Help children approach Jesus with excitement and

confidence. When we trust him as Bartimaeus did, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.

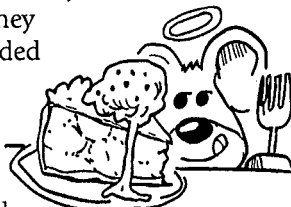
Feasts & Celebrations

Oct. 5 – St. Faustina Kowalska (1938). Helena Kowalska was born to a large, poor, devout family in Poland. Against her parents' wishes, she joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, taking the name Sr. Maria Faustina. In 1931, Jesus appeared to her and told her to paint an image of the Divine Mercy and to spread devotion to his mercy.

Oct. 17 – St. Richard Gwyn (1584). St. Richard Gwyn was a schoolteacher in Wales. Originally raised Protestant, St. Richard converted to Catholicism even when it was considered

treasonous in his country. He remained a faithful Catholic, resulting in his arrest and persecution. After being brought to court several times, he was martyred in 1584.

Oct. 28 – Saints Simon and Jude (1st Century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



Parent TALK

"The Rosary is boring!" my oldest complained. "It's the same prayer over and over." We pray a rosary daily, but it used to be a struggle. To



my girls—ten and seven years old—it was "Mom's thing." I hadn't taught them what I loved about the prayer.

I ordered simple rosary-making kits for us online. When they arrived, Kara, Tessa, and I put them together one rainy Saturday afternoon and had a mini-lesson about it. Each girl chose different color beads. Kara liked the idea of St. Padre Pio calling his Rosary his "weapon" against temptation; Tessa like the idea of being able to call on Mother Mary whenever she wanted—especially when she was in trouble. Both girls were surprised to learn the Rosary was a prayer about Jesus, through Mary's eyes.

Kara was excited to have a Rosary that she made herself: it wasn't just "Mom's thing" anymore.

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SCRIP ORDER FORM

CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____ DATE _____ FILLED BY _____

TOTAL PAID _____ CHECK # _____ CASH _____

PLEASE CREDIT THE FOLLOWING: MY TUITION ID# _____ TUITION FAMILY NAME _____

NEW CHURCH FUND

GENERAL SCHOOL FUND

Retailer	SAMT	Credit	QTY	Total	Stock	Retailer	SAMT	Credit	QTY	Total	Stock
AUTO						HOUSEHOLD					
Delta Sonic Super Kiss	\$12	50%			S	Home Depot	\$25	4%			S
Delta Oil Change -P Out	\$25	20%					\$100	4%			S
CLOTHING, DEPARTMENT STORES						JoAnn Fabrics	\$25	6%			S
Bed Bath Beyond	\$25	6%			S	Lowe's	\$25	4%			S
JC Penneys - Phase Out	\$25	5%					\$100	4%			S
Kohl's (In-store, Online & Pay Charge)	\$25	4%			S	Michael Craft -Phase Out	\$25	4%			
	\$100	4%			S	RESTAURANT					
Target	\$25	2%			S	Applebee's	\$25	8%			S
TJ Maxx/Marshalls	\$25	6%			S	Bob Evans	\$10	8%			S
Walmart/Sams	\$25	2.5%			S	B. Wild Wings-Phase Out	\$25	7%			
Walmart/Sams	\$100	2.5%			S	Burger King	\$10	4%			S
Walgreens	\$25	4%			S	Che. Cake Factory-P. Out	\$25	5%			S
MOVIE THEATRES						Chipotle	\$10	10%			S
AMC Theaters	\$25	7%			S	Chill's	\$25	7%			S
Regal Cinema	\$25	7%			S	Denny's	\$10	6%			S
Regal Movie Pass	\$10	9%			S	Olive Garden	\$25	8%			S
GENERAL & MISC./CHILDREN & TOYS						Outback/Bone	\$25	6%			S
Amazon.com	\$25	4%			S	Panera Bread	\$10	8%			S
	\$100	4%			S	Starbucks	\$10	6%			S
Barnes & Noble	\$10	8%			S	Subway	\$10	3%			S
Bath & Body	\$10	10%			S	TGI Fridays - Phase Out	\$25	7%			
I Tunes	\$15	4%			S	Tim Hortons	\$10	5%			S
Dick's Sporting	\$25	7%			S	Wendy's	\$10	4%			S
SPECIAL PROMOTIONS (until gone)							\$50	5%			\$
Payless Shoes \$20	\$18	0%			S	Tops	\$100	5%			S

UPDATED 8/31/18

AUTHORIZATION: My signature below authorizes St. Stephen School to
release my Scrip Order to my child _____
in Grade _____ to be delivered in his/her backpack. I understand
St. Stephen is not responsible for lost or stolen cards during transportation.

SIGNATURE _____