



# Principal's Newsletter

## From the desk of Mr. Gruenauer

### November 2018

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are just about 1/3 of the way into our school year. Report cards will be sent home on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Again this year we will have extended times for Parent Conferences for grades 6-8. Sign-up Genius will be utilized to schedule conferences. This will open shortly before conferences. You will receive an email with the link when it is up and running.

During this time of thanks we are thankful for our St. Stephen students and for the support of their parents. We are thankful for the teachers, aides, bus drivers, and support staff that make our school so special. We are also thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically give their time to our school.

From the entire staff of SSS we send our best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER

On a daily basis Grand Island school busses and our own SSS bus will pick-up and drop off students in our school lot. This is a reminder that when a stopped school bus flashes it's red lights, traffic that approaches from either direction, **even in school parking lots**, must stop before it reaches the bus. Unfortunately, recently we have witnessed people fail to stop when a bus is in our school lot. We are required to report the license plate of such vehicles to law enforcement. We would like to remind all drivers that our children's safety comes first and we ask all to abide by these important requirements.

Although the weather didn't cooperate, our Trunk or Treat was another great success! The last minute change to move into the school turned out to be a wise choice. We heard many comments that the set-up in the gym would be the preferred choice for the future. We will give this some thought. Thank you to all those that sent in treats or dressed up!

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the church. All grades participate. Hope to see you there!

Come see me as "the conductor" at the Polar Express on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Boarding begins at 5:30 p.m. You can find more information in the family envelope.

#### December

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
3 Advent Prayer Service	4	5 Report Cards	6 St. Nicholas Day 11 a.m. dismissal	7 School Liturgy 9 a.m.
10 Advent Prayer Service	11 Grades 1&2 Liturgy	12 Grades 3-5 Liturgy	13 Breakfast of Champions  Grades 6-8 Liturgy	14 Catholic Charities Dress Down Santa's Secret Shop
17 Advent Prayer Service	18	19 Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.	20	21 11:00 a.m. dismissal
24 NO SCHOOL Christmas Eve	25 NO SCHOOL Christmas Day	26 NO SCHOOL Christmas Recess	27 NO SCHOOL Christmas Recess	28 NO SCHOOL Christmas Recess
31 NO SCHOOL Christmas Recess				

Dear St. Stephen School Families,

We have many school families interested in a PK-3 program starting September 2019. We will soon publish information in the church bulletin opening it up to others in our parish. We would like to offer openings to our school families first. If you are interested in sending your child to our program please let us know. We anticipate spots will fill up quickly.

The program hours of operation will be 8:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m. Morning care will be available starting at 6:30 a.m. (at no additional charge) and afterschool care will be available until 5:30 p.m. (daily rates 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 drop it off in person at our school office. If you prefer, you can reach out to our Principal Scott Gruenauer at 773-4347 ext.120/email [principal@ststephensgi.org](mailto:principal@ststephensgi.org) or Assistant Principal Lynn Ortiz at 773-4347 ext. 119/email [ortizl@ststephensgi.org](mailto:ortizl@ststephensgi.org).

School website: [www.ststephensgi.org](http://www.ststephensgi.org)

\*subject to change

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FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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 Douglas 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																				
	<b>Total</b>																				

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**LUNCH**

**DECEMBER 2018**

**St. Stephen**

**Monday**

**3** Chicken & Gravy  
Biscuit  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn

**Tuesday**

**4** Dos Tacos  
2 Hard Shell Tacos  
Mexican Rice  
Corn & Black Beans  
Slushie

**Wednesday**

**5** Spaghetti w/Meat sauce  
Garlic Breadstick  
Green Beans

**Thursday**

**6** Half-Day  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences  
No Lunch

**Friday**

**7** Personal Pan Pizza  
Fries  
Carrots & Celery Sticks

**10** Sample Platter  
Chicken Fingers  
Mozzarella Sticks  
Onion Rings  
Green Beans

**11** Chicken Taco  
w/ Cheese, Lettuce, Salsa  
Rice  
Corn Slushie

**12** Hamburger on a Bun  
w/Pickles  
French Fries  
Glazed Carrots

**13** Breakfast Pizza  
Scrambled Eggs  
Broccoli & Cheese  
Hash Brown  
Juice

**14** Happy Birthday  
Stuffed Crust Pizza  
Veggie Boat  
Rice Krispie Treat

**17**

Pizza Crunchers  
Garden Salad w/Dressing

**18** Taco in a Bag  
Taco Meat & Cheese  
Lettuce/Salsa  
Rice  
Corn  
Slushie

**19** Grilled Cheese  
Tomato Soup  
Rice  
Broccoli!

**20** Brunch for Lunch  
Pancakes w/ Syrup  
Breakfast Sausage  
Hash Brown Patty  
Juice

**21** Half-Day of School  
No Lunch

**24**



**Meal Price**  
Lunch \$2.50

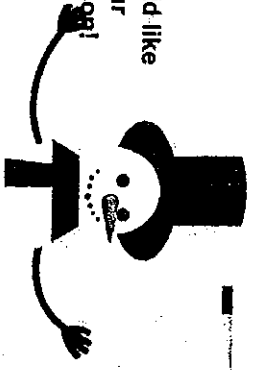


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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**27**

\*Daily Alternate Entrees\*  
Turkey Hotdog  
Pizza  
Yogurt Fun Lunch  
PB & J Sandwich



To ALL the Students, Faculty, and Staff,  
The Grand Island CSD Food Service Department would like  
to extend our season's greetings to all of you and your  
families. May you have a safe and happy holiday season!

Menu Subject to change due to availability.  
USDA is an equal opportunity employer.



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

Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - 11:00am

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - 4:30pm

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 11:00am

Wreaths range from \$15 - \$26

Poinsettias range from \$6 - \$12

Pick Up will be on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 3pm - 7pm

at St. Stephen's School Cafeteria

All proceeds supplement the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Class Trip

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



## AFTER SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents:

With the winter months here, just a reminder for you to keep in mind.

\*With the driving conditions being challenging at times during the snowy weather and delays may occur, please keep in mind that our program ends at 5:30. We realize that driving conditions are out of your control, but late fees are assessed after 5:30. You may want to arrange a backup adult to pick up your child in the event you will be late. If you arrange to have someone other than you pick up your child, they must come with proper ID. Please call the after school phone to notify us of the adult picking up your child or if you are running late. 909-5153 is the after school cell phone number.

Please make sure your home/cell phone numbers are current with our School Reach phone system. In the event after school activities on Grand Island are cancelled, we will notify you through the school reach system of the cancellation of our after school program.

Thank you,

Ms. Fusco

Mrs. Nowak

\*\*\*\*\*Please note on the following dates there will be no afterschool program...

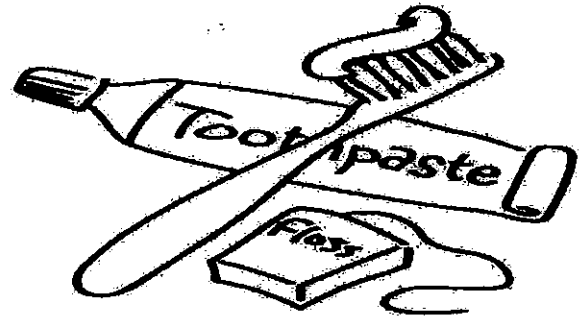
Christmas Concert Wednesday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

Conferences Thursday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

# Help Us Support Buffalo City Mission!

The National Junior Honor  
Society is gathering:

- Washcloths
- Toothbrushes
- Travel Size:  
toothpaste,  
shampoo, bar of  
soap, deodorant



Put these items in the box  
outside Ms. Snyder's door by  
December 12th. We will be  
making Welcome Kits for City  
Mission. Thank you!

# THE POLAR EXPRESS

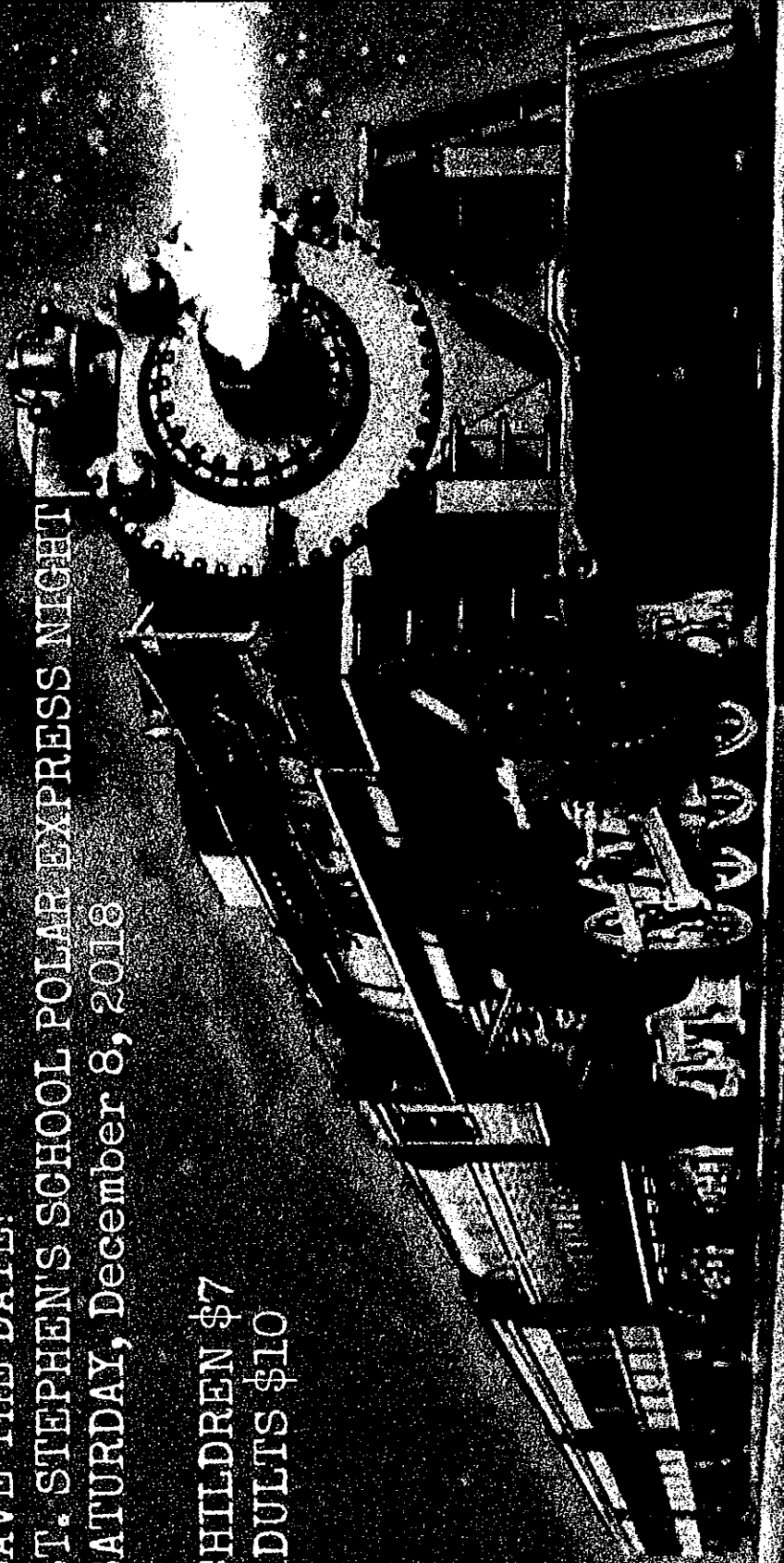
SAVE THE DATE!

ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOL POLAR EXPRESS NIGHT

SATURDAY, December 8, 2018

CHILDREN \$7

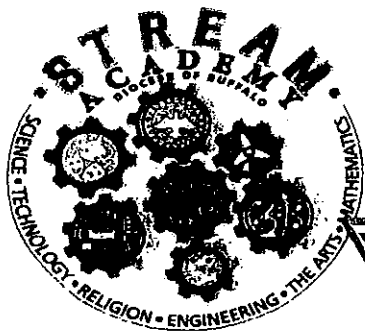
ADULTS \$10



All Aboard!!! Calling all Believers, this is a night you won't want to miss. Get out your holiday pajamas, pillows and blankets. Boarding begins at 5:30 in the SSS cafeteria. Night includes Pizza & finger food buffet, coffee and hot chocolate bar, viewing of The Polar Express, and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Ticket orders to follow.



# Mark your Calendars!!!



# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **X-STREAM** GAMES and EXPO!

**INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INNOVATORS, SCIENTISTS, and BELIEVERS!**



## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018**

**St. Joseph Collegiate Institute 12:00-3:30 p.m.**

**ENTRANCE FEE: One canned food item per person to support SJCI Food Basket Drive.**

### **TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE**

- 11:15** Early Bird Robotics: Team Check-in and Staging
- 12:00** All other STREAM ACADEMY Courses: Check in and Set Up
- 12:00** Robotics Competition Begins: Over 30+ teams every year!
- 1:00** Science Scrimmage Event: CSI Forensics  
Lights, Camera, Action Drama Demo
- 1:00** Academy Demonstrations until 2:30
  - The "Best of" Arcade Academy Games to Play
  - Video Gaming/Coding Stories Venue- Student Created!
  - Lip Balm Sales: Student Companies
  - "Ignite the Power of Art" Student Showcase
  - Other Academy Demos: PEAP, FUTURE CITIES, LITTE BITS!!!!!!!
- 1:30** "Shark Tank" for our Innovators
- 2:30** Kitchen Chemistry Cook-Off
- 3:30** Robotics Finals



# Bring Your Smile!

St Stephen School

Retakes

Thursday, November 29, 2018

To order online please visit  
[inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order)  
and use the order code: 32118NB



## 2018-2019 St. Stephen's Ski Club

Dear Parents,

The students at St. Stephen's School will have the exciting opportunity to participate in ski and snowboard club at Holiday Valley once again this year. Our club will start January 6, 2019 and end March 4, 2019.

Students can arrive at Holiday Valley by 2:30 and will be provided with a one hour ski/snowboard lesson each week, which is included in the cost. The lesson is optional for students who are already proficient and have previous experience.

**Our club is open to all students in grades K-8. ALL students will need a chaperone this year. The Ski club is available for all students and their families at St. Stephen's School and Parish, but we will not be supplying rides or chaperone coverage at Holiday Valley. We will be at H.V. in case of emergencies each Sunday but will not be providing direct coverage for the students. If a student is in crisis or needs an adult, we will be in the main lounge at resort. We encourage all parents to share in the chaperoning experience and work together to alternate weeks of coverage in an effort to share the chaperoning duties.**

Holiday Valley has once again offered us a great deal, with the student club pass costing \$163, which includes skiing for EVERY Sunday, the entire season. We are only participating January 6– March 3 as a school club, but the students are free to ski any Sunday from season start to finish with friends and family. Even more exciting is that parents and chaperones are also being offered the student pass price of \$163 for unlimited Sunday skiing. ***This is a ZERO \$\$\$ increase from last year.***

Unfortunately, transportation is not included. Families are encouraged to carpool and share driving each week. Last year worked out fantastically as many families shared the responsibility of driving and gave many of our students an opportunity attend when rides weren't available from home.

Lastly, ownership of ski or snowboard equipment is **not** required, as students are offered very reasonable prices for rental gear. Most students and chaperones do rent because of the cost of personal gear. The fact that Holiday Valley has Ski and Snowboard gear that is updated every two years and is like NEW makes the experience that much easier.

If you were a member last year and registered for the club online, I encourage you to do the same. Our new members should do the same. If you prefer the paper format, updated sign-up sheets will be placed in the school office at St. Stephens. To purchase passes or rent equipment please go to <https://ecommerce.holidayvalley.com/grouplogin>

**Enter club name: MW STEPHEN**

**Member password: STEPHEN**

**THIS IS DIFFERENT USER NAME AND PASSWORD FROM LAST YEAR. WHEN REGISTERING ONLINE YOU'LL NEED TO USE THE NEW CLUB NAME AND PASSWORD. I KNOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ACCESS THE OLD ACCOUNT, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THEY WERE CHANGED. REMEMBER THE PRICE OF \$163 IS GOOD THROUGH TO NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. AFTER THAT DATE THE COST INCREASES TO \$173, WHICH IS STILL REASONABLE, BUT MONEY IS MONEY!**

David St.Onge 716-523-9280 [saintkeltic@yahoo.com](mailto:saintkeltic@yahoo.com)

Sara Slachciak 716-698-9871 [saraslach@roadrunner.com](mailto:saraslach@roadrunner.com)

# Ski Club Information sheet

## Student, Parent and Chaperone Prices

### Sunday Ultimate Select Pass:

- Includes 8 lessons
- One extra lift ticket to use in Mar. or Apr.
- Pass begins at 2:30 on Sundays
- Is good for every Sunday the entire season

Pre. Nov. 1	Post Nov. 1
\$163	\$173

### Rental Equipment:

Ski.....8 week \$100.....All Season \$125

Snowboard...8 week \$100...All Season \$125

Rental gear is picked up on any visit and returned at the end of your visit.

## Benefits for students participating in a school ski/snowboard club at Holiday Valley.

1. Special rates for weekly ski and snowboard programs for students that include 8 lessons, and an additional lift ticket to use at any time in March or April.
2. Full use of all 58 slopes and 4 mountain faces that offer a variety of terrain for all skill levels. Holiday Valley has a powerhouse snowmaking system that ensures dependable and safe conditions.
3. Besides outdoor physical activity, participation in Ski & Snowboard club teaches:
  - Independence and decision making
  - Responsibility and confidence
  - Spending time with friends and the opportunity to make new ones
  - Goal setting, organization, and planning

Children age 6 and younger are free, however they would not get the ski and snowboard lessons provided that the students buying the Sunday Ultimate Select pass would.

### Two Options:

1. Children under 6 are free, but you would be responsible for ski instruction. Rentals would be only cost.
2. Buy ultimate select pass, and children Under 6 would receive lessons that are more age appropriate. Rentals would still be as needed.
3. Mountaineers Club, which comes at an increased cost is a much better option for young skiers.

2018/2019 Holiday Valley College Season Pass

If you have a child that is in college locally, H.V. has offered another great deal for our club. Students with a valid student ID can purchase one of the following options for the entire season.

Option #1	Option #2
College Night Any night (7nights/wkK)	Ultimate College Pass (M-F days & 7 Nights/wk)
\$209	\$309
Price Good through 12/1/18	Price Good through 12/1/18

**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	\$AMT	Credit	QTY	Total	Stock	Retailer	\$AMT	Credit	QTY	Total	Stock
<b>ASAP</b>						<b>RESTAURANTS</b>					
Delta Sonic Super Kiss	\$12	50%			S	Home Depot	\$25	4%			S
Delta Oil Change -P Out	\$25	20%				Home Depot	\$100	4%			S
<b>CLOTHING DEPARTMENT STORES</b>						<b>RESTAURANTS</b>					
Bed Bath Beyond	\$25	6%			S	JoAnn Fabrics	\$25	6%			S
JC Penneys - Phase Out	\$25	5%				Lowe's	\$25	4%			S
Kohl's (In-store, Online & Pay Charge)	\$25	4%			S	Michael Craft -Phase Out	\$25	4%			
	\$100	4%			S						
<b>MOVIE THEATERS</b>						<b>RESTAURANTS</b>					
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
<b>MOVIE THEATERS</b>						<b>RESTAURANTS</b>					
AMC Theaters	\$25	7%			S	Chipotle	\$10	10%			S
Regal Cinema	\$25	7%			S	Chilli's	\$25	7%			S
Regal Movie Pass	\$10	9%			S	Denny's	\$10	6%			S
<b>GENERAL MERCHANDISE &amp; TOYS</b>						<b>RESTAURANTS</b>					
Amazon.com	\$25	4%			S	Olive Garden	\$25	8%			S
	\$100	4%			S	Outback/Bone	\$25	6%			S
Barnes & Noble	\$10	8%			S	Panera Bread	\$10	8%			S
Bath & Body	\$10	10%			S	Starbucks	\$10	6%			S
I Tunes	\$15	4%			S	Subway	\$10	3%			S
Dick's Sporting	\$25	7%			S	TGI Fridays - Phase Out	\$25	7%			
<b>SPECIAL PROMOTIONS (until gone)</b>						<b>RESTAURANTS</b>					
Payless Shoes \$20	\$18	0%			S	Tops	\$50	5%			\$
							\$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 \_\_\_\_\_