



# The Finale 2026

*Important dates for May & June!*

## May

4th-8th: Teacher Appreciation Week

7th: Mother's Day Tea, grades K-2 9:15am

UPK/Pre-K 2:00pm

8<sup>th</sup>: Mom's & Muffins, grades 3-8 8:15am

13<sup>th</sup>: Book Fair, during school & 5-7pm

22nd-25th: Memorial Day, no school

## June

5<sup>th</sup>: 8th Grade Class Night, 6:30pm

9th: Dads & Donuts, grades 3-8 8:15-8:45am

11th: Spring Concert 6:30pm

12th: Dads & Dogs, grades UPK/Pre-K-2 1:30pm

16th: Kindergarten Graduation 9:30am

19th: Juneteenth-no school

22<sup>nd</sup>: Field Day, 1:00pm

23rd: Grades K-8 last day of school

23rd: Report Cards

23<sup>rd</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 6:30pm

24th: UPK/Pre-K last day/ Graduation 9-11am





# MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Dear Moms,

We are excited to invite you to Mother's Day Tea on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> ! Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will celebrate with their moms from 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. UPK will celebrate with their moms from 2 – 3 p.m.

Please go directly to the cafeteria and find a place to sit. Your children will sing a few songs and then come to join you for a slide show. After the slide show, there will be refreshments and treats. Your children will also share some special presents with you. We hope you enjoy it!

Sincerely,

Mrs. May, Mrs. Smith, and Ms. Kaeser

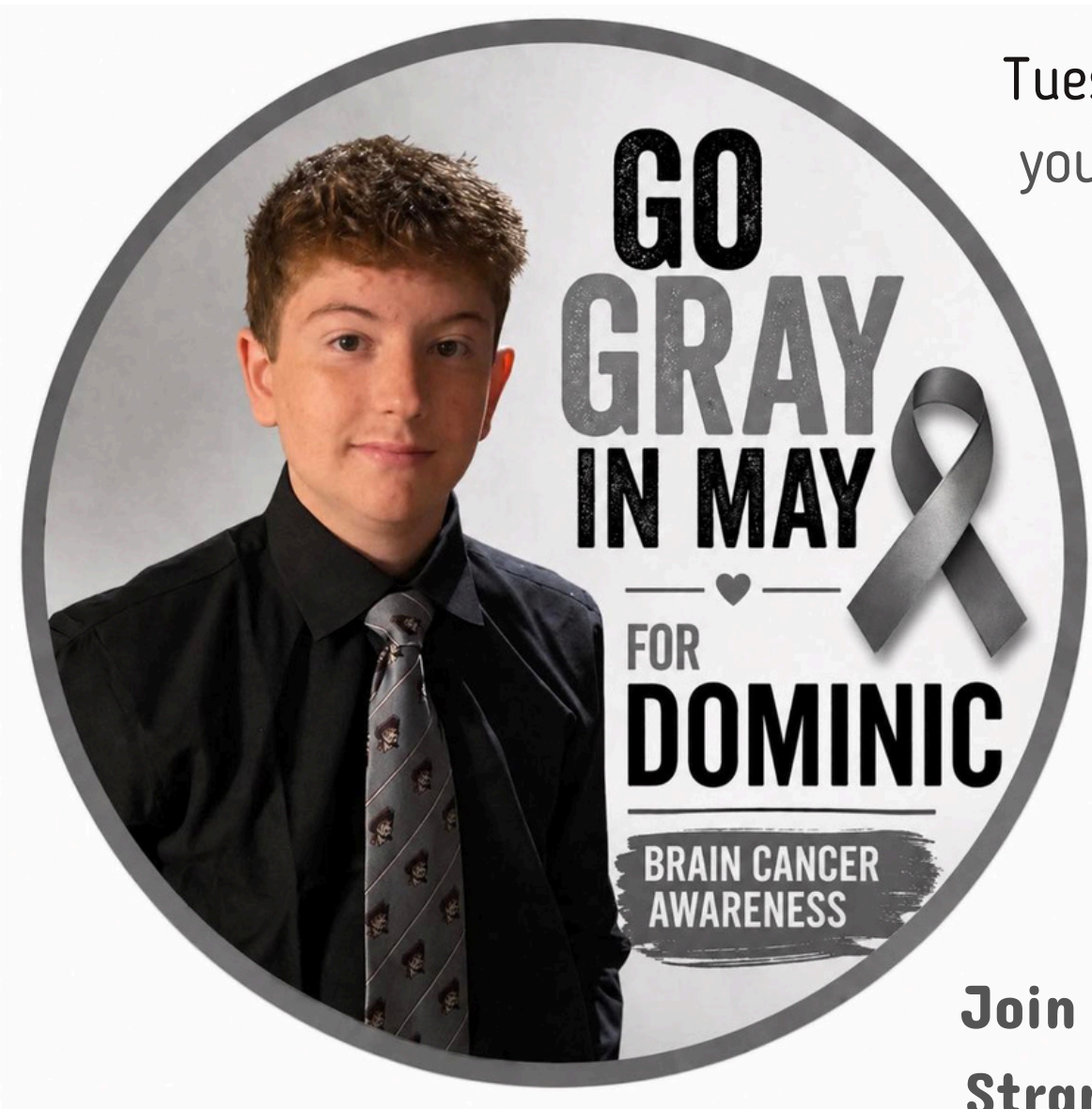
Miss Cacciatore, Miss Mermigas, Mrs. Smith and Miss Jones



**Due to Mother's Day Tea set-up  
in the cafeteria, Morning Care  
will be in the Gym Tomorrow and  
Friday. Please enter through  
door #6.**

**Thank you!**





Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, wear gray to show your support and stand in solidarity with those affected.

Any donation amount is appreciated. All donations will go to P.U.N.T, towards supporting brain cancer awareness and research.



Join us as we remember Dominic Strangio while raising awareness for brain cancer.



♥♥ In honor of Dominic, let's come together as a community! ♥♥

# SABRES

## DRESS DOWN DAY

SHOW YOUR SABRES SPIRIT!



DRESS DOWN IN:



BLUE &  
GOLD  
COLORS



SABRES  
GEAR OR  
JERSEYS

LET'S FILL THE SCHOOL WITH  
SABRES PRIDE!

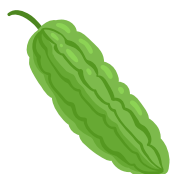
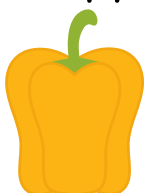


GO SABRES!

Dear St Stephen Families,

Each year, we try to raise a variety of vegetable plants that we make available for sale to help support our greenhouse program. This year, we ran into a bit of a snag, and our first plantings did not do well at all. After the Easter break, we regrouped and tried again. This time our seedlings are doing well, but they are not quite ready to leave the greenhouse and go into the garden. I think Mother Nature is aware of this and has kept the weather cooler (and wetter) than normal, so if you are planning a garden, it may be a couple of weeks before you'll need your plants. While we don't have an unlimited number, we do have tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, zucchini and summer squash, butternut squash, and watermelon plants that should be ready to go into the garden around Memorial Day. We'll give everyone an update in the next two Wednesday Family Envelopes and, if you're interested, we'll plan on our sale taking place on Thursday, May 21st, before the long weekend. The plants will be \$3.00 each and available on a first come, first-served basis right at the end of the day until 4:30ish, or if we're very fortunate, until we're sold out. Each of the classes helped with our initial planting, so if you ask your student(s) they can let you know what seeds they planted. As always, thank you for your support and we look forward to getting the gardens

growing!!





# END OF YEAR AWARD CEREMONY GRADES K-8

**JUNE 9TH**

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH  
9:15AM

Students who participated in any club, sport, or are receiving the Eagle of Excellence Award this year are invited to have family and friends come and cheer them on as they receive their award! We encourage you to stay for Mass at 10am with grades K-8!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL DANIELLE  
DUCK AT [DUCKD@STSTEPHENS.GI.ORG](mailto:DUCKD@STSTEPHENS.GI.ORG)

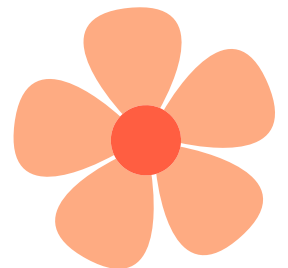


**Please join us for St. Stephen School's  
Spring Concert  
on Thursday, June 11th.**

**The concert will be held in  
St. Stephen Church at 6:30 PM**

**Come see our Pre-K to Grade 8  
children perform a variety of songs  
to build up one another!**

**Performers may dress in their best  
Spring colors!**



# LET'S BOOK IT TO THE BEACH!



Please join us for a  
**Scholastic BOGO Book  
Fair and Ice Cream  
Social!**

**When: Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00–7:00**

**Where: In the school cafeteria**

**Details: Please join us for an ice cream treat and  
browse your favorite Scholastic books.**

**Everything  
at the fair is buy one, get one free.**

**Please note: The book fair will be open for  
students to shop during the day on May 13th.  
Students can shop with cash or by loading  
money onto an EWallet (preferred).**



**Shop online or load your e-wallet:**

**<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ststephenschool6>**

## WHEN

- Friday, May 29th
- Buses leave St. Stephens at 9:30am and return to the school at 1:30pm

## WHERE

- Buffalo Zoo

## COST

- \$20.00 per child

## CHAPERONES

- If you are a chaperone you will meet us at the Zoo at 9:30 near the world fountain right inside the front gates. You will then be given instructions from your child's teacher!
- Parents cannot take their child home, their child must return to school and be signed out (school policy).

# BUFFALO ZOO INFO

K-8

## WHAT TO WEAR

- Sunscreen
- Hat
- School gym shirt and any shorts
- Sneakers

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Disposable water bottle
- A brown bagged lunch
- A drawstring bag to carry everything in

## OTHER INFO

- Please do NOT bring money for concessions. You can bring unlimited snacks from home!
- Teachers and chaperones are not responsible for anything lost. Please do not send your child with any important items.



# Special Open House

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St. Stephen School  
2080 Baseline Road  
Grand Island, NY 14072

Wednesday, May 20  
9am-2:30pm



This is a sneak peek for prospective families!  
Come see our amazing school & classrooms in  
action!

For a private tour after hours, please email  
[ortizl@ststephengi.org](mailto:ortizl@ststephengi.org) or call 716-773-7647, opt. 2





**The St. Stephen Annual Rummage Sale is back!**

**Held in the air-conditioned school gym!**

**COME SHOP:**

Early Bird Shopping:

Thursday, June 18th 5:00pm-7:00pm

Friday, June 19th 9:00am-1:00pm

Saturday, June 20th 8:30am-5:30pm

Bag Sale- \$4.00 per bag.

Sunday, June 21st 10:00am-1:00pm

**Help is needed!**

**This is a St. Stephen School/ Parish event. If you can spare some time and would like to help with this event, please call Lynn Ortiz at 716-866-1077 or email [ortizl@ststephengi.org](mailto:ortizl@ststephengi.org). Students who need community service, please reach out to Mrs. Ortiz!**

**DONATION**

**DROP-OFF:**

Please drop off items at Door #4. We are NOT accepting: clothing, computers, mattresses, or TV's.

Friday, June 12th

9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, June 13th

9:00am-12:00pm

Monday, June 15

9:00am-12:00pm &

6:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, June 16th

9:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday, June 17th

9:00-12:00pm

**Only accepting  
cash**

**JOB POSTING St. Stephen Parish Office – Front Office Admin. Assistant**

**St. Stephen RC Church is in search of a FRONT OFFICE Admin. Assistant**

**This individual must have a pleasant personality that promotes the feeling of welcoming hospitality which is so crucial to our parish success.**

**Approx. 20–30 hrs./wk. 12 mo. position 8:30am-2:30pm Monday - Friday**

**Good Phone Skills are a must, efficient with Computer and Microsoft products, good letter writing skills, strong working knowledge with CANVA is a large plus.**

- **Welcome all Callers and assist or direct caller to appropriate staff member**
- **Complete requests for Mass Cards & accurately maintain the Mass books**
- **Assist with and work on Family Bulletin each week**
- **Take calls for funerals, baptisms, and other sacramental needs.**
- **Generate Sacramental Certificates for callers as requested**
- **Tend to copier, keep paper stocked and complete copy projects**
- **Maintain ample supplies for the parish office – assist with ordering**
- **Assist Clergy, business manager, and staff as needed with support work**
- **Assist Parish Organizations with scheduling needs in facility**
- **Maintain strictest of confidence and be a Team Player!**
- **Apply great attention to detail on all tasks!**
- **Offering \$18 - \$20/hr. based on experience – all work is on-site**

**Reply to: [businessmgr@ststephengi.com](mailto:businessmgr@ststephengi.com)**

## **JOB POSTING #1 Part-Time Bookkeeper St. Stephen School**

**St. Stephen School Grand Island is looking for a Part-Time Bookkeeper to begin June 1, 2026 or sooner. This position is for 12-18 hrs./wk. to facilitate financial bookkeeping work in support of the parish business manager & principal.**

- **Bill all tuition through the FACTS Tuition Management System (FACTS is an on-line ACH payment system specifically designed for schools.)**
- **Calculate tuition & registration fees due, perform data entry into the school system & our census program.**
- **Assist in posting Tuition Assistance & Bison Fund to each family account**
- **Assist with entry of school budget calculations**
- **Work in conjunction with the Home School Association posting deposits and check requests for the fundraising arm of our school.**
- **Assist Business manager in preparing Annual School Financial Report**
- **Provide monthly finance reports to the Diocese, School Board President, Principal, Business Manager and Home School Association.**
- **Assist with HR Paperwork and establish/maintain employee files**
- **Assist with calculating totals for payroll from time cards and time sheets in preparation of bi-weekly payrolls.**
- **Must have strong bookkeeping skills, organizational skills, working knowledge of computers and Microsoft products, Excel, Word, Google Docs. Good attention to detail is a must!**
- **Must maintain the highest level of confidentiality, be dependable, and an efficient worker with a pleasant disposition. Team Player!**

**Offering \$20-\$23/hr. based upon experience. Work to be completed during the hours that school is open 12 mo. Position on-site**

**Interested Reply to [businessmgr@ststephengi.com](mailto:businessmgr@ststephengi.com)**



# HSA SPOTLIGHT



Keep up to date on  
HSA News by joining

REMIND

Text @sshsa to  
81010

HSA Contact Email:  
ststephenhsa@yahoo.com

Dress Your Way  
Upcoming Dates

- 5/8
- 5/15
- 5/21
- 5/29

We are looking for Dads to  
volunteer the morning of  
May 8<sup>th</sup> 7:45-9am for Moms  
& Muffins (Gr. 3-8)  
text Allison at  
(716) 247-7393 if Available

Please contact us if you  
or anyone you know may  
be interested in  
sponsoring one or more  
of our fundraising events!



## Fish Fry Overstock Available

Breaded Shrimp 3lb Bag.....	\$15
Breaded Scallop 3lb Bag.....	\$25
French Fries 5 lb bag.....	\$5
Fish Batter 5lb bag.....	\$10
Mac & Cheese .....	\$14
Coleslaw Dressing.....	\$19
Cocktail Sauce 2 oz.....	\$.50
Tartar Sauce 2 oz.....	\$.50
Butter Pats (200).....	\$13

Contact Kate Burke to purchase  
@ 716-228-1626

The HSA would like to extend a  
heartfelt thank you to all our  
teachers for all you do for our kids  
each and every day!

Parents save the date for this  
years FIELD DAY  
Monday, June 22  
more details to follow

## Ongoing Fundraisers

### Bottle/Can Returns

Label your returns and drop off at GI  
Location (next to Mighty)

### Box Tops

Download the app through app store  
and link to SSS

# MOM'S



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# MUFFIN'S

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Friday, May 8th

8:15 AM

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3rd-8th Grade Mom's please join us a  
light breakfast to celebrate you!

# **SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA CHAIR(S) NEEDED**

**THE HSA BOARD IS SEACHING FOR 1-2  
PEOPLE THAT WOULD LIKE TO CHAIR OUR  
ANNUAL FALL VENDOR EVENT.  
THE CURRENT CHAIR WOULD ASSIST WITH  
THIS YEARS EVENT TO  
HELP THE TRANSITION.**

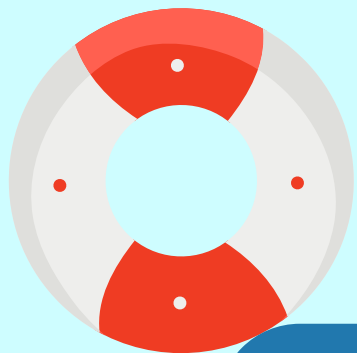
**PLEASE EMAIL  
STSTEPHENHSA@YAHOO.COM  
IF INTERESTED OR FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.**



**THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT  
FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOOL  
BRINGING IN APPROXIMATELY  
\$5000 A YEAR**

# CALLING ALL SWIMMERS

Join the St. Stephen/Catholic Academy Swim Team for the Fall 2026 Season



## Practices

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 PM

Saturdays 12:30-2:00 PM

## Sunday Meets

@ Grand Island High School

KINDERGARTEN  
THRU 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Season starts first week  
of school and ends  
November 15th with  
Championship meet at  
Aquatic Center

COST \$135 PER  
SWIMMER



Questions:  
email Allison Wild at  
[wildallison2487@gmail.com](mailto:wildallison2487@gmail.com)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)



New York State  
**Catholic Conference**

## **Protect the Rights of Catholic School Families**

Under New York State law, children with disabilities are entitled to the same services provided by their local school district regardless of whether they attend a public school or a religious & independent school. Moreover, all parents are entitled to the same “due process” rights when challenging the school district provision of services. The NYS Board of Regents, however, continues to consider a regulation that would eliminate these due process rights of parents who enroll their children in Catholic and other independent / religious schools. Legislation has been introduced to prevent the Regents from adopting their proposal, but we need your help in getting the legislation enacted. Add your voice to help protect the rights of Catholic school families!

**Click here to take action:**

**<https://www.votervoicenet.com/NYSCATHOLIC/campaigns/137035/respond>**