



Drop and Go Shop

Due to the lack of interest,
Drop and Go Shop on
Saturday the 9th will be
cancelled.

Mrs. Calato will reach out to
everyone signed up regarding
their refunds.

Thank you!





ATTENTION!

Due to the half day tomorrow, 12/7, we will begin prayer for dismissal at 10:50 am.

We hope to see you at Parent-Teacher Conferences!



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 on the 7th
because of this.

Thank you.

The St. Stephen Scoop: Middle School Message



Fall 2023

ELA 6-8:

ELA classes are working on novel studies. Grade 6 is reading The Westing Game, focusing on characterization, predictions, and foreshadowing. Grade 7 is reading The Outsiders and focusing on theme and point of view. Grade 8 just finished their study of The Tell-Tale Heart and is beginning pre-reading activities for the novel The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. 8th grade students went on a virtual field trip to Malawi, Africa to learn background information prior to reading the novel.

Science 6-8:

In science, the 6th graders are learning about rocks and minerals and will be preparing and presenting a lesson to the third graders on the three types of rocks found on the Earth. In the lesson, they'll be describing how each type of rock is formed. They'll also be demonstrating how the rocks are formed in nature using some colorful teaching aids. The 7th graders wrapped up their study of gases, liquids, and solids by building various hydraulic machines to lift or retrieve objects. They are now studying different types of energy and energy transformations and as part of their research are looking at how we can use our 3-D printers to assemble an artificial hand. Our 8th graders are learning about populations and how they are studied in nature, and how demography is used to analyze the growth of the human population. We're also looking at the limits that prevent a population from growing out of control and how this affects the overall ecosystems throughout the world.

Math 6-8:

6th-grade math has been working on ratios during this unit! We will be having a test on December 20th. We have also gained a very valuable resource called Freckle. Each

Social Studies 6:

Social Studies 6 is beginning their unit on Mesopotamia and River Valley Civilizations. They are practicing looking at different documents and using background knowledge to make conclusions.

Social Studies 7:

just finished working on their Explorers/Conquistadors chart. They are currently working on The Columbian Exchange and its impact on our lives today.

Social Studies 8:

Just finished learning about the "Age of Jackson". They learned about how Democracy changed during this time and Jackson's policy toward Native Americans.

Spanish 7-8:

7th grade Spanish just finished their family tree presentations. Students were required to describe their family members on a poster board or slide show. They were also required to present in Spanish.

8th grade Spanish presented their Latin Country projects. After being assigned to a Spanish-speaking country, our 8th graders prepared a slide presentation showing their country's historical, political, and cultural facts. Students were required to present in Spanish.

Life Skills 6-8:

In Life Skills classes we have finished the first Friendly unit "Better Together" and are starting unit 2 "I Can Do It". Completed sewing projects will be going.

Physical Education 6-8:

In grade seven we had a guest Phys. Ed. teacher for the day. Mason Schaefer won the prize from the class calendar fundraiser. He had a tough act to follow as his younger brother Adam was my

Monday students will be assigned 2 assignments to work on, and they will be due the following Monday. The assignments are on the topic that we are learning and are at your child's individual level. Students are always welcome to go on and do extra work, as this will help with their understanding of the material in class!

7th grade is working on ratios and proportional relationships. Toward the end of December, we will learn to solve and apply various proportion problems.

8th grade is solving systems of equations by graphing, substitution, and elimination. They are also modeling systems of equations and solving them using the above methods.

guest teacher the week before. Both of them did a great job! Recently, grade eight students taught a lesson for 7th Grade Health Class. The subject matter was "Conflict Resolution" and their presentation was well done and even included an effective follow-up worksheet which they created. Both situations were a "WIN" for all involved and I am proud of their efforts.

Technology 6-8:

In tech, we have been learning about digital citizenship as well as using a typing program to help improve fluency in typing. We are learning how to use programs like Microsoft Word and Excel. We just finished a data analysis project in Excel (and learned the basics of Excel).

Art 6-8:

Classes 6th-8th are working on the theme from Friendly, "Better Together". Classes decided together on a theme for their group project, Christmas tree decoration. The group will create ornaments based on their theme, for their tree to be displayed in the main hallway.

Religion 6-8:

8th grade is studying the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. 8th & 7th grade did a Friendly Poster on Friendship. 6th grade is practicing their readings for the School's Liturgy for the holy day of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th.



NEW TO ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL THIS YEAR...

THE ST. STEPHENS EAGLETES

**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. This is free of charge for Pre-K and Kindergarten.

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.

<https://forms.gle/9A58d9jY6aaHKes78>

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: _____

FOUNDATION OF THE R.C. DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

Catholic EDUCATION

LUNCHEON • FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Raffle Tickets On Sale Now

Take a chance at one of our amazing raffles!

\$5,000 TUITION or \$3,500 CASH RAFFLE

Enter to win a \$5,000 tuition voucher for use at any elementary or high school in the Diocese of Buffalo OR a \$3,500 cash payout. The tuition voucher can be given to a student, a family or even designated to a school to use as however they want.

Sold 1 chance for \$50 or 3 for \$125

THE DETAILS: Winner does not need to be present to win. Tickets purchased in advance of event must be received by January 24, 2024 to be entered in the drawing. Tickets will be available for sale at the Luncheon. A cash payout requires winner to complete IRS forms.

GOLDEN TICKET / GIFT CARD RAFFLE

Take a chance to **win one of THREE (3) prizes** pulled on February 6, 2024:

GOLD - \$1,000 (ten \$100 gift cards)

SILVER - \$500 (ten \$50 gift cards) or

BRONZE - \$250 (ten \$25 gift cards)

Sold 1 chance for \$10 or 3 for \$25

THE DETAILS: Winner does not need to be present to win. Tickets purchased in advance of event must be received by January 24, 2024. Tickets will be available for sale at the Luncheon.

If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket to support Catholic schools, you can do so here:

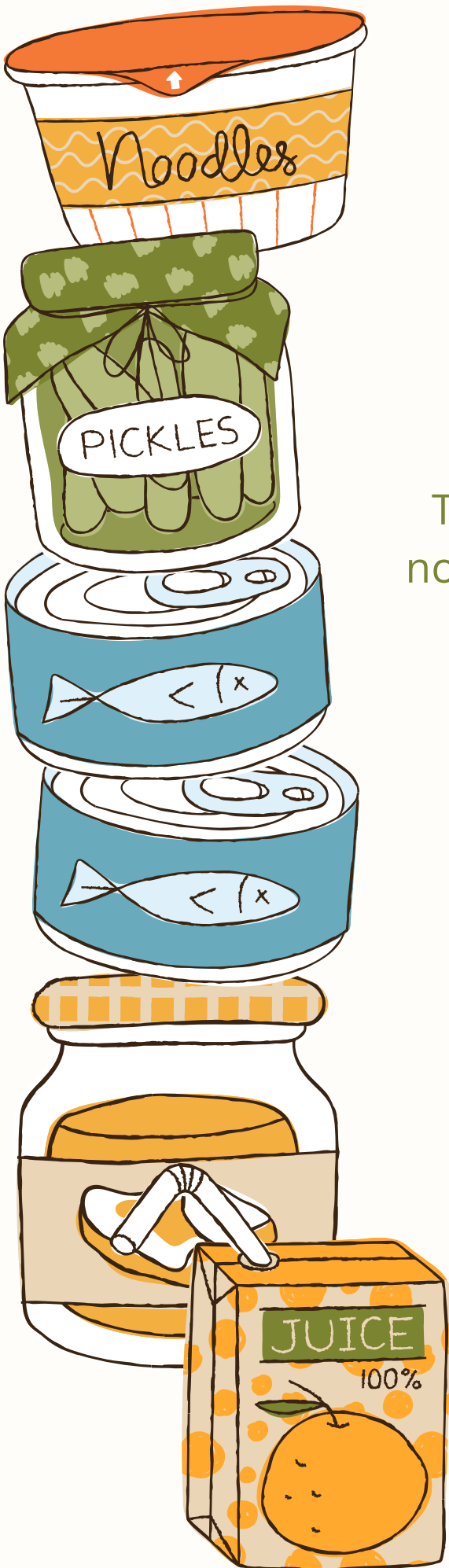
[Catholic Education Luncheon](#)

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.



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.



BILLS DAY

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

Friday, December 8th
Friday, December 15th
Friday, January 5th



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 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