

St. Stephen School

To Love, To Inspire – To Achieve!

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

November 28, 2018

Dear Families,

On December 6th we will hold our Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students will have an early dismissal at 11:00 am.

Conferences for grades K-5 including specials will run as follows:

Noon–3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Please note conferences for grades 6-8, Miss Kozlowski, and Mrs. Nowak will run with extended times as follows:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Noon-3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Once again we are using SignUpGenius. The conferences will run in slots of 10 minutes. Please keep in mind, if you have more than one student at the school with the same teacher there is no need to schedule multiple slots. Please use your 10 minutes to discuss your children. Additionally, scheduled slots will end at 6:30 p.m. to allow time for walk-ins.

Tomorrow, Thursday, November 29th we will send an email blast with the link to sign up.

Please note if December 6th is not convenient or slots are full, you may email teachers to set up additional days/times to meet.

Sincerely,

Scott Gruenauer



2080 Baseline Road • Grand Island, NY 14072
Phone: 716-773-4347 • www.ststephensgi.org

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

We Need Your Help

**“HERE WE’VE ONLY
GOT ONE RULE: NEVER,
EVER LET IT COOL! HOT
CHOCOLATE!”**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP WITH THE SSS POLAR
EXPRESS MOVIE NIGHT.**

Please give an hour to help us create a night to
remember.

Call or text Maureen Kuciewski ASAP at
(716) 534-4260

Email: mkuciewski@hotmail.com



St. Stephen's School's Movie Night
Saturday, December 8th from 5:30-8:30,
St. Stephen's Cafeteria

Calling all Believers, grab your holiday pjs, your pillows, and blankets, and board the train for a family holiday night to remember. Boarding begins at 5:30, and will be done by The Polar Express' newest conductor, Mr.G! Dinner includes pizza, chicken fingers, appetizers & snack buffet, hot chocolate & coffee bar. Movie and special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus to follow.

Adult tickets \$10.00, Children \$7.00

Complete form below and return it to the office along with payment to the attn. of:
SSS Polar Express Night.

ALL TICKET ORDERS AND SALES ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE # : _____

CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Children 2 and under	_____	
No. of tickets @ \$10.00	_____	No. of tickets @ \$7.00 _____
Total # of Tickets	_____	
Total \$ enclosed =	_____	

Please make checks payable to St. Stephen's School.
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



ST. STEPHEN'S 8TH GRADE CLASS WILL BE TAKING
ORDERS FOR WREATHS AND POINSETTIAS IN THE
NARTHEX BEFORE AND AFTER THE FOLLOWING MASSES

Saturday, November 24th - 4:30pm

Sunday, November 25th - 11:00am

Saturday, December 1st - 4:30pm

Sunday, December 2nd - 11:00am

Wreaths range from \$15 - \$26

Poinsettias range from \$6 - \$12

Pick Up will be on Thursday, December 13th from 3pm - 7pm

at St. Stephen's School Cafeteria

All proceeds supplement the 8th grade Class Trip

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Seller's Name: _____

Seller's Phone: _____

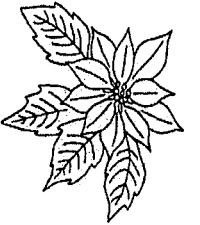
Organization: St. Stephen/8th Grade
Please make checks out to: St. Stephen's School

Orders must be placed by:
Monday, December 31st, 2018.
Money Due at time of order.

Pick up: Thursday, December 13th, 2018
from 3pm-7pm at St. Stephen's School Cafeteria.

Any questions please contact:
Antoinette Rogers 400-6772
Cathy Reszel 572-4564
Marie Damon 310-1070

**Thank you & Merry
Christmas from the St.
Stephen's 8th Grade
Class!**



WREATH & POINSETTIA 8th Grade FUNDRAISER



Price	Description																				
\$26.00	36" Traditional Douglas Fir w/wreath Redbow and Cones																				
\$26.00	36" Traditional Douglas Fir w/wreath Holiday Plaid Bow and Cones																				
\$15.00	24" Traditional Douglad Fir Wreath w/Red Velvet Bow and Cones																				
\$15.00	24" Traditional Douglas Fir Wreath w/Holiday Plaid Bow and Cones																				
\$15.00	30" Douglas Fir Door Swag w/Red Bow and Cones																				
\$15.00	30" Douglas Fir Door Swag w/Holiday Bow and Cones																				
\$20.00	26" Douglas Fir Candy Cane w/Red Bow and Cones																				
\$6.00	4.5" Poinsettia Red																				
\$6.00	4.5" Poinsettia White																				
\$6.00	4.5" Poinsettia Marble																				
\$12.00	8" Poinsettia Red																				
\$12.00	8" Poinsettia White																				
\$12.00	8" Poinsettia Marble																				
\$10.00	6" Winter Rose Red																				
	Total																				

Page 1 Subtotals:

Turn over for page 2

St. Stephen School

To Love, To Inspire – To Achieve!

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



Dear St. Stephen School Families,

We are pleased with the response to our Pre-K3 program beginning September 2019. As anticipated the spots filled up quickly. We have posted information on this program in the parish bulletin and we still have a couple openings. The next step will be to open the program to the public. Before we do that, we would like to make sure that our school families have registered their children. With that being said, if you have a child that you would like to register please do so quickly.

The program will provide an environment for each child to socialize, develop, and learn. Our curriculum will include activities that promote a love of learning and growth for each student.

The program hours are 8:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Morning care will be available starting at 6:30 a.m., at no additional charge. Afterschool care will be available until 5:30 p.m., daily rates will apply. Children must be 3 years old by December 1, 2019. Children entering our program must be potty trained before school begins.

Preliminary rough estimate for the program, which will coincide with our school calendar, is approximately \$5900, parishioner rate, per year*. This is approximately \$165 per week.

If you are interested in this program please fill out the bottom of this form and drop it in the mail or you can send it in through the family envelope. If you prefer, you can drop it off in person to our school office. If you have questions please reach out to our Principal Scott Gruenauer at 773-4347 ext. 120 or Assistant Principal Lynn Ortiz at 773-4347 ext. 119. You can reach them by email at principal@ststephensgi.org or ortizl@ststephensgi.org.

*Subject to change

Family Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Child's name: _____ D.O.B. __/__/__

Child's name: _____ D.O.B. __/__/__

2080 Baseline Road • Grand Island, NY 14072
Phone: 716-773-4347 • www.ststephensgi.org



Athletic Boosters

SPONSORED DRESS DOWN DAYS

Help support our athletic department!

Mark your calendars for

Friday, January 18th

Friday, February 8th



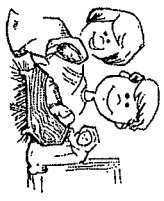

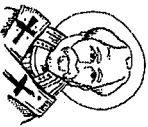

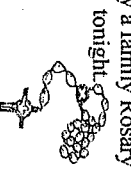


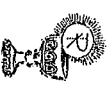

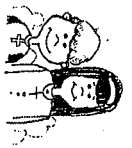
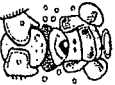



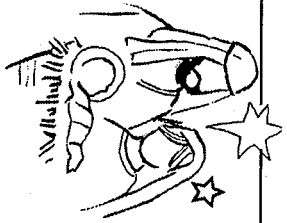



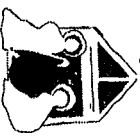

Friday, March 8th

Pay \$1.00 to dress down and out of
uniform!

*Proceeds from these dress down days will go towards new uniforms for
our basketball teams.*



Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first purple candle each night this week.</p> 	<p>3 Come up with a short prayer that you can say together as a family each morning during Advent.</p> 	<p>4 Set up the Nativity scene but leave out the Holy Family.</p> 	<p>5 In honor of St. Francis Xavier, patron of Catholic Missions, pray today for all who bring the Gospel to people overseas.</p> 	<p>6 To honor St. Nicholas, fill an old shoe with treats and leave it outside someone's door.</p> 	<p>7 Take turns playing "Name that Christmas hymn." Winner gets to pick dessert.</p> 	<p>8 In honor of Mary's conception free from Original Sin (Immaculate Conception), attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.</p> 
<p>9 Light two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."</p> 	<p>10 Put up the Christmas tree. Decorate it a little each night until it's ready for Christmas.</p> 	<p>11 Find time this week to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in your church -- even if it's just for a few minutes.</p> 	<p>12 Place a rose in a vase today in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.</p> 	<p>13 Commit to going the whole day only speaking kindly to one another.</p> 	<p>14 Make hot chocolate and watch a Christmas movie together.</p> <p>Family Movie Night!</p>	<p>15 Decorate sugar cookies with symbols that remind you of Jesus' birth. Share them with loved ones.</p> 
<p>16 Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy. See which of you can sing loudest at Mass today.</p> 	<p>17 As a family, vote on a local charity to pray for each night this week. Bonus: Make a small donation if you can.</p> 	<p>18 Help children make an examination of conscience, then go to Confession together. Go out for a treat after to celebrate.</p> 	<p>19 Place the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the rest of the scene. Move them slowly across the room each day this week.</p> 	<p>20 At dinner tonight, have everyone take turns sharing a favorite Christmas memory.</p> 	<p>21 Christmas is a stressful time of year for parishes. Send thank-you notes to the rectory staff, showing appreciation for what they do.</p>	<p>22 Write letters to Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming.</p> 
<p>23 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel Reading.</p> <p><i>Luke 1:39-45.</i></p> 	<p>24 Place Mary, Joseph, and the empty manger in the Nativity scene.</p> 	<p>25 Rejoice! Place the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20.</p> 	<p><i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7)</i></p>			

