



TALENT SHOW

REMINDER

The National Elementary Honor Society is hosting their annual talent show on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Please join us and let our talented students entertain you with their singing, dancing, magic and much, much more.

Remember to bring your \$1.00 to purchase a baked good.

Talent show participants, please remember to bring in all materials to school on Thursday morning, June 13, 2019.



St. Stephen School Fantasy Island Day

TICKET REQUEST FORM



Monday, June 24, 2019

Park Hours: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Family Name: _____

Grade: _____

Number of Tickets Requested: _____ X \$16.49

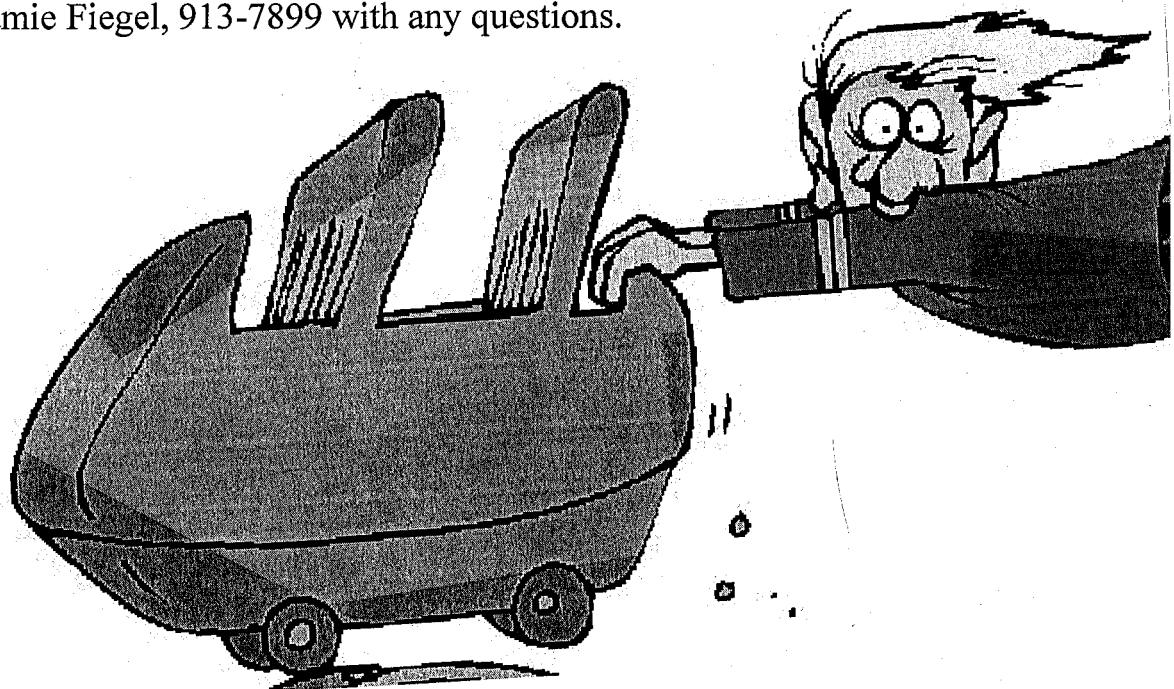
Total: \$ _____

Please send your request for presale tickets in an envelope to school with the **exact** amount of cash or a check payable to **St. Stephen School**. Please use the attached sheet and staple the check to the sheet. Be sure to include the family name and number of tickets requested.

The last day orders can be accepted is **MONDAY, JUNE 10TH**

Tickets will be sent home with your child.

Feel free to call Jamie Fiegel, 913-7899 with any questions.



2019 Summer Art Workshop

******ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!******

Summer Art Workshop will be available for students in grades 4-6... 2019-2020 school year

Art Camp will be held in the school art room 108,

taught by: Madeline Corsini

Dates: June 24-28, 2019

Times: 9-12 noon daily

Cost: \$125 per student including all materials

To reserve your spot, or any further questions, please contact

Mrs. Corsini

corsinim@ststephensgi.org

Full payment is due upon registration...checks

payable to:

Madeline Corsini

Summer Tutoring

Did you know that, on average, the equivalent of one month of overall learning is lost after summer vacation?

Did you know that, on average, two months of reading skills are lost over the summer?

The summer slide is a real thing!

I will be offering one-on-one tutoring services this summer.
Services include:

KINDERGARTEN KICK-OFF- Children Entering Kindergarten

INDIVIDUALIZED READING INSTRUCTION- Grades K-5

test taking strategies 101: Grades 3-5

Tutoring will be available:

Week 1: July 8th - July 12th

Week 2: July 22nd - July 26th

Week 3: July 29th - August 2nd

Week 4: August 5th - August 9th

Week 5: August 12th - August 16th

****Afternoon at-school or evening at-home tutoring available upon request****

Tutoring sessions are in one hour increments and take place in the Reading Room at St. Stephens. Each one hour session will be \$30.

Please fill out and return the attached form by Friday, June 7th based on your first, second, and third choices for time slots. I will be in contact with you after I have determined a final schedule that works best for everyone.

I look forward to working with you and your child! Have a wonderful summer!

♥ Miss White
Reading Specialist

Summer Tutoring

CHILD'S NAME: _____

Please check the category that you are interested in:

- Kindergarten Kick-Off
- Individualized Reading Instruction
- Test Taking Strategies 101

I am interested in:

- Week 1
- Week 2
- Week 3
- Week 4
- Week 5

I am interested in:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Tuesday, Thursday
- Customized Days:

My top three time slots are:
(Please number 1, 2, 3)

- 8:00am-9:00am 9:00am-10:00am 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm

Parents Name: _____

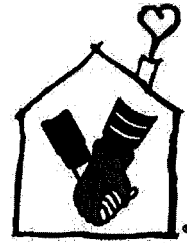
Email Address to be reached at: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this form to Miss White or the office no later than Friday, June 7th!

THANK-YOU FOR

Supporting the
Ronald McDonald
House with your
pull-tabs!



RONALD McDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES

To St. Stephen students, parents, teachers, families, and friends, your help in collecting pull-tabs for RMH has been outstanding. Thank you so much. The Religious Education office has received many thank-you notes from RMH stating their appreciation for the tabs we've sent them. We are continuing to ask you to please save your pull tabs, over the summer, no amount is too small or too large. This is such a great cause and so easy to do. You could ask your family, friends, and neighbors to also collect them. All at Ronald McDonald House are most appreciative of the support. It is a small way, for all of us, to help the over 600 families who annually stay at Ronald McDonald House. The "House" receives money from "Niagara Metals" for the recycled aluminum from the tabs. (Approximately 1,270 tabs equal one pound!) In fact the company actually doubles the refund given back to Ronald McDonald House. Last year they received more than \$2700 from Niagara Metals. You can drop the pull tabs off at the Religious Education Office; put them in the green tote that is on the stoop in front of the building (the building is located across from the schools playground). Please put them in some kind of container.

Again, thanks to all of you for your help, God's Blessings to all of you; have a Blessed Summer.

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June 2019

St. Stephen Catholic Church
Angela Diebold, Director of Religious Education



Thoughtful Moments

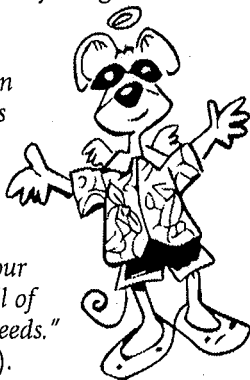
St. John Fisher

Born in Beverley, England, St. John Fisher became a renowned scholar and the Bishop of Rochester. Enrolling at Cambridge University when he was fourteen, he was ordained eight years later. He was named chancellor of Cambridge and greatly improved the standards of education there. He lived a simple life of prayer and penance. He was arrested twice for refusing to recognize King Henry VIII as head of the Church of England. He was martyred for his faith.

Too busy?

We want our children's childhoods to be perfect so we coach the team, volunteer in school, lead the scout troop. Yet, if we spend more time around our children than with them, perhaps something must go. What they need more than anything is us.

"One generation praises your deeds to the next and proclaims your mighty works. They speak of the splendor of your majestic glory, tell of your wonderful deeds." (Psalm 145:4-5).



Celebrate the saints of Summer

Now that school and classes are ending, families can enjoy exploring the Faith on their own. Summer can be a fun time to study saints you may not know well, especially when their feast days fall during these months. Summer saints include:

St. Junipero Serra, July 1. "Always forward, never back," was the motto of this saint. Born in Spain in 1713, St. Junipero spent his early life as a student and then as a Franciscan professor. He left academics to become a missionary.

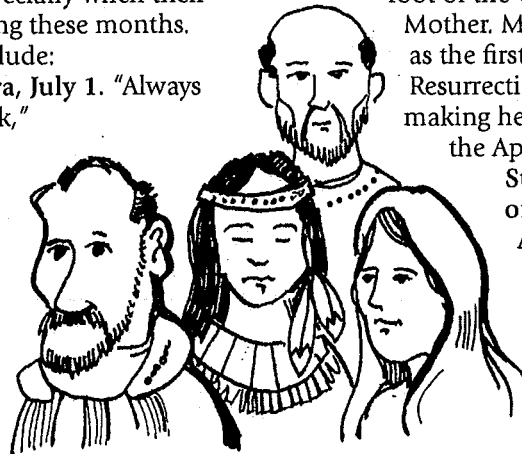
Despite enduring brutal conditions, he founded missions throughout California and baptized more than 6,000 people and confirmed 5,000.

St. Mary Magdalene, July 22. Often

misidentified as a woman of ill repute, Mary Magdalene was a devoted friend and financial backer of Jesus and his Apostles. She bravely stood at the foot of the Cross with Jesus' Mother. Mary was honored as the first to whom the Resurrection was revealed, making her the "Apostle to the Apostles."

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, August 9. Edith Stein, born Jewish, was a brilliant atheist intellectual in Germany in the early 1900s, but converted

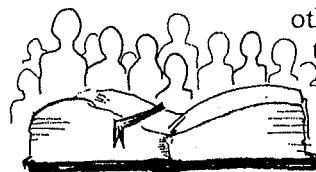
to Catholicism after studying St. Teresa of Avila and became a Carmelite. Although her order tried to shelter her from the Nazis, St. Teresa was eventually rounded up and executed at Auschwitz in 1942.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe things that aren't in the Bible?

Catholics believe the Bible communicates faithfully and without error the truths that God wants us to know. In fact, all of our beliefs are rooted in Scripture and we reject the beliefs that aren't. Some truths are more obvious than



others, so the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, interprets them for us. The Church grows in knowledge of the Scriptures over the years, uncovering truths that were previously obscure (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) #66).

Fill your child's faith toolbox

It can be hard to raise children in God's friendship in a world that doesn't know him. Our best strategy is to give youngsters tools they can use to stay close to him and pray they use them as adults.

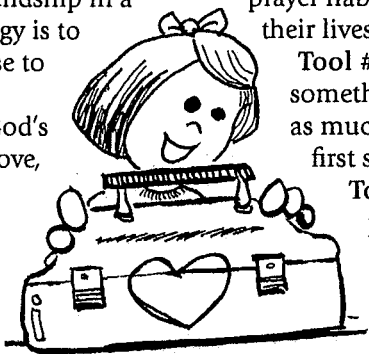
Tool #1 – love. Children first learn about God's love from their families. We must act out of love, teach love, and model love so that children learn to love.

Tool #2 - prayer. In prayer, God counsels us, teaches us, comforts us, and helps us persevere. Teach children to pray. Strong

prayer habits will carry them through the tough times of their lives.

Tool #3 – service. No child is too young to do something helpful for the family, and each should do as much as he can. Contributing to the family is the first step in contributing to the larger family of God.

Tool #4 – trust. With God, all things are possible. Let your children witness your trust in God. Show them that you love him with all your heart.



Scripture LESSON

Luke 9:51-62, Discipleship costs and rewards

In this Gospel reading, there were three men who wanted to be disciples of Jesus but weren't ready to follow him. The first man wanted to follow Jesus, but he wasn't prepared for the cost. Jesus pointed out that he had no home, no shelter, and no family. It may not always be comfortable to follow him.

For the second man, burying one's parent was considered a binding religious duty among the Jews, so he wanted to fulfill that duty before becoming a disciple.

Jesus pointed out the importance of acting when he instructs us. God's invitation takes top priority. And Jesus told the third man that his mind wasn't completely committed to following Jesus.

What can a parent do? Remind children that it won't always be easy to be a disciple of Jesus. Following our

consciences and doing the right thing may mean making a few sacrifices and giving up some luxuries. Yet, the rewards will be beyond imagining.



Feasts & Celebrations

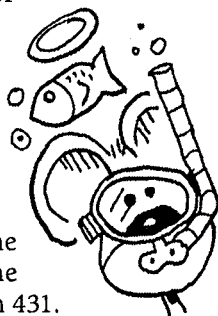
June 9 – Pentecost (1st century). Today, we celebrate the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles, following the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.

June 10 – Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us his mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she continues to pray and care for us as our spiritual mother.

June 22 – St. Thomas More (1535). St. Thomas was a scholar, lawyer, gentleman, father, and chancellor of England. King Henry VIII appointed

him Lord Chancellor but Thomas resigned three years later when Henry defied the pope. In 1535, Thomas was martyred for refusing to recognize the King as the Head of the Church of England.

June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria (444). St. Cyril was a Bishop of Alexandria and a Doctor of the Church. He is best known for defending the belief of Christ's two natures against the heretic Nestorius at the Council of Ephesus in 431.

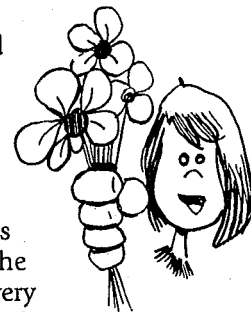


Parent TALK

Father's Day is a special day in our home. I love the opportunity to show my husband how much we appreciate all he does for our family. Yet, we already have a fairly new grill (his favorite gift), and he doesn't wear ties very often, so it is difficult to find just the right way to celebrate this wonderful man.

First, we decided to offer a novena to St. Joseph for the nine days leading to Father's Day for his intentions. Then we made a calendar for his desk with pictures of him with each of us – and all of us – and wrote captions describing what the photos meant, "Dad protected me from the waves at the beach," "Dad took Mom on a date and made her feel special," "Dad came to my concert and clapped the loudest."

Now he can have a daily reminder of how we value him.



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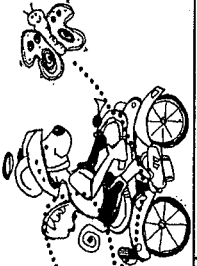










July



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>★ ☆</p> <p>7 Stay a few minutes after Mass and pray for peace.</p>	<p>1 Say a prayer of thanks to God when something makes you smile today.</p>	<p>2 Make and mail a card to a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or friend.</p>	<p>3 Ask the pastor what your family can do to help out in the parish.</p>	<p>4 ★ ☆</p> <p>Happy 4th of July! Offer a prayer for troops overseas and for their families.</p>	<p>5 Attend First Friday Mass or Benediction as a family.</p>	<p>6 Plant a butterfly garden in the yard.</p>
<p>14 After Mass today, review the Gospel (Luke 10:25-37). Talk about what it means.</p>	<p>8 Start a summer memory book. Each week, add pictures of family memories from summer.</p>	<p>9 Go on a family bike ride.</p>	<p>10 Go on a nature walk. Don't forget the bug-spray/sunscreen!</p>	<p>11 Have an egg-and-spoon race in the backyard. The winner picks dinner.</p>	<p>12 Family Movie Night! Watch a good movie and eat popcorn together.</p>	<p>13 Donate extra clothes, books, and toys to a local charity.</p>
<p>21 Light a candle for the Holy Father's intentions today after Mass.</p>	<p>15 Today, if you hear a siren, pray for the safety of all involved.</p>	<p>16 Today, enjoy a caramel-themed dessert in remembrance of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.</p>	<p>17 Read the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15. Celebrate God's forgiveness.</p>	<p>18 Work on a puzzle. Talk about how God helps us fit the pieces of our lives together.</p>	<p>19 Make a prayer place at home using a crucifix, pillow, and a Bible.</p>	<p>20 Go for a family outing: take a walk, see a movie, or get ice-cream together.</p>
<p>28 Listen carefully to the homily at Mass today and repeat one thing you learned.</p>	<p>22 Have an A-Z scavenger hunt. Find things starting with every letter.</p>	<p>23 Promise one another only to make positive comments.</p>	<p>24 Clip paper to an upright surface outside. Fill squirt guns with liquid watercolors. Try spraying at different distances.</p>	<p>25 Celebrate Christmas in July. Read the story of Christ's birth (Luke 2:1-19).</p>	<p>26 Honor Jesus' grandparents St. Joachim and St. Anne and pray for your grandparents.</p>	<p>27 Attend Confession as a family, then have ice-cream afterwards to celebrate clean souls.</p>
<p>31 Eat breakfast food for dinner.</p>	<p>29 In honor of St. Martha, clean the house and share a special meal.</p>	<p>30 Say "I forgive you" to someone who hurt you today.</p>	<p>31 Eat breakfast food for dinner.</p>	<p>31 Eat breakfast food for dinner.</p>	<p>31 Eat breakfast food for dinner.</p>	<p>31 Eat breakfast food for dinner.</p>

August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>In honor of St. John Vianney, send a priest a thank you card.</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Blow bubbles! Bend metal hangers into hoops. In a bucket, mix water and dish soap.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p><i>The Transfiguration</i> Ask everyone to name a way God's love changed life for the better.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Design a suncatcher. Decorate a piece of tracing paper with colored markers and hang in a window.</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>In honor of St. Dominic, pray a family Rosary together.</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Visit a local museum.</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>When shopping for school supplies, buy some extras and donate them to the school for students who can't afford their own.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>At Mass, pray for victims of violence.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Exercise empathy. Try seeing someone else's viewpoint by playing "How would you feel if you were...?"</p>	<p>13</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Look for a way God showed he loves you today and share it at bedtime.</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>At dinner, play 'Guess who?' Think of a favorite saint and give clues to see if others can guess who it is.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Celebrate Mary's Assumption by attending Mass. Go out for a treat afterwards.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Practice listening. Show love by giving others your full attention—not even to check your phone.</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Create a family dinner together by putting each person in charge of a different part of the meal.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Invite someone from your parish to Sunday lunch after Mass.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Pick a person or event in the news. Devote a family prayer to it.</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Look for a way God showed he loves you today and share it at bedtime.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Catch fireflies in a jar and release them before you go to bed.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>In honor of our Blessed Mother, pray the "Hail, Holy Queen" prayer together.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Family Fun Night! Learn a new board/card game together.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Cool off by washing the car together.</p> 
<p>25</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Attend Mass as a family and pray for the souls in Purgatory.</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Discuss what you would say to Jesus if he came to your house.</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Say a prayer for anyone going through a difficult time today.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>In honor of St. Augustine, start a good habit and practice it all day.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Draw something God has given you for which you are thankful.</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Choose (or make up) a short family prayer to say together every day this school year.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>★ ☆</p> <p>Make a list of your favorite summer memories and share it with your family at dinner.</p>

St. Stephen Parish
Religious Education Department
2080 Baseline Road
Grand Island, New York 14072
773—2002 (option 3)

Dear St. Stephen Parents,

This is an invitation for your child/children who will be in grades six through eighth next year at St. Stephen or to those in High School, to help with the Religious Education Program, if they would like to.

We have now (and in the past) a number of students from St. Stephen who help in our program. They assist the teachers with walking children to the bathroom, doing crafts, working individually with a child who needs extra help if needed etc. We also have some who now teach a class.

Our classes start in September and end by March/April. Generally we follow a twenty week schedule. We are off for holidays and school breaks. If your child is interested please fill out the form and return it to the Religious Education Department. Please note that if they do volunteer we need them for the whole year. It's not simply an occasional need. We will get back to both you and your child on which helper openings are available.

Thank-you,

Mrs. Diebold and the Religious Education Staff

FYI – If child is attending Grand Island High School tuition will be waived for Religious Ed

classes because they are volunteering.

Student's Name _____

Grade as of 9/2019 _____

Would like to help in the Religious Education Program

Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:00 _____

Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 _____

Parent's Signature _____

Phone # _____

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**

Category	Amount	SAVING	Credit	STOCK	Retailer	SAVING	Credit	STOCK	Total	STOCK
AUTO					HOUSEHOLD					
Delta Sonic Super Kliss	\$12	50%			S	Home Depot	\$25	4%		S
Delta Oil Change -P Out	\$25	20%					\$100	4%		S
CLOTHING DEPARTMENT STORES					RESTAURANT					
Bed Bath Beyond	\$25	6%			S	Michaels	\$25	3%		S
Kohl's (In-store, Online & Pay Charge)	\$25	4%			S	JoAnn Fabrics	\$25	5%		S
	\$100	4%			S	Lowe's	\$25	4%		S
Target	\$25	2%			S		\$100	4%		S
TJ Maxx/Marshalls	\$25	6%			S	Applebee's	\$25	8%		S
Walmart/Sams	\$25	2.0%			S	Bob Evans	\$10	8%		S
Walmart/Sams	\$100	2.0%			S	B. Wild Wings-Phase Out	\$25	7%		
Walgreens	\$25	4%			S	Burger King	\$10	4%		S
MOVIE THEATRES					RESTAURANT					
AMC Theaters	\$25	7%			S	Chipotle	\$10	10%		S
Regal Cinema	\$25	6%			S	Chili's	\$25	7%		S
Regal Movie Pass	\$11	6%			S	Denny's	\$10	6%		S
						Olive Garden	\$25	6%		S
GENERAL & MISC./CHILDREN & TOYS					RESTAURANT					
Amazon.com	\$25	2%			S	Outback/Bone	\$25	6%		S
	\$100	2%			S	Panera Bread	\$10	6%		S
Barnes & Noble	\$10	8%			S	Starbucks	\$10	6%		S
Bath & Body	\$10	9%			S	Subway	\$10	4%		S
I Tunes	\$15	4%			S	TGI Fridays - Phase Out	\$25	7%		
Dick's Sporting	\$25	6%			S	Tlm Hortons	\$10	5%		S
						Wendy's	\$10	4%		S
SPECIAL PROMOTIONS (until gone)					RESTAURANT					
						Tops	\$25	5%		S
							\$50	5%		\$
							\$100	5%		S

UPDATED 4.30.19

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 _____