



St. Stephen School Mission Statement

A pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic parochial school, St. Stephen School is dedicated to the ideals of educating children in an environment that surrounds them with Christian values. The school strives to educate the whole child spiritually, academically, physically, socially, and emotionally. Every effort is made to cultivate within each child a positive self-image and to heighten his/her awareness of the dignity and worth of others.

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The Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Your support through our Opening Activities was fantastic. Back-to-School evenings were well attended and your continued support of our educational program is evident. Special thanks to the Fathers' Club for the delicious burgers and hot dogs at the Welcome Back Cook-Out.

We are expecting to launch our updated website today and hopefully that will further improve our communication between teachers, parents, and students. Your feedback is encouraged as we redesign the site. Please email Mrs. Ullmann with your questions/concerns or suggestions.

October will also be a very busy month. We have many different feast days that we celebrate. St. Therese, Guardian Angels, St. Francis of Assisi—just to name a few, only to follow-up November 1st with All Saints Day. We will have a school Mass to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis on October 4th. His charism is lived out through the work of our dear Sisters Angela and Rose Mary Eve. Please join us, if you can, to celebrate the 85 years that the Sisters of St. Francis served our children at St. Stephen School. Our next school mass will be November 1st, All Saints Day.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Veda Diegel as a part-time addition to our faculty. Having worked at St. Stephen in the past and having a son who attends our school, she is no stranger to our community! Mrs. Diegel will be assisting the Pre-K Enrichment program as well as serving as Miss DeMarco's Instructional Assistant in 2nd Grade. Miss DeMarco is newly implementing a small group reading program that stems from her recent completion of her Masters degree as a Reading Specialist.

Looking forward to seeing you throughout the month.

God Bless,

Mary Patrick





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Dates to Remember

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Please check the website frequently for the most current information and event dates.

Reminders

- 1.) Scholastic Book Fair: October 3rd through October 6th.
- 2.) October 4th Mass at 10:15 AM, please check in with a staff member.
- 3.) School will be closed on Friday, October 7th and Monday, October 10th.
- 4.) October 14th 7:30 AM Morning Mass at Drop-off.
- 5.) Our 11th Annual International Wine Tasting, "A Matter of Taste," Will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 5:00-8:00 PM. Please check our website for details. Tickets on sale in the office.
- 6.) Regular uniforms are required Monday, October 17th.
- 7.) October 17th—ATP meeting at 7:00 PM in the Library.
- 8.) Individual pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st. Please see website for schedule.
- 9.) Our Fathers' Club Golf Outing will be held on Monday, October 24th at the Winters Run Golf Club. For more details, please see our website.
- 10.) Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 27th from 4-7 PM; School will be closed on Friday, October 28th. Conferences will be held from 8:00-11:00 AM. You will be notified via email when signs ups will open on our website.
- 11.) October 31st is Spirit Day; canned food drive begins.

*Just a
quick
reminder!*





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Volunteer Training (through www.shieldthevulnerable.org)



Any parent who wishes to volunteer in the classroom or chaperone a class field trip must complete the Archdiocesan program through shieldthevulnerable.org. This training is mandatory for all parents, grandparents, and friends in order to volunteer/work at St. Stephen.

If you are compliant with the program through shieldthevulnerable.org, you may volunteer. If you wish to volunteer at St. Stephen School and have not completed the training, please contact Mrs. Kathy Arbutus at 410-592-7617 during school hours.

Thank you to the Home and School Association and the St. Stephen School Fathers' Club for an \$1,800 joint contribution to help reduce the cost of one field trip per homeroom and for funding the new school sign.



Fall Open House

St. Stephen School will be hosting an admissions event for prospective students on Monday, November 7th from 6:30 PM-8 PM and on November 8th during the school day with tours available from 8:30 AM-11:30 AM and 12:30 PM-2:30 PM. Spread the word to any prospective families and if you have another child who might enroll for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact Mrs. Ullmann immediately to secure his/her spot.

Service Project: Weinberg Center Lunches

Our Students are engaged in a school-wide, year-long project to provide lunches to the homeless through the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center. Each month, a class purchases the food and makes 150 lunches for the homeless in Baltimore. In September, our students in 7th Grade participated.

Thank you to teachers and parents for providing the resources for our students to help the homeless.





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Congratulations to...

Congratulations to our Student Council Officers and Class Representatives:

Student Council Officers

President: George Apostol **Vice President:** Haley Burns
Secretary: Domenic Caltabiano **Treasurer:** Madison Laine
Historian: Reilly Riemer



Class Representatives

Pre-K4: Jordon Eckman/Luke Wise
Kindergarten: Abby Marquette/Lauren Stambaugh
1st Grade: Rosalee Kuta/Brianna Norwood
2nd Grade: Olivia Lockett/Kamryn Rittmeyer
3rd Grade: Ramona Lavarias/Talia Maria
4th Grade: Nick Kruzshak
5th Grade: Olivia Myers
6th Grade: Ryan Buddenbohn
7th Grade: Charlie Henry
8th Grade: Nick Cummins

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Congratulations to Mr. Rob Baranoski-this year's recipient of the St. Stephen School Alumni Award. The award was presented to Mr. Rob during our Welcome Back Mass on September 8th.

Sports Records...

Volleyball: 5-4
Soccer: Undefeated

Go Eagles!

