



Principal's Newsletter

From the desk of Mr. Gruenauer

December 2018

Dear Parents,

We are proud to announce that we will open a Pre-K3 beginning September 2019. We've had many families interested and we are almost at capacity!

As we come to the end of another year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the success of our school. Have a Merry Christmas and I hope you enjoy the Christmas break.

As we look ahead to 2019, we will celebrate Catholic schools week January 27th – February 2nd. This is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the USA. Our annual Open House will take place on Sunday, January 27th. The day will begin with Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:00 a.m. We invite our students and families to participate by attending this Mass. Students are encouraged to wear their uniforms and will proceed into church with their teachers. Once in church they may sit with their families.

******IMPORTANT*****IMPORTANT******

Please notify the school office if your child has a contagious condition. It is our policy to notify parents when there is a reported contagious disease to which your child has been exposed.

Just a reminder...

If your child is an office dismissal please notify the school office by note, phone call, or email. If sending an email please be sure to send it to both dewittr@ststephensgi.org and ortizl@ststephensgi.org. If you do not receive a response please call the school; sometimes our emails do not come through.

Please note: If your child is going to be a daily office dismissal, only one note is needed stating the fact that they will be picked up every day.

We hope to see everyone at our Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 19th.

SAVE THE DATE
January 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Green & Gold Gala

January 2019

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
	1 NO SCHOOL New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary	2 School Resumes	3	4
7 School Liturgy 9:00 a.m.	8	9	10	11
14	15 Grs. 1&2 Liturgy	16 Grs. 3-5 Liturgy	17 Grs. 6-8 Liturgy	18
21 NO SCHOOL ML King's Day	22	23 Progress Reports	24	25 Catholic Charities Dress Down Day
28 Prayer Service Catholic Schools Week	29 Catholic Schools Week	30 Catholic Schools Week	31 Catholic Schools Week	

TOMORROW

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

FROM 3pm - 7pm

In the School Cafeteria

PICK UP FOR

COOKIE DOUGH

AND

8TH GRADE

WREATHS AND POINSETTIAS

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PICKUP YOUR COOKIE
DOUGH OR WREATHS/PLANTS
DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CONTACT MARIE
DAMON AT 310-1070 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.**

Santa's Secret Shop

Volunteers are needed to help make this a smooth successful shopping experience for our kids!

Volunteers are needed for:

Set-up on Thursday, December 13th
and Friday, December 14th to help kids shop.

Please contact Lisa Graber at #310-8042 call/text



MERRY MOOSE HOLIDAY SHOP

Is coming to our School!

Find Something for Everyone on Your List.

The In-School Holiday Shopping Program,

That's Fun For Everyone!

As a special service for your child, our school is offering "Merry Moose In-School Holiday Shop". Children will have the opportunity to pick out their own inexpensive, high quality gifts for family and friends during school hours. "Merry Moose Holiday Shop" will be set up in the school and will be run by parent and school volunteers. Gifts are priced with a child's budget, with most ranging from \$1.00-\$5.00.

Before your child's shopping days your child will bring home a "Merry Moose" budgeting envelope allowing you and your child to decide together how much can be spent on each gift.

"Merry Moose Holiday Shop" is designed to be a safe, Child-Centered Environment where children can learn how to budget and spend wisely, while they also experience the "Joy of Giving Gifts"

We are always in need of volunteers to help.

If you're interested in giving the gift of time please send this part of the sheet back to school with your child. Someone from our parent group will be happy to contact you.

Name: _____

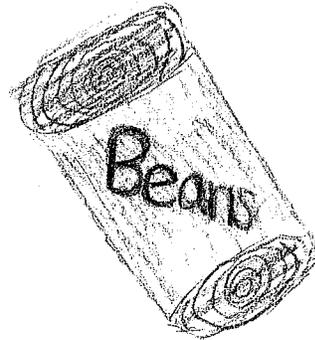
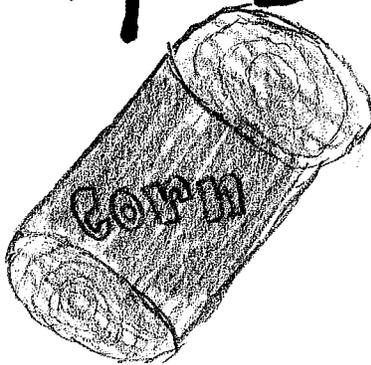
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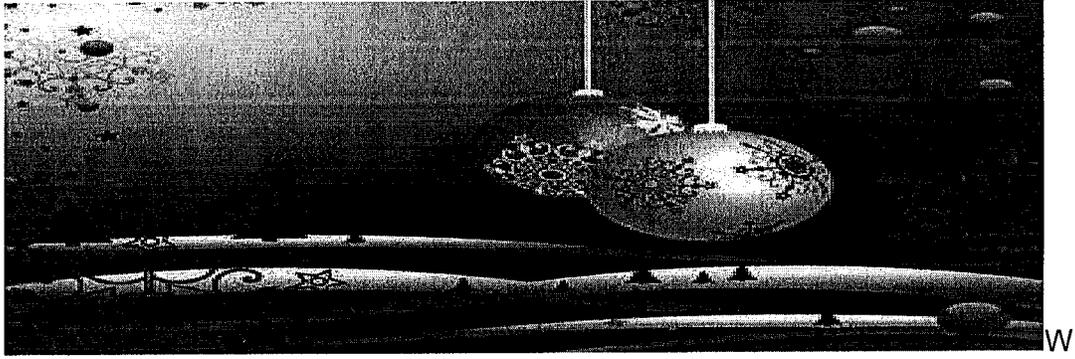
NEHS Will be
hosting a food drive...
With a twist! ★

Each Donation you will
receive a raffle ticket for
a chance to win
a Mystery Box!

Date:
December
10-14



Proceeds go to St. Luke's mission!



Winter Wonderland Gala

January 19, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

St Stephen School, Grand Island, NY

\$25.00 a person ~ 2 adults \$40.00 ~Table of Ten \$200.00

Business Casual Dress

Includes: Appetizers, Dinner, and Dessert. Cash bar available.

It will be Fun and Exciting! Must be 21 or over to attend!

All proceeds benefit the school.

Open to all. Come check us out!

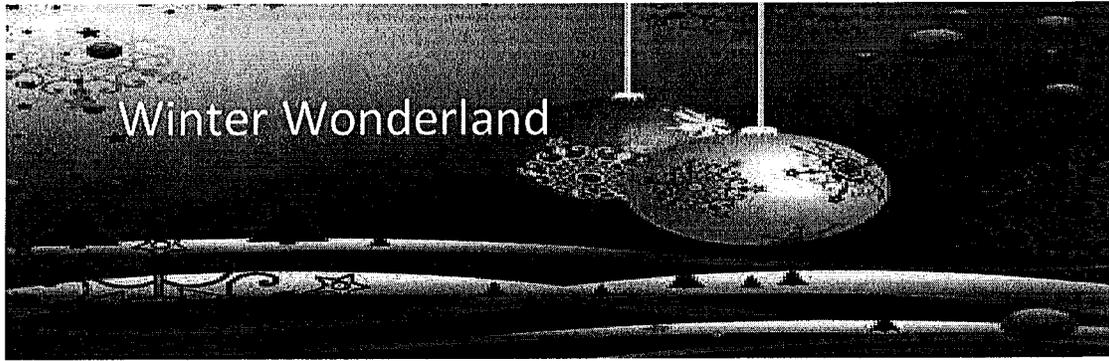
The evening will include: Chinese Auction, silent auction, Wine Toss, entertainment and more!

Kim Nemeth 716-481-3746 or Amy Hickox 716-860-0665

Save The Date

Tickets Go On Sale Soon

<http://bidr.co/events/greengold2019>



Begging for Baskets!

Drop off your basket now at school!

This event cannot be successful without you, and we need your help.

Last year we had over 80 baskets, and we raised just over
\$15,000 for the school.

All benefiting our children and their education.

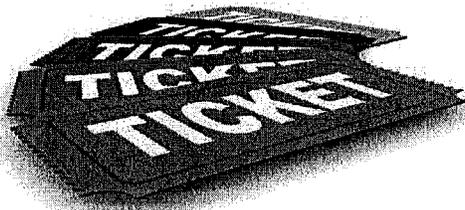
We are asking each family to please donate a basket or item
to be used in our Chinese raffle.

Any amount or item would be greatly appreciated and used.

We will make the basket for you. No item will be turned away.

Committee will make, re -design baskets as needed.

Get creative, have fun, work together.



Some Items we are looking for are:

Gift cards of any kind * Boy toys ages 11-14 * Tools * Candy Tower
Movie Night * Bath sets * Pool Items * Picnic stuff * Nerf
War Store Gift Cards * Legos * Coolers * Tailgate Party
Beach items * Small Electronics * sports items * games
puzzles * Car care * Pet care * Drones * camping items
outdoor games * Jar of Money * Lasertron * Darien Lake Tickets
Spa * S'mores package * Jewelry * gaming system * lottery tickets
Wine *baking basket *tools *car wash * date night * Dinner gift cards

Please consider donating one of these items. We would like to have something for everyone to bid on. Monetary donations will be accepted and used to purchase items to make baskets.

Shop after the holiday for blowout sales, or did you get a gift you cannot return, we will take it!

Our Goal is to have at least 75 baskets for the Chinese Auction.

Drop off items at school please.

Or call us to arrange for a different pick up

In Need of Wine donations for our Snowflake game!

Any questions call Kim 716-481-3746 or Amy 716-860-0665

Sponsorships Available

Select from three options

The sooner we get your information the more exposure you will get

Fill out the form below - send in payment - cash or check payable to

St. Stephen School

Gold Level: \$500.00 (only 1 spot available)

- Table of 10 at the event
- Company name and logo displayed on table tents
- Company banner or sign displayed at the event (you provide)
- Signage and recognition at event checking as a sponsor
- Company promoted on all school website and social media venues
- Company name and website promoted on our event page as a gold level sponsor
- Company promoted as sponsor in welcome, pick up, and receipt text message sent to attendees at event
- Company logo displayed at silent auction bidding tables
- End of the event special thank you text message sent out to all attendees thanking you as a sponsor
- Day of the event Shout-outs by our DJ thanking you as a sponsor
- Allowed to hand out giveaways/promotional marketing items at the event to all attendees
- Company representative asked to pull 8th grade basket winner. DJ will recognize you as a sponsor

Green Level: \$250.00

- 6 Adult tickets to the event
- Company name on table tents (no logo)
- Company promoted on our event page as Green level sponsor
- Company promoted as a sponsor in welcome message
- Signage and recognition as a sponsor at event check in
- Company promoted on school website and social venues
- End of the event special thank you text message sent out to all attendees thanking you as a sponsor
- Day of the event Shout-outs by our DJ thanking you as a sponsor

Purple Level: \$100.00

- 2 Adult tickets to the event
- Signage and recognition at event check in as sponsor
- Company promoted on school website and social media venues
- Special thank you text message sent out to all attendees thanking you as a sponsor
- Day of the event shout-outs by our DJ thanking you as a sponsor

Any questions call Kim at 716-481-3746 or Amy at 716-860-0665

I select the following sponsorship level: ___ Gold ___ Green ___ Purple

Company Name as you wish to be displayed: _____

Company address: _____

Company Website: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment option: ___ cash ___ check (payable St Stephen school) _____ check number

Gold level sponsor only send your logo to kimneme@gmail.com

Note we only allow 1 Gold Level Sponsor on first come bases



GREEN & GO Gala

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Is this a formal attire event? No, this event is a business casual event. We are just asking for no jeans. However, if you want to get dressed up, please do so.

Who can attend the event? This event is open to anyone 21 years and older.

Can I reserve a table to sit with my family and friends? Yes, you can by purchasing a table of 10. There is a limited number of tables of 10 available, so please don't wait. Once they are sold out you will only be able to purchase single tickets.

Will there be baskets to bid on as well or just silent auction items? We will have both a Chinese Auction and Silent Auction for people to bid on.

Will the Chinese Auction Baskets be on the website as well? No, these baskets will be displayed at school a few days before the event. Tickets can be purchased separately, either before the event or at the event.

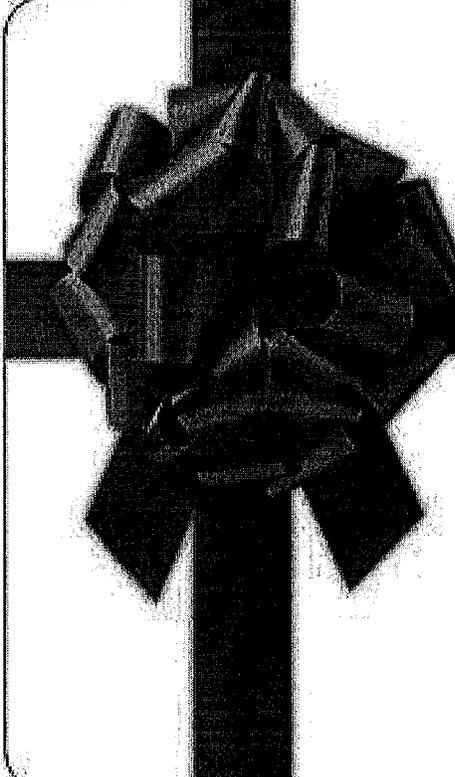
Can the children still bid on the baskets? Yes, we will have Chinese Auction tickets for sale closer to the event. We will display the baskets at school for the children to see and place their tickets in.

How can I order tickets for my child? An order form for tickets for the Chinese Auction will be sent home for an adult to fill out and send back. We will give your child the tickets ordered at school during their assigned period. There will be adult help if needed for the children should they have questions about the baskets or just need help placing them in the bags.

Can the children look and bid on silent auction items? Because the silent auction items may not be age appropriate for minors under the age of 21 - we ask that parents look at the items on the website to determine what items are acceptable for their children to view. Parents can chose which items to place the bid on for their child, for example the signed hockey stick.

Can I place bids if I don't attend the event? Yes, once the event gets closer we will be assigned a unique text ID number and directions on how to make those bids from home.

Can my family members or out of town relatives and friends make bids on the silent auction items? Yes , they may. Once we have our unique text code you can share that with as many people as you want.



SCRIP NEWS

Place your Holiday Orders now while
stock is in! Payless gift cards are still \$18
for \$20 value! It's a deal!

Also, please note on the updated Scrip form Regal
Movie passes are now \$11 each

