

## 2023 Christmas Plant Sale



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at St. Stephen School is once again sponsoring a Poinsettia and Wreath Sale to benefit their class expenses. Poinsettias, Douglas fir wreaths, and swags will be available for purchase.

The online order form can be used to place your order and gives you two options for payment. Orders, along with payment, will be accepted through noon on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pick up will be available on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 until 7:00 PM at Door #2 (near the School cafeteria)

The Class of 2024 appreciates your support.

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# Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Schedule for Family 17

## December 24/Christmas Eve

4pm – Blessed Sacrament,

St. Andrew,

St. John the Baptist

4:30pm – St. Stephen,

St. Timothy

5pm – St. Paul

7pm – St. John the Baptist

10pm – St. Andrew

12midnight – St. Stephen



## December 25/Christmas Day

7:30am – St. Timothy

8am – St. Stephen,

St Andrew

8:30am – St. John  
the Baptist

9:30am – Blessed  
Sacrament

10am – St. Paul

10:30 – St. Andrew,  
St. Timothy

11am – St. Stephen,  
St John the Baptist

# Christmas Mass Schedule

**FAMILY OF PARISHES**



***Congratulations to the following students who had their artwork chosen by our printer for the Christmas cards!***

**Adeline Dewey**

**Mila Hussainov**

**Veda Bondi**

**Emory Frommert**

**Brianna May**

**Nathaniel Drullard**

**Christian Vaughn**

**Logan Miller**

**Gaines Goetz**

**Bryan Slobe**

**Daniel Trzaska**

**Violet Drullard**

**Cora Sutherland**

**Jackson Cassata**

**Kendzia Elmer**

**Eli Goetz**

**Erika Ostertag**

**Emma Drullard**

**Lucie Drullard**

**Benny Dutton**

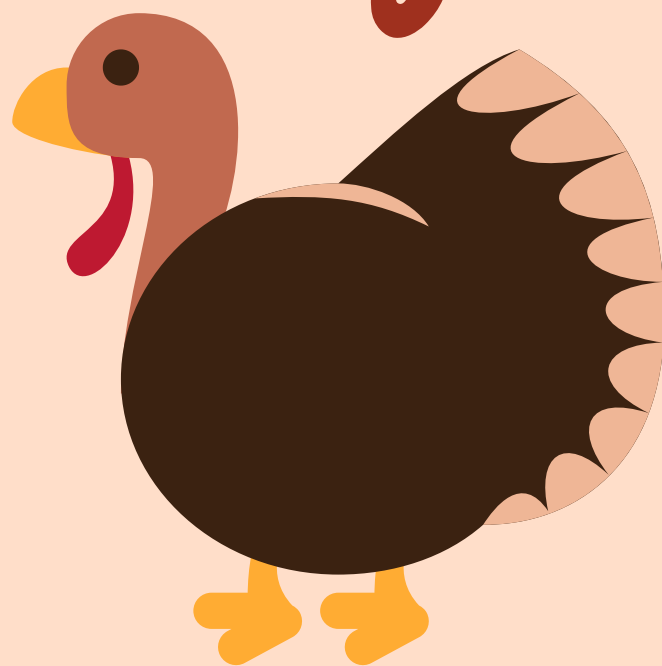
# Early Bus Arrival



**November 16th and 17th, 2023**

**Sidway will have a half day on the 16th and no school on the 17th. Please be advised that SSS student pick up and drop off may be earlier than usual on these days. Students may be arriving home as early as 3:20pm**

Happy  
Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving break is from  
11/22 to 11/24.

We'll see you back in school on  
11/27!

# November 21, 2023

## DRESS DOWN DAY



\$1 for outfit

\$1.50 with hat



Students in grades 2 - 8 are invited to our

**Italian Cooking Club** hosted by Ms. Mistriner and Miss Cacciatore.

A permission slip and a small fee will be required before each meeting.

For our next meeting, we will make homemade pasta while listening to **Italian music!**



Please return permission slips along with  
\$3.00 cash by November 27, 2023  
as we need to plan for supplies.

**Date of the club: Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

Time: after school until 4:15

Location: Life Skills Room

Cost: \$3.00

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My child \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the  
cooking club meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023

I have included \$3.00 for supplies.

I understand that my child should be picked up at 4:15.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

# After-School Homework Club

Grades 5-8

Tuesdays-Thursdays

From 3:20-3:50pm

Tuesday: Mr. Kenline's Room

Wednesday: Ms. Sippel's Room

Thursday: Mrs. Calato's Room

Homework Club will begin after Thanksgiving  
break on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.



St. Stephen's Staff presents...

# Drop & Go Shop!

Errands to run?

Gifts to get?

Boxes to wrap?

Drop off your kids for an afternoon of fun-filled activities supervised by SSS teachers & alumni while you get all those holiday tasks completed!

Kids will be playing holiday games with Mrs. Calato, watching a holiday movie, building gingerbread houses with Miss Duck, making a holiday craft with Mrs. Katz and singing Christmas Carols with Mr. Alessi!

Open to St. Stephen's students only!

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
1:00-4:00pm

Register here:

<https://forms.gle/bepbUsFhyB8FwQPm9>

\$25/student

Cash or check payable to St. Stephen School accepted or pay via Give Butter using the QR code:



# 2023-2024 St. Stephen's Ski Club

Dear Families,

The students at St. Stephen's School will have the exciting opportunity to participate in ski and snowboard club at Holiday Valley once again this year. The club will start January 7, 2024 and provides skiing every Sunday for the entire season.

Students can arrive at Holiday Valley by 2:30 and will be provided with a one-hour ski/snowboard lesson each week, which is included in the cost. The lesson is optional for students who are already proficient and have previous experience.

**The club is open to all students in grades K-8. ALL students will need a chaperone. The Ski club is available for all students and their families whether they are attending SSS or not. Parish is also welcome, but we will not be supplying rides or chaperone coverage at Holiday Valley. This is called a club but it is just for the purpose of getting discounted rates for Holiday Valley. We encourage all parents to share in the chaperoning experience and work together to alternate weeks of coverage to share the chaperoning duties. If there is an emergency, the ski patrol is available to handle all situations. We are on site for serious situations.**

Holiday Valley has once again offered us a great deal, with the student club pass (Sunday Ultimate Select Pass) costing \$190, which includes skiing for EVERY Sunday, the entire season. We are only participating January 7– March 3rd, but the students are free to ski any Sunday from season start to finish with friends and family. Even more exciting is that parents are also being offered the student pass price of \$190 for unlimited Sunday skiing. **The passes include an hour's lesson each week as well.**

**Unfortunately, transportation is not included,** and families are responsible for monitoring and remaining with their children (or a designated chaperone) while at Holiday Valley. NO SUPERVISION IS PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL, PARISH, OR RESORT. PARENT CHAPERONES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.

Lastly, ownership of ski or snowboard equipment is **not** required, as students are offered very reasonable prices for rental gear. Most students and chaperones rent because of the cost of personal gear. The fact that Holiday Valley has Ski and Snowboard gear that is updated every two years and is like NEW and makes the experience that much easier.

If you were a member last year and registered for the club online, I encourage you to do the same. Our new members should register online using the following information. You will need to create an account for each member. To purchase passes or rent equipment please go to:

[2024 Ski Passes](#)

**Enter club name: MWSTEPHEN**

**Member password: STEPHEN**

**Both parents and student will sign up for the same pass, SUNDAY ULTIMATE SELECT PASS, \$190**

Please contact if you have any Questions:

David St.Onge 716-523-9280 [dstonge@nfschools.net](mailto:dstonge@nfschools.net)

## Mission Club

Our First Mission Club meeting will be on Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 3:15 - 4:15 P.M. We will have a guest speaker on our collection of food for the next couple of months for the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation.

Mission club is open to students grades 3 - 8th Grade.

God's Blessing - Ms. Fusco, Mrs. Figler & Ms. Kaeser



A permission slip is mandatory to attend our meeting. **No phone calls will be accepted at any time.**

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I give my permission for my child/children,

\_\_\_\_\_ to attend  
the Mission Club Meeting on November 30, 2023 from  
3:15-4:15 PM.

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade \_\_\_\_\_

# NEHS Meeting:

Thursday, November 16th

3:20-3:50pm

We will be nominating & voting on officers and going over logistics of fundraising.

NEHS students must pay \$10 in annual dues. These can be paid upfront at the first meeting or by paying \$1.50 at each monthly meeting.





# BILLS DAY

**Let's show our support and  
wear your best Bills gear!**

Friday, November 3rd  
Monday, November 13th  
Friday, November 17th  
Friday, December 8th  
Friday, December 15th





## *Snow Day Reminder*



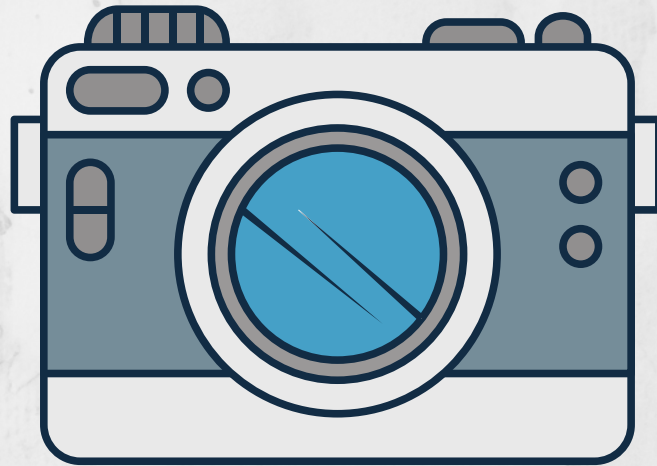
**Please be advised that if the Grand Island School District closes due to the weather, St. Stephen School will also close.**



**Thank you!**



# FALL RETAKES



**NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

**PARENTS, PLEASE RETURN YOUR PICTURE  
PACKAGE ON RETAKE DAY TO ENSURE THAT  
YOU RECEIVE THE SAME PACKAGE BACK WITH  
THE RETAKE PHOTO**

# SSS School Store

ran by our very own 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!

The school store will be open at the end of each lunch period on FRIDAYS!



Fall Items include:

Halloween Pens 50¢

Pete the Cat Pencils: 25¢

Triple Slushie Highlighters \$1

Stacked Jellyfish Highlighters \$1

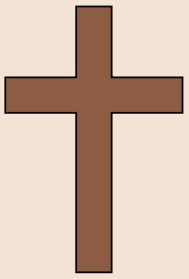
Scented Bear Erasers 50¢

Pond Animals Erasers 50¢



All sales to benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class!





## “Serve and you shall be served”

Are you an ambassador for Catholic Education and looking to be an active voice and support St. Stephen’s School? If you would like to share your talent & expertise please consider sending a letter of intent to the school board. Please consider serving as a Chair of the Finance Committee or Chair of Enrollment & Development/Marketing for the school.

All interested may send their letter of intent including experience & skillset to:

Traci Terlecky Wrobel at [trathetrainer@gmail.com](mailto:trathetrainer@gmail.com). The deadline is December 1, 2023.

Catholic Diocese Operating Principles & Board Purpose: The purpose of the SSS Board is to promote and advance the mission of this Catholic school for the education and instruction of students in assisting them to “reach the fullness of the Christian life.” In keeping with the principles of the Roman Catholic Church, the board ensures that this school fulfills its mission of forming the human person for our final end and for the common good: the finances of the school remain healthy; and a course of education as prescribed by the DIOCESE OF BUFFALO and the applicable policies, rules, and regulations of the STATE OF NEW YORK