



December



2023

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All Dates are
Subject to Change

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Advent Prayer Service



1st Sunday of Advent



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Report Cards



St. Nicholas Day

6

Parent Teacher Conferences
Dismissal 11:00 am



7

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



School Liturgy
10:00 am

9

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Advent Prayer Service



2nd Sunday of Advent



12



8:15 AM
1ST HONORS BREAKFAST
OF CHAMPIONS

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14



Christmas Concert

15



Santa Secret Shop

16

17

Advent Prayer Service



3rd Sunday of Advent



Spelling Bee

19



School Liturgy
10:00 am

20

21



No School
K-8



Pre-K/UPK
9:00-11:00

23

Christmas Eve
4th Sunday of Advent



No School



No School



No School



No School



No School



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LUNCH

DECEMBER 2023

St. Stephens

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

4
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed potatoes
Green Beans
Apple Sauce

5
French toast Sticks
With Syrup
Breakfast sausage
Fresh fruit

6
Pizza Crunchers
With Dipping Sauce
Broccoli
Fruit cup or Apple

7
Half Day

8
Pizza
Cheese or Pepperoni
Garden Salad
Cucumber, tomato
Fresh Fruit

11
Chicken Fingers
Mozzarella Sticks
w/ Dipping Sauce
Green Beans
Fresh Fruit

12
Taco in bag
Taco meat, lettuce
Cheese & Nacho Doritos
Mexican rice
Corn

13
Cheese burger
On Bun
Smile Fries
Fresh Fruit or Apple

14
Blueberry waffle
Breakfast sausage
Hash brown
Fruit cup or Apple

15
Pizza
Cheese or Pepperoni
Garden Salad
Cucumber, tomato
Fresh Fruit

18
Grilled Cheese
&
Tomato Soup
Gold Fish Crackers
Fresh Fruit

19
Wild Mikes Cheese Bites
w/Dipping sauce
Broccoli
Fruit cup or Apple

20
Brunch for lunch
Maple Pancakes
Breakfast sausage
Hash brown

21
Pizza
Cheese or Pepperoni
Garden Salad
Cucumber, tomato
Fresh Fruit

22
No School
Winter Break

25
No School
Winter Break

26
No School
Winter Break

27
No School
Winter Break

28
No School
Winter Break

29
No School
Winter Break

Please Take Note...

Report Cards will be published to Parent Portal on
December 6th

REMINDER:

Thursday Dec. 7th will be early dismissal due to
Parent/Teacher Conferences.

We will begin dismissal at 10:50.

There will be NO afterschool care tomorrow
because of this.

Thank you.



NEW TO ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL THIS YEAR...

THE ST. STEPHENS EAGLETTES

**MR. KENLINE AND HIS SON MARCUS KENLINE
ARE OFFERING A SIX-WEEK BEGINNER SOCCER
SKILLS CLASS FOR STUDENTS IN PRE-K &
KINDERGARTEN.**

The sessions would be from 5:00-6:00pm, and we would like the parents to stay during the session. This is a great opportunity for socialization for the children, as well as the parents who are encouraged to stay and cheer on the children from the bleachers.

Sessions will run: 12/15, 12/22, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

Your child will need: a size 2 soccer ball, sneakers and a water bottle for each session.

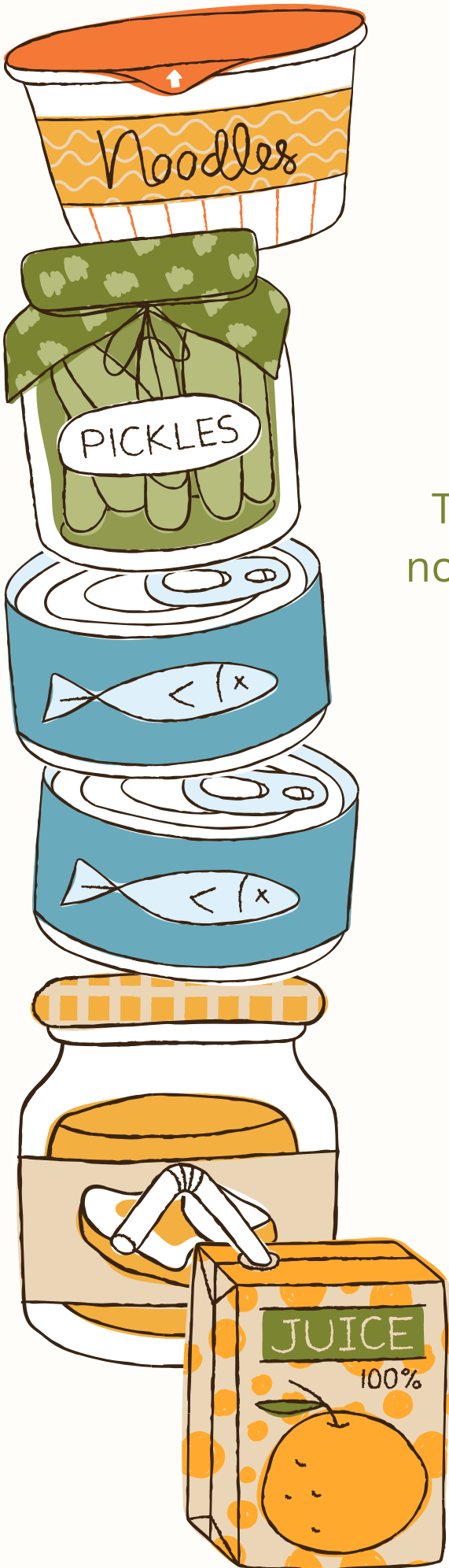
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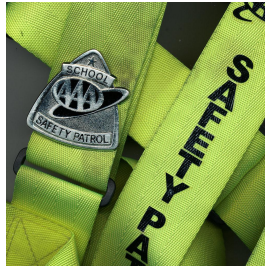
ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL

Mission Club Food Drive

The school's mission club is collecting non-perishable food items for the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation.

Items such as: boxed pasta, granola bars, canned veggies, cookies, crackers, canned fruit, rice, stuffing, apple sauce, instant potatoes, instant rice, gravy, instant pasta dishes, oatmeal, paper products, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned soup, condiments, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, mac & cheese, syrup, beef stew, & juice.





Want to keep our school safe? Join the St. Stephen's Safety Patrol Club!!

What: Informational Meeting

When: Wednesday, December 4th, 2023 After Dismissal- 4PM

Where: 4th Grade, Rm 105

In Safety Patrol Club you can:

- Help students with dismissal
- Keep our hallways safe
- Escort students to class
- Encourage appropriate behavior

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Safety Patrol Meeting with Ms. Richter and Ms. Mermigas on Wednesday December 4, 2023 in Room 105 until 4PM.

Signed,

_____ Date: _____



Merry
Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas break will begin on Friday,
December 22nd and we will return to school
on Tuesday, January 2nd.
UPK/Pre-K will have a half day on the 22nd,
9am to 11am.

CHRISTMAS CANDY-GRAMS

This is the season to let someone know you care about them. Help spread the true meaning of Christmas by sending a Candy-Gram to anyone at St. Stephens School: a student, faculty or staff member or someone in the rectory.

Fill out below to send a Candy-Gram to someone, make sure to put their first and last name and grade so we know who to deliver it to.

Send your forms and payment to school in an envelope marked 'Christmas Candy-Gram NJHS.' Each Candy-Gram is \$1.00 Cash only please. The sale ends December 14th . We will deliver the Candy-Grams the week of December 18th. All proceeds will benefit ST.Stephens NJHS. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

For any questions contact: Mrs. Calato at calatok@ststephensgi.org

DEAR _____,

Merry Christmas! Enjoy your Candy-Gram!

FROM,



Recipients First and Last Name: _____

Grade: _____

St. Stephen School

Ugly Sweater Contest



Wednesday, December 20th

Each class will nominate a student in each of the following categories:

All Around Ugliest Sweater

Most Creative

Funniest Sweater

Biggest Bah Humbug

Best Homemade





St. Stephen School

Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm in the Church

**K-8 will meet their homeroom teachers in the Church at
6:45 pm.**

**UPK/Pre-K will meet their teachers in the Hospitality
Room. Further information will be provided by your child's
teacher.**

Dress: Christmas colors/ Christmas best

There will not be Afterschool on this day.

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 9th
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:



ST. STEPHEN LITURGY

Sunday, December 3rd at 11:00am

Our children's choir will be singing at
Liturgy in the Church.



The Grand Island Historical Society's

Holiday Boutique at RIVER LEA



December 1st, 2nd & 3rd

10 AM - 3 PM

Follow signs thru Beaver Island State Park

Please join us at Lewis F. Allen's historic farmhouse. The museum will be classically decorated and docents available for tours. While visiting, enjoy delicious treats and seasonal music. Our boutique features holiday decorations and festive gifts, including homemade cookie plates.

The prices are excellent. *(credit cards not accepted)*

An Apple air tag bracelet was found and brought to the office. To claim, please call the office and describe.

Thank you!



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



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



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:

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