



ATTENTION

**OUR AFTER-SCHOOL PHONE
NUMBER IS 716-909-5153. PLEASE
CALL IF YOU NEED TO REACH THE
AFTER-SCHOOL STAFF.**



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After-school will be
canceled on Sept.
16th due to Meet the
Teacher!

St. Stephen School Choir

Our school choir is an important part of both our music program and our school liturgy services throughout the year. Students from 3rd-8th grade are welcome to join. No audition required!

Rehearsals will be on Thursdays every week at 8:15 a.m. Students will need to bring a binder/folder to organize their music and a pencil to every rehearsal.

Our first rehearsal will be this Thursday, September 11th in the gym. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

- Mr. Alessi 🎵



🎵 Mr. Alessi's Private Music Lessons 🎵

If your child is interested in learning how to sing and/or play an instrument, they have the option to take lessons right here at school!

Mr. Alessi offers voice, piano, guitar, ukulele, and drum lessons for all students both during and after school. You may enroll your child in either a half hour or full hour lesson slot once per week.

(Note: Full hour slots are only available after school)

Students also have the option of enrolling in 1-on-1 lessons with Mr. Alessi or group lessons with other students.

Rates:

- One on one: \$35 per 30 minutes
- Group: \$25 per 30 minutes



If you are interested in enrolling your child, please email

alessim@ststephensgi.org or follow the link below to choose a time slot

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WWI_FbcXlvSqFpMhtBPifpU67yHPUG8-9P5IcZif0oA/edit?usp=sharing

I look forward to making music with your kids soon!

- Mr. Alessi 🎵





September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself and the Student Support Program (SSP). My name is Stephanie Meteer and I am the Student Support Facilitator employed by Catholic Charities of Buffalo. SSP partners with schools to promote student well-being and success by addressing the social, emotional and non-academic barriers that impact learning. Student Support Staff provide classroom-based social emotional lessons, short-term individual and group support, counseling, mentoring and community-based referrals.

Topics often covered include:

- Respect and caring for self and others
- Effective communication and conflict resolution skills
- Problem solving skills to make responsible choices
- Managing and expressing emotions
- Healthy stress-management strategies
- Developing resiliency, positive goal-setting and striving for one's personal best.
- Organizational and study skills

At times, school personnel make referrals for individual and small group supports. If this happens, I will contact you to discuss how to effectively address your child's needs and if agreed upon, obtain your consent to begin seeing your student regularly. **You** can also request support for your student by contacting me any time during the year. Occasionally a student will ask to meet with me or stop in to talk. I will always try to be a support to them and problem solve when necessary.

If you agree to have your child participate in the social emotional classroom lessons, a response is not necessary. If, on the other hand, you **do not want** your child to participate in these lessons, you must sign and return the back of this letter to your child's teacher by September 26, 2025.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the services we provide, please do not hesitate to contact me at (716) 346-6448. I may also be reached at St. Stephen's on Tuesdays and Thursdays when school is in session. Wishing you and your child(ren) a healthy, happy, and productive school year.

Warmest regards,

Stephanie Meteer, MS
Student Support Facilitator

Catholic Charities of Buffalo School Support Program
Attn: Facilitators Name

____ I do NOT want my child to participate in Catholic Charities' social emotional learning programs.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Date: _____



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***Pre-Pay for a box of 48 bars, boxes
will be sent home with your child
once payment received***

**Get the Box Tops app
and link our school**



*Buffalo Bills
Dress Down
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dress in your Bills fan gear in
celebration of all 17 regular
season games [HERE](#)
Individual dress downs will be
\$2 each
Save \$9 with the purchase of
a season pass*

*Dates Posted On School
Calendar*

**[Save The Date](#)
Meet The Teacher
HSA Meeting.
September 16th, 2025
6 PM**

**Room Parent
Volunteers Needed
From Each Class!**

**[Click Here](#)
to sign up**



2025 Event Recap

St. Stephen School Welcome
Back 5K Race and Kids' Dash
September 5, 2025 | 6:00 pm

The fourth annual St. Stephen School 5K and Kids Dash was
a success!

Thank you to everyone who supported this event! Several members of our school community took part as well as participants from other WNY areas, including Cowlesville, Lockport, Derby, Elma, Hamburg, Bliss, Jamestown, and Naples NY. Additionally, we had a few participants from Welland, Ontario, and even Southington, OH!

This year's event saw our largest numbers yet, having grown 20% in the last year alone. Since our inaugural event, we have grown by roughly 80%!

We were honored to have St. Stephen alumni Eralin Krebs sing the national anthem before the 5k took off and the musical stylings of Mr. Alessi during our post-race festivities. St. Stephen alumni Ava May and Kenley Martin returned for a fourth year with their face painting and balloon creation skills. Several of our school students and their families claimed age group awards in the 5k event.

If you would like to view photos and videos from this year's event, please visit our race website located at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/GrandIsland/StStephenSchoolWelcomeBack5K>



**LIMITED 5K SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
\$10 EACH**



We have a limited number of 5K t-shirts available for purchase. Please see the chart below for size offerings. Please contact Amanda McMahon at ssswelcomeback5k@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing a shirt. All proceeds go towards the HSA fundraising efforts.

Size	2025 Green Shirt <i>Number Available</i>	2024 Gray Shirt <i>Number Available</i>
Youth Medium	2	0
Adult Small	4	2
Adult Medium	4	1
Adult Large	9	1
Adult X-Large	2	5



ELDERWOOD CRUISE NIGHT

Wednesday, September 10th
4:00pm-8:00pm
2850 Grand Island Blvd
Grand Island, NY

Join us for Cruise Night featuring a little something for everyone—classic and custom cars, motorcycles, live music by Tom Bender, delicious food trucks, basket raffles, 50/50, a kids' zone, live animals, photo ops, games, and so much more! It's the perfect way for the whole community to come together and enjoy a fun-filled evening.

Want to show off your car or motorcycle, or be a vendor at Cruise Night? Contact Katey at 716-773-5900 ext. 252 or 716-998-8873. No fee to participate!



EPA NOTIFICATION REGARDING ASBESTOS

St. Stephen School is in compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Asbestos regulations.

The asbestos management report for St. Stephen's is always on file in the school office. Parents and employees are welcome to examine it at any time. This notification is a requirement of the regulation and means that St. Stephen's School building meets all safety standards regarding asbestos.

