NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	All Dates are Subject to Change					
1 All Saints Day	2	3 No School Superintendent Conference Day Teacher Professional Development Day READ-A-THON BEGINS	4	5  2:00pm Mass	6	7
8	9 Bills Dress Down	10 Veterans Day Prayer Service	11 No School in celebration of VETERANS DAY	12	13 Bills Dress Down	14 Free Throw Competition All Day Event
15	16	17	18 PICTURE RETAKE DAY	19 2:00pm Mass	20 Bills Dress Down	21 MEAT RAFFLE
22	23	24 Bills Dress Down	25 No School	26 No School Happy Thanksgiving	27 No School	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent	30 Advent Prayer Service Penance Gr.3-8, 1:00p					

LUNCH

NOVEMBER 2026

St. Stephens

All Students receive
One free Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Mashed Potato Corn Chicken Gravy Dinner Roll NYS Apple / Diced Pears	3 No School Superintendent Conferences	4 Big Daddy Pizza Garden Salad Broccoli NYS Apple Diced Peaches	5 Brunch for Lunch French Toast Sausage or Egg Patty Hashbrown Carrot Coins NYS Apple / Diced Pears	6 Chicken Finger Sub (Plain or Hot) Green Beans NYS Apple Mixed Fruit
9 A1-Cheeseburger Baked French Fries California Blend Veggie NYS Apple / Diced Pears	10 Twin Taco Corn Refried Beans Rice NYS Apple / Mixed Fruit	11 No School Veterans Day	12 Brunch for Lunch Double Stack Pancake Sausage or Egg Patty Hashbrown Carrot Coins NYS Apple / Orange Slices	13 Viking Combo Chicken Finger & Mozzarella Stick Dipping Sauces Green Beans NYS Apple / Mixed Fruit
16 Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli NYS Apple / Diced Pears	17 Taco in a Bag Corn Black Beans Rice NYS Apple / Mixed Fruit	18 Celebrate Thanksgiving Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potato / Stuffing Green Beans Peach Crisp w/ topping NYS Apple	19 Brunch for Lunch Waffles w/ Syrup Sausage or Egg Patty Hashbrown Carrot Coins NYS Apple / Diced Pears	20 Chicken Finger Sub (Plain or Hot) Celery Cup w/Ranch NYS Apple Mixed Fruit
23 General Tso Chicken Egg Roll Fortune Cookie Rice, Broccoli NYS Apple / Diced Pears	24 Big Daddy Pizza Garden Salad Green Beans NYS Apple Mixed Fruit	25 No School Thanksgiving Holiday	26 No School Thanksgiving Holiday	27 No School Thanksgiving Holiday
30 Chicken Patty Sandwich Broccoli NYS Apple Diced Pears	**Available Daily** **Yogurt Fun Lunch** **4x6 Pizza** **PB&J Lunch** **Carrotinees** **Milk: 1%, FF Chocolate**			





Exciting News! Our NYS apples are sourced from a local farm. Enjoy fresh apples while supporting local farms.
Menu is subject to change due to availability.

St. Stephen School

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT & OPEN HOUSE

READ ♥ EXPLORE ♥ BELONG

Good Books
Bright Minds
Kind People
Strong Communities

Thursday, November 5th

5:30 – 7:30 PM | St. Stephen School

Join us for a fun-filled evening celebrating the joy of reading and all that makes our school community special!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Shop a great selection of books for all ages!

GUEST READER

Join us at 6:00 PM for a special guest reader!

LITERACY THEMED STATIONS

- Book guessing game
- Bookmark making
- and more!

SCHOOL TOURS

Explore our classrooms, meet our teachers, and see what makes St. Stephen School so special!

BRING A FRIEND!

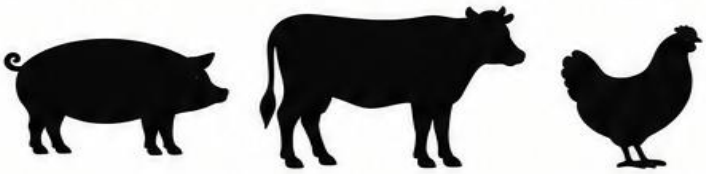
Families who bring a guest will receive a special **Dress Down Booklet!**

Readers
Leaders
Friends
Stronger
Together

Books bring people together!

St. Stephen School

MEAT RAFFLE



November 21st, 2026

2080 Baseline Rd. Grand Island, NY 14072

For questions email: sssoffice@ststephensgi.org

DOORS OPEN AT
5:30PM

FIRST PULL IS AT
7:00PM

PRESALE TICKETS
$12/PERSON
TABLE OF 8 FOR $90

AT THE DOOR
$15/PERSON



TICKETS INCLUDE UNLIMITED POP AND 2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

15+ ROUNDS OF MEAT

CASH, CREDIT, OR VENMO ACCEPTED FOR RAFFLE BUCKS

BUY TICKETS AT:
https://givebutter.com/sssmeatraffle

Event held in school cafeteria, enter at door #1

Bring your own snacks! • *No outside alcohol permitted* •
Age 21+ event • *Powered by bestmeatraffles.com*

TRUNK OR TREAT

Annual St. Stephen's Trunk Or Treat

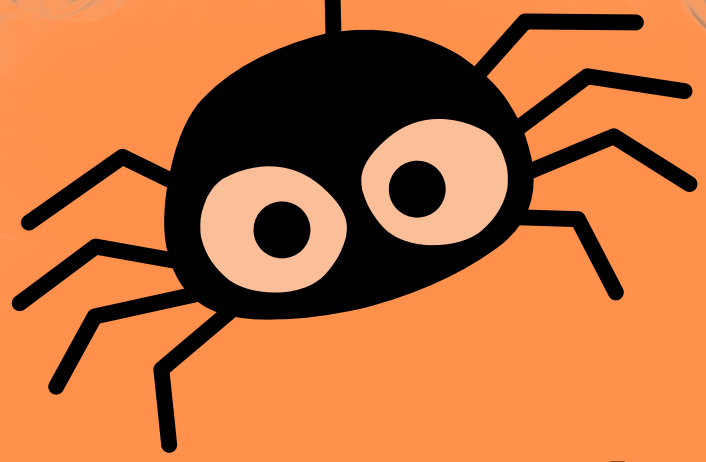
Friday, October 30th. 1:00pm-2:30pm

Volunteers are needed to decorate trunks or the back of vans so students can trick or treat! Set up begins at 12:00 in the parking lot.

We are asking all families to donate a bag of candy for this event. Candy can be dropped off in the office by Wednesday 10/28.

Kid's Costume Rules: Costumes may be worn to school. Masks cannot be worn on the bus and all accessories must be in backpacks. No guns, swords or knives will be allowed in school.





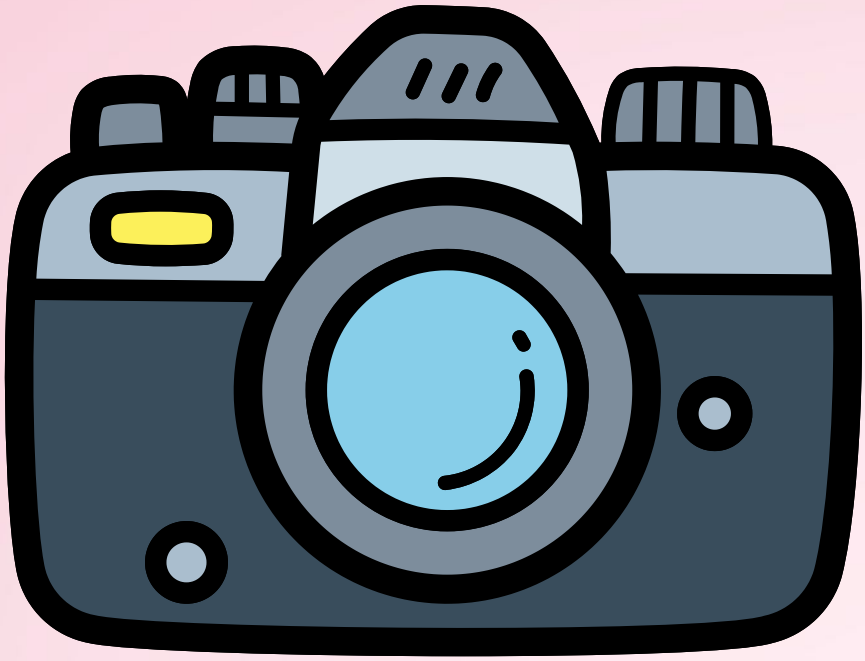
Just to clarify: we don't have a sign up form for parent volunteers for trunk or treat; we are just asking parents to start setting up around noon. Please find a parking spot in the back lot as close to the school as possible. If you are not providing your own candy, we will give you some to hand out.

BILLS DAY

Season Pass Dress Down Holders!

Thursday, October 29th
Monday, November 9th
Friday, November 13th
Friday, November 20th
Tuesday, November 24th
Friday, December 4th
Friday, December 11th

PICTURE RETAKE DAY



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PICTURE PACKAGE ON RETAKE DAY TO ENSURE YOU RECIEVE THE SAME PACKAGE WITH THE RETAKE PHOTO.

St. Stephen School has decided to hold a Read-A-Thon this year!

Read-A-Thons actually get your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more.

Our Read-A-Thon starts Tuesday November 3, 2026.

About one week before our Read-A-Thon starts we will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

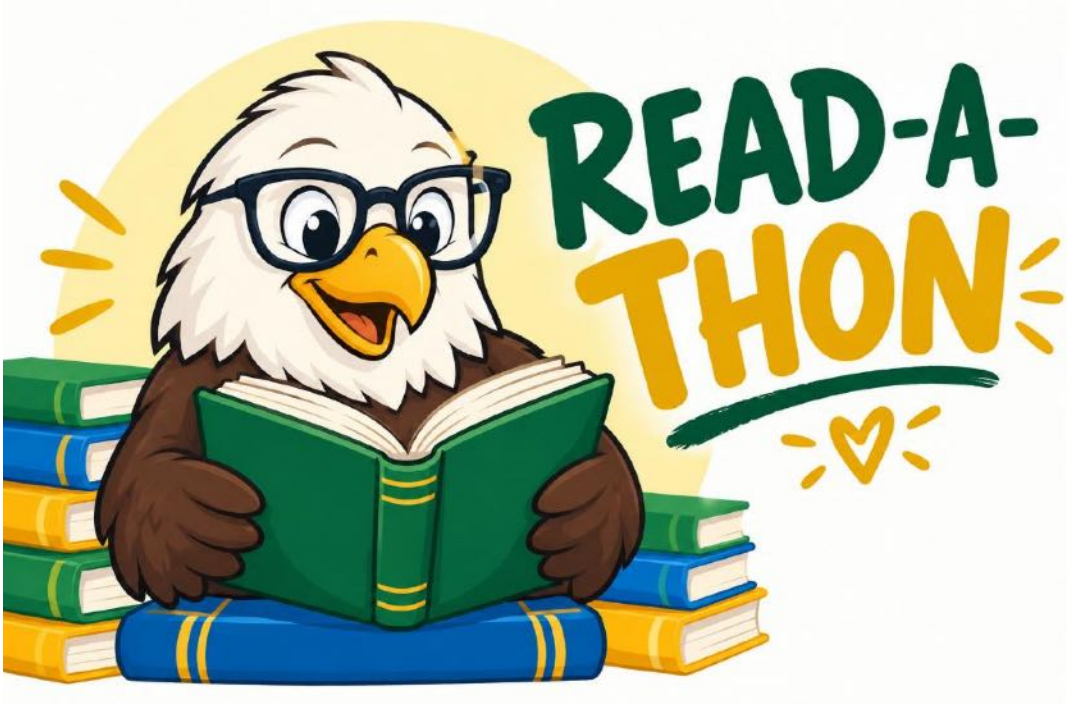
We encourage you to activate your reader's account today by clicking HERE and following the simple instructions.

We've chosen Read-A-Thon because it will not take much of your time, gives your child a reason to read and helps in the development of stronger reading skills.

We hope EVERYONE participates.

Thanks so much,

St. Stephen School



SAINT STEPHEN SCHOOL

Grand Island, NY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

OUR STUDENTS MAKE EVERY DAY BETTER!

JOIN OUR SSS LUNCH ROOM TEAM!

Do you have a little time during the school day?
We'd love to have you help make lunchtime a positive, safe, and enjoyable experience for our students!

Parents, Grandparents, Family Members & Friends are Welcome!

VOLUNTEER DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Helping younger students open lunch containers and packaging
- Assisting with lunch recess supervision
- Wiping down tables after lunch
- Cleaning up small spills as needed
- Most importantly... spending time with some awesome SSS students!

LUNCH VOLUNTEER SHIFTS

FIRST LUNCH (GRADES K–2)
10:45 – 11:30 A.M.
Pre-K: Velzy and Cacciatore

SECOND LUNCH (GRADES 3–5)
11:30 A.M. – 12:10 P.M.
Pre-K: Jones and Mermigas

THIRD LUNCH (GRADES 6–8)
12:10 – 12:45 P.M.

Volunteer for one shift or multiple shifts—
whatever works best for your schedule!

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE **VIRTUS TRAINED** BEFORE SERVING.

SIGN UP USING OUR *SignUpGenius!*

A new SignUpGenius will be emailed each month, giving you the flexibility to volunteer whenever you're available.

SCAN TO SIGN UP!

Thank You!

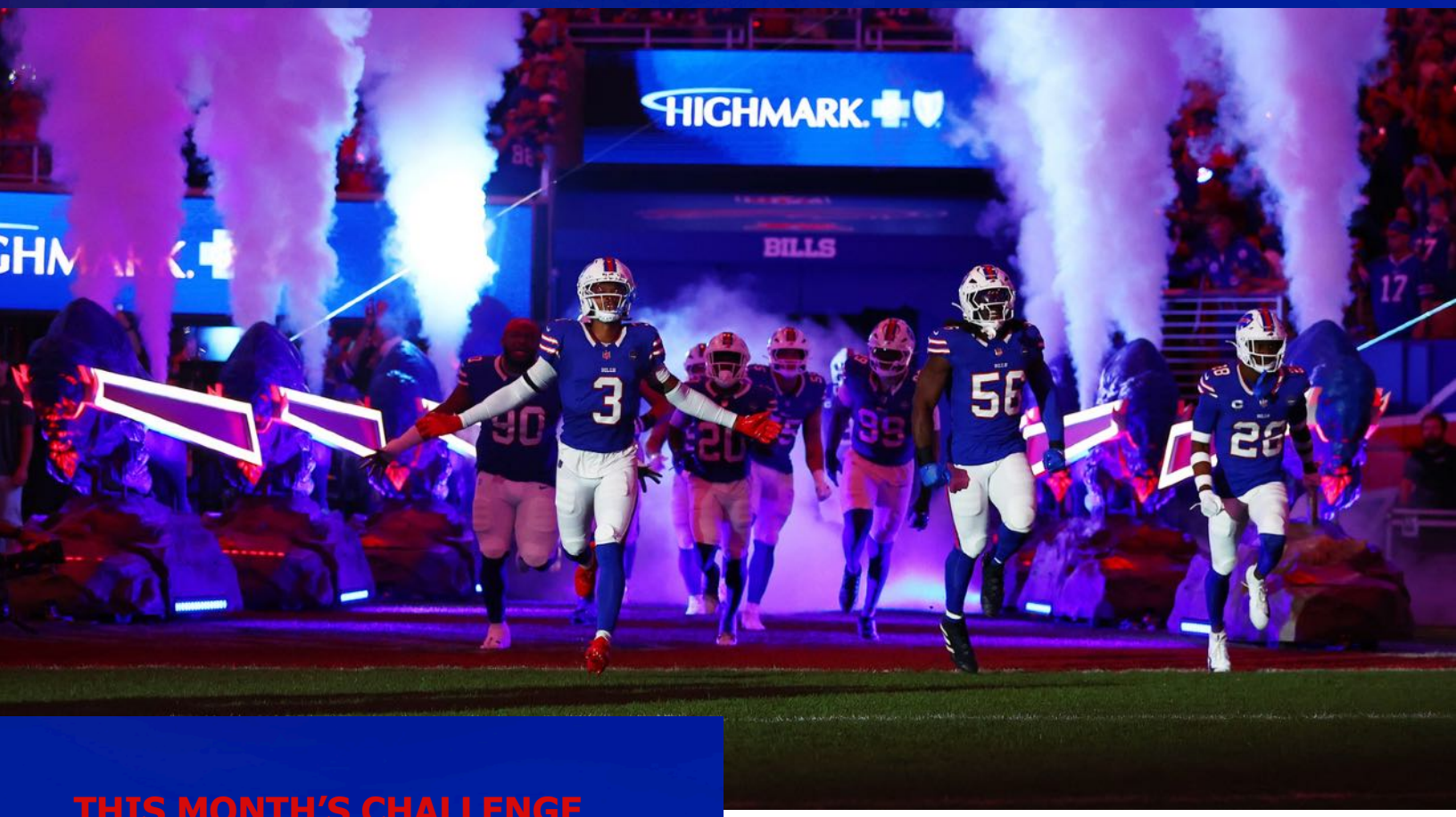
Your time, kindness, and helping hands make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students.
WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

TOGETHER, WE'RE MAKING LUNCHTIME THE BEST PART OF THE DAY AT ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL!


PLAY:60
ARE YOU READY?
ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL
GRADES 5-8
ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE
BUFFALO BILLS
PLAY 60 CHALLENGE!

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2ND-NOVEMBER 30TH



THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE

Students should strive to get at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day this month!

WHAT TO TRACK

For every day that a student participates in 60 minutes of physical activity, put an "X" on the classroom scoreboard next to the student's name.

THIS MONTH'S PRIZE

Ten teachers and ten students who participate in the month's challenge will be eligible to win tickets for themselves and a guest to a Buffalo Bills game at Highmark Stadium.

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

IDEAS TO PLAY 60

HOW THE BILLS PLAY 60

BILLY'S CORNER

GAMES TO PLAY

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

THE BILLS PLAY 60!

Watch the video below to learn more about some of the Buffalo Bills' favorite sports, athletes, and activities!





BILLY'S CORNER

Billy gets his 60 minutes by helping around Highmark Stadium, running on the field, and staying active throughout the day. How will you earn your 60 minutes today?

IDEAS TO PLAY 60 IN SCHOOL

- Hold a theme day challenge, such as Move It Monday, Walk It Out Wednesday, or Fitness Friday.
- Do jumping jacks, squats, or crunches in between lessons.
- Challenge other classrooms to see who can get more active in Novmeber!
- Take a classroom walk in the gym after lunch.
- Start a staff vs. students activity challenge to build excitement around movement.

IDEAS TO PLAY 60 AT HOME

- Take walks outside with family.
- Walk or ride your bike to school.
- Include movement during commercial breaks while watching TV.
- Play outside with friends.
- Help your family around the house with chores.

MAKE SURE TO STAY HYDRATED WHILE YOU PLAY 60!

PLAYING 60 IS FUN TO DO WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND PETS!

GAMES TO PLAY

Rock Paper Scissors

- The winner of each game chooses an exercise that both competitors must do for 40 seconds.
- Exercises could include squats, hops, jumping jacks, or winner's choice.

Keep The Ball Up

- Use a football, balloon, beach ball, volleyball, or soccer ball to pass back and forth to a group of classmates using hands or feet without the ball touching the ground.
- See how long you can go without the ball touching the ground and try to break your record with every attempt.

Mirror Mirror

- Select a leader to perform exercises in front of a group of classmates, the rest of the group must mirror the leader as quickly as possible.
- Leader should perform sports specific movemnets (throwing a baseball or softball, catching a football, shooting a basketabll, or kicking a soccer ball).

Gather your friends to participate in activities that do not require any equipment:

- Simon Says
- Hide and Seek
- Tag
- Red Light/Green Light
- Yoga
- Dancing
- Hopscotch
- Relay Races

RESOURCES

Students and Parents,

Please use the resources below for ideas to stay active with family and friends.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION:
DAILY TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR FAMILY ACTIVE

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION:
25 WAYS TO GET MOVING AT HOME

PROJECT PLAY WNY:
Free Play Fun

GO NOODLE

GENYOUth



Eagle Leadership & Service Council (ELSC)
2026-2027 Meeting Dates

Mandatory Meeting Dates (3:30-4:15pm)

Wednesday, October 28
Wednesday, December 2
Wednesday, January 6
Wednesday, February 3
Wednesday, March 3
Wednesday, April 7
Wednesday, May 5
Wednesday, June 2 (End of Year Celebration)

Optional Committee Work Session Dates

Thursday, November 5 (8:00-8:30am)
Monday, November 9 (3:30-4:00pm)
Thursday, December 10 (8:00-8:30am)
Monday, December 14 (3:30-4:00pm)
Thursday, January 14 (8:00-8:30am)
Monday, January 25 (3:30-4:00pm)
Thursday, February 11 (8:00-8:30am)
Monday, February 22 (3:30-4:00pm)
Thursday, March 11 (8:00-8:30am)
Monday, March 15 (3:30-4:00pm)
Thursday, April 14 (8:00-8:30am)
Monday, April 19 (3:30-4:00pm)
Thursday, May 13 (8:00-8:30am)
Monday, May 17 (3:30-4:00pm)

Calling All Builders!

Build a gingerbread house for the 2026 NFCI Gingerbread Village Competition







Divisions

- Children (Grades K–5)
- Middle School (Grades 6–8)
- High School (Grades 9–12)
- College 1st Year & College 2nd Year
- Amateur (ages 14+, no formal training)
- Professional

Event Details

- Register your build by Monday, November 30th
- Every part of the house must be edible
- Drop-off: Thursday, December 3, 9:30am–4:30pm
- On display December 5 & 6 at NFCI, 28 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls

Prizes awarded for the top 3 builds in each category

All gingerbread houses are up for silent auction December 5–6.
Bid online, and winning bidders pick up their houses Mon 12/7 and Tues 12/8.
All proceeds benefit the NFCI Student Scholarship Fund.

Scan to Register

Visit – sunyniagara.edu/gingerbread-competition

Questions? Contact Myriah Meyer · mmeyer@niagaracc.suny.edu

HSA SPOTLIGHT

SAVE THE DATES

10/29 - Bills Dress Down & UPK-3rd Halloween Dance
10/30 - Trunk-or-Treat
11/3 - No School
11/9 - Bills Dress Down
11/11 - No School
11/12 - Chipotle Fundraiser

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

- **Share the Wealth Raffle**: We are asking each school family to sell **12 tickets** or more to help meet our fundrasing goal. Please see the enclosed flyer and scan the QR code or **request your tickets here.**
- We are also looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets after masses. **Sign up here!**

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

- Take a break from dinner prep and support our school with **Chipotle on 11/12!** Just make sure to show the attached flyer or use the code provided if ordering online. This is only for the new Grand Island location!

Keep up to date on HSA News by joining *REMIND*
Text @ssshsa to 81010



HSA Contact Email:
ststephenhsa@yahoo.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Baskets FOR OUR MEAT RAFFLE!



We're looking for donations of new items, gift cards, or themed baskets for our upcoming meat raffle!

Your generous donations help make this event a success and support St. Stephen School.

Any theme, any size, all donations are appreciated!

MEAT RAFFLE



Thank you for your support!

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH | 4-8PM
2178 GRAND ISLAND BLVD, GRAND ISLAND, NY, 14072

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **EX2LN49**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

CHIPOTLE

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. $150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE

PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE: 30% OF TOTAL PROCEEDS

2ND PRIZE: 20% OF TOTAL PROCEEDS

REMAINING PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT ST STEPHEN SCHOOL

Tickets
1 for $10
3 for $25

SAINT STEPHEN SCHOOL
Grand Island, NY

SCAN FOR TICKETS

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 21ST AT 9PM AT ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL, 2080 BASELINE RD, GRAND ISLAND, NY 14072. MUST BE 18+ AND A NYS RESIDENT TO PURCHASE. TICKET HOLDER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. GC14-214-040-07348