





OCTOBER

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	 October Calendar All Month		1	2	3 Early Emergency Drill Pickup; UPK 2:55, K-8 3:05  Bills Dress Down!	4
5	6  World Day of Bullying Prevention Wear Blue	7  Mass 10:00 am	8  PICTURE DAY	9  Fire Department Presentation 9am-11am  Bills Dress Down!	10 No School K-8 Diocesan Professional Development Day UPK & Pre-K in session 9:00 am -11:00 am	11
12 Pastor Appreciation Day 	13 No School 	14  Bills Dress Down!	15 First Communion Parent Meeting 6:00 pm Church  Progress Reports	16	17	18
19	20	21  Mass 10:00 am	22	23  Halloween Dance UPK/Pre-K to 4th 5-7 pm	24  Bills Dress Down!	25 First Communion Enrollment Mass 4:30 pm Church
26	27 Red Ribbon Week 	28	29	30  Bills Dress Down!	31  HALLOWEEN	All Dates are Subject to Change



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St Stephen School

Meal Price
Lunch - FREE



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

*Exciting news!
The apples available daily are
sourced from a local farm.
Enjoy fresh, delicious apples
while supporting local!*

Daily Alternate Entrées
Yogurt Fun Lunch
Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza
PB&J Uncrustable Lunch

Chicken Finger Sub 1
Costanzo Roll
Cheese/Lettuce
Baby Carrots
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Chicken Bowl 2
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Shredded Cheddar
Corn
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Pizza 3
(Cheese/Pepperoni)
***Garden Salad**
Tomato, Cucumber,
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Wild Mike's Cheese Bites 6
Dipping Sauce
Roasted Broccoli
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Taco in a Bag 7
Nacho Doritos
Taco Meat & Cheese
Lettuce & Salsa
Rice, Corn
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Macaroni & Cheese 8
California Blend Veggies
Garlic Breadstick
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Brunch for Lunch 9
French Toast Sticks
Breakfast Sausage
Hash Brown Patty
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

No School K-8 10
Diocesan Professional
Development Day
Pre-K/UPK in session
(9:00am – 11:00am)

No School 13
Columbus Day

Dipper Day 14
Popcorn Chicken
Mozzarella Sticks
Dipping Sauce
Roasted Broccoli
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Chicken & Cheese 15
Quesadilla
Salsa
Seasoned Corn
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Brunch for Lunch 16
Mini Waffles
Breakfast Sausage
Hash Brown Patty
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Pizza Crunchers 17
Dipping Sauce
Tater Tots
Garden Salad
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Beef Teriyaki Rice Bowl 20
Vegetable Egg Roll
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

St. Stephen Nachos 21
Tortilla Chips, Taco Meat
Lettuce, Cheese
Rice, Corn
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Hot Dog on a Bun 22
Tater Tots
Corn
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Brunch for Lunch 23
Pancakes w/ Syrup
Breakfast Sausage
Hash Brown Patty
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Pizza 24
(Cheese/Pepperoni)
***Garden Salad**
Tomato, Cucumber,
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Chicken Fingers 27
BBQ Sauce
Baked French Fries
Coined Carrots
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Grilled Cheese Sandwich 28
Tater tots
Tomato Soup
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Pasta w/ Meat Sauce 29
Garlic Bread Stick
Green Beans
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

BBQ Rib Sandwich 30
Baked French Fries
Green Beans
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

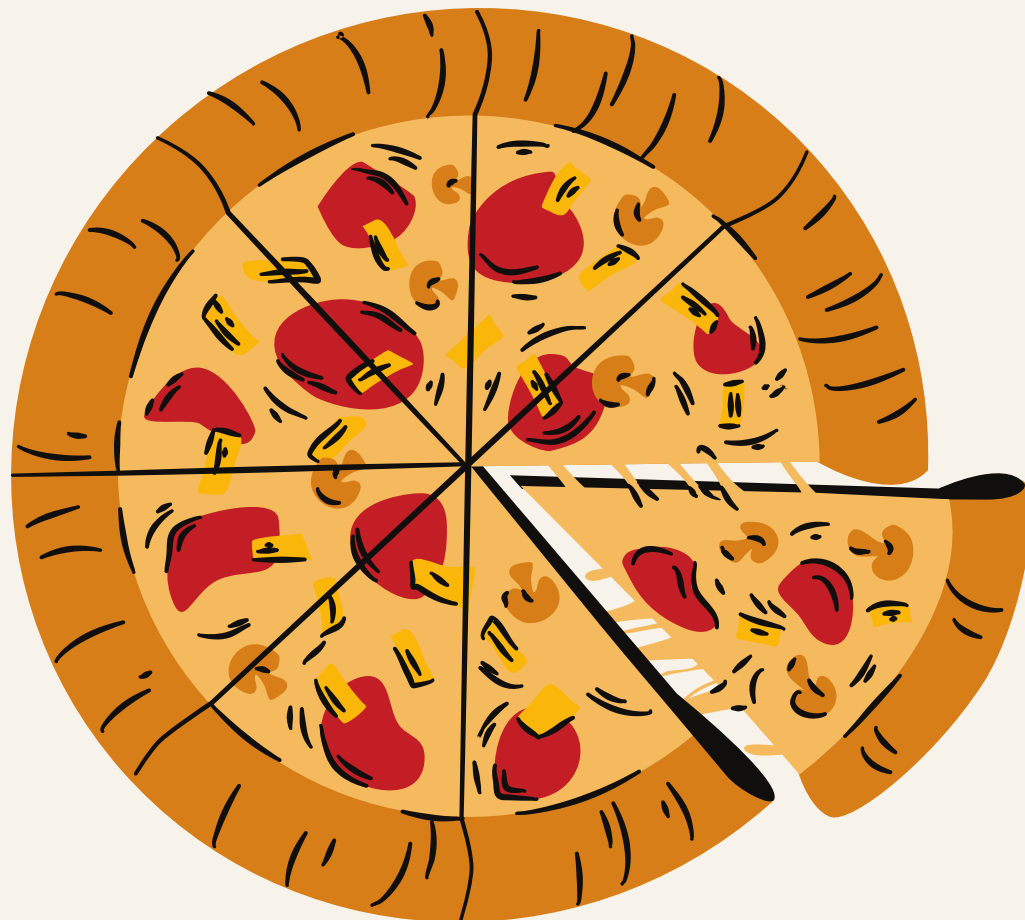
Happy Halloween 31
Waffle w/ Strawberries
Whipped Topping
Hash Brown
Breakfast Sausage
NY State Apple / Fruit Cup

Menu Subject to change due to availability.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider



PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE
MySchoolBucks.com

**PIZZA IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR
STUDENTS TO BUY EVERY DAY!**



Early Bus Arrival



Friday, October 3rd, 2025

**We will be have an Early Emergency Drill. Students in
UPK/Pre-K will need to be picked up by 2:55, K-8 office
dismissal students will need to be picked up by 3:05. Buses
will be picking up students at 3:08. After-school will still be
available.**

Let's Connect!

UPK/Pre-K: Monthly Newsletters/ Weekly Emails

Kindergarten: Monthly Newsletters, Seesaw for pictures

1st Grade: Email/ Weekly Reading Letters

2nd Grade: Email

3rd Grade: Class Dojo

4th Grade: Class Dojo, Weekly Newsletters

5th Grade: Remind, Monthly Newsletters

Middle School: Google Classroom/ Email

Our teachers, principal, and staff are always available via email. Please allow time for response. All email address are available on our website: www.ststephensgi.org

The school phone number is 716-773-7647,
opt. 2.



World Day of Bullying Prevention

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

**Please wear blue to show
your support!**



Today's Reminder

We will be sending home a copy of our Parent/Student Signature page today. Please take a look at our Parent/Student Handbook on our website, www.ststephensgi.org, sign the Signature page and return it to school by Oct. 3rd.

Thank you!

Welcome to October!



***We're excited to
kick off our October
Calendar. Check
your child's
backpack!***



GET READY FOR

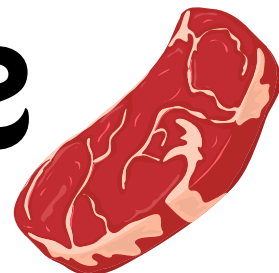
PICTURE DAY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 8th



Save the Date



You're invited to our...

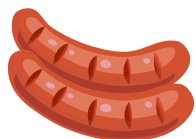
MEAT RAFFLE



ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL
2080 BASELINE RD,
GRAND ISLAND, NY



Raffles



Meats



Drinks



Fun!

All Proceeds go to
St. Stephen School

**Join us for a sizzling night of fun,
friends, and fantastic meat prizes
and support a great cause!**

**Bring your friends, grab a drink, and enjoy
a night full of excitement!**



716-773-7647 opt. 2, principal@ststephensgi.org



ststephensgi.org



<https://www.facebook.com/ststephensgi>



[st.stephenschoolgi](https://www.instagram.com/ststephenschoolgi)

We are looking for volunteers to help in our school cafeteria during lunchtime!



This is a wonderful opportunity to support our students and staff by assisting children in opening their lunches, supervising in the lunchroom, and helping to create a warm, welcoming environment.



Whether you can give a couple of hours a week or just occasionally, your time and presence would make a big difference. Volunteers are requested between 11 am and 1 pm Monday through Friday.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please get in touch with the school office at 716-773-7647 option 2.

We truly appreciate your support and generosity! All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained.





HALLOWEEN DANCE

OCTOBER 23RD

5:00-7:00

GRADES PRE-K TO 4TH



Wear your Halloween costume and join us for a fun night of dancing, crafts, games, and more! Siblings in grades Pre-K to 4th are welcome! Parents must stay with their children!

Cost: \$5.00 per person – checks preferred (includes admission, pizza, drinks, and activities)

Location: St. Stephen's Cafeteria and Gym

Please RSVP on the form below by October 17th to your child's teacher with payment. One form per household.



Family Last Name: _____ Child's Grade: _____

Number of Adults Attending	Number of Children Attending	Total Number x \$5.00 Each	Total Owed
_____	_____	_____ x \$5.00	\$_____

Join the School Band & String Program!

Ms. Mortise, Instrumental Music Director Email: kmortise.band@gmail.com

JOIN TODAY! pemusic.com/join

Visit our website and discover the many ways in which music makes life better!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: EXTENDED TO OCT. 6TH! FIRST LESSON: MONDAY, OCT. 6

MUSIC EDUCATION & PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- ♪ For students in Grades 1 & 2: Violin, Piano/Keyboard, Drums, Bells and Ukulele.
- ♪ The Concert Band and String Program is available to students in Grades 3 – 8.
- ♪ For students in Grades 3-8: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Bells (Glockenspiel), Violin, Drums, Ukulele, and Piano/Keyboard are available.
- ♪ Students receive a 30-minute small group lesson during school every MONDAY.
- ♪ A wide repertoire of music is offered: Sacred, patriotic, popular, classical, blues, jazz, and rock.
- ♪ Students have the opportunity to participate in exciting school concerts as well as:
 - The Erie County Music Educators Association Solo and Band Festivals (ECMEA)
 - The New York State School Music Association Solo and Band Festivals (NYSSMA)

INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL & ON-LINE

- ♪ Quality instrument rentals, sales, and service available to all students.
- ♪ Supplies can be purchased from Ms. Mortise or on-line at www.pemusicstore.com.
- ♪ Students studying piano/keyboard & drums do not need to bring an instrument to school.

MUSIC EDUCATION BASED ON STATE & NATIONAL LEARNING STANDARDS

- ♪ Students receive a comprehensive instrumental music education, which complies with the latest state and national learning standards for the Arts.
- ♪ Individual attention is given to each student with the goal of creating a successful experience in instrumental music. Extra help is always available!

HOW TO SIGN UP

- ♪ Complete the registration form and return it with payment to the school office by **OCTOBER 6TH**. Or sign up online: pemusic.com/join
- ♪ **PLEASE NOTE: PIANO/KEYBOARD** students and 1st & 2nd grade bell and drum students, please use the registration form to sign up or email me for online instructions.
- ♪ Monthly payment plan available to all students.
- ♪ A lesson schedule will be distributed prior to the first lesson.

IF YOU NEED HELP SELECTING AN INSTRUMENT:

- ♪ Contact Ms. Mortise to discuss the instruments available. ☺
- ♪ Explore the instruments on-line: <http://www.pemusic.com/selecting-an-instrument.html>

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW I CAN HELP!

Please do not hesitate to contact me! I have 30 years of teaching experience (NY State Certified), and am a member of the Erie County Music Educators Association, the New York State School Music Association, and the National Association for Music Educators. I am always happy to help and support every student in as many ways as possible! Music makes a positive difference and provides a lifetime of opportunities!



HSA SPOTLIGHT



**Gertrude Hawk
Chocolate Bar Sales!**

limited number of boxes available

*Please send in cash or check to main office
or you are now able to pay online:*

[Gertrude Hawk Online Payment Link](#)

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

**Keep up to date on
HSA News by joining
REMIND**

**Text @ssshsa to
81010**

**Next Meeting: 1/7/26
HSA Contact Email:
ststephenhsa@yahoo.com**

**Complete the
Virtus Protecting
Gods Children
Training HERE**

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



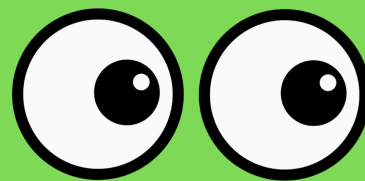
**Buffalo Bills
Dress Down**

Next Date: FRIDAY 10/3

***Purchase a pass for \$25 and
dress in your Bills fan gear in
celebration of all 17 regular
season games HERE***

***Individual dress downs will be
\$2 each***

***Dates Posted On School
Calendar***



***Be on the look out for emails
from your Room Parents.
Thank you so much to our
volunteers!***

**There are a few items left in the
school spirit sale shop HERE
See Flyer For Details**

SCHOOL SPIRIT SALE



- **Low Socks \$5**
- **Tall Socks \$6**
- **Headbands \$4**
- **Lanyards \$3**
- **Bow Ties \$10**

Shop Here:



ADVENTURE is CALLING

JOIN CUB SCOUTS

Come see what it's all about

October 6th : 5:30PM : St. Stephen School

Outdoor Adventures

Pinewood Derby

Leadership & Teamwork

Camping Opportunities

More information:

630cubmaster@gmail.com

Girls & Boys K-5th

RSVP

