

Principal Peek at the Week

9/18/26

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the new school year, we'd like to re-introduce our security officers and share a little more about the familiar faces who help keep our school community safe each day. Get to know them through their bios below!

The NYS Catholic Conference is asking school communities to contact Governor Hochul this week to thank her for committing to the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit and encourage her to formally opt in as soon as possible. I've already sent my email and encourage you to do the same. Please take a moment to participate here: <https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/qKZ6pJ6q5PSvY37MywtLmA>. It takes less than three minutes. Please also consider sharing this action alert with others in our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Mrs. Lynn Ortiz



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Gregg Gamble

School Security Officer



My name is Gregg Gamble and I will be coming back as one of the School Security Guards at St Stephen's for a second school year.

I served as a Police officer at The University of New York at Buffalo for 29 years retiring in April of 2016. The last 7 years at UB, I served as a Lieutenant in charge of 50 officers. I taught several different topics at various Police academies over the years and attended various schools for training including the FBI-Leeda school. I also worked at Kenmore Mercy Hospital part time from 2013 to 2025, functioning as the lead armed security officer assisting the security director in all aspects of our expected duties. In September of 2025, I started at St. Stephen's as their full-time guard.

I'm looking forward to seeing all the smiling faces I got to know last year and welcoming the new students and families.

Sincerely,

Gregg Gamble

Rick Cirrito

School Security Officer



Hello, my name is Rick Cirrito and for the upcoming school year, I will be serving you as your School Security Officer.

I am a retired Corrections Officer/Sergeant from the Niagara County Sheriff's Office after 26 years of service to the residents of Niagara County. After retiring in 2022, I have held various armed security positions which include school security officer at Global Concepts Charter School for three years and at Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls last year. I am a lifelong City of Niagara Falls resident. I come from a long line of family in law enforcement. I currently am a Town Constable in the Town of Pendleton.

I have two grown sons. Enjoy golfing in my spare time, spending time with my 3 dogs and my close friends.

I am looking forward to meeting all the students and staff at St Stephen's. Thank you for your trust in me this school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rick