

**\*NEW\* Crab Feast Raffle** – Win a Bushel of Crabs donated by Ocean Pride and a stocked crab basket filled with a case of beer, seltzers, crab mallets and tablecloth. Everything you need to enjoy a crab feast with your family and friends” \$5 for 1 ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. Winner will be announced at the Wine Tasting, do not need to be present to win - [buy tickets here!](#)

## **HSA Update**

### **Lib's Grill Christmas Window Decorating**

Lib's Grill has invited our school to do the Christmas Window Decorating again this year on November 20 and 21. Students in grades 3-8 are invited to participate. Last year, we decorated windows for about 4 businesses in the shopping center. We anticipate having at least 15 windows to decorate (possibly more if more businesses wish to participate). These can be decorated solo or as a team of 2-3. We ask that you come prepared with a sketch or at least a plan of what you will paint. Arrival time on both days is 4pm. Paint supplies will be provided by Lib's Grill.

Please email Kristin Celano ([kcelano3@gmail.com](mailto:kcelano3@gmail.com)) by November 13th if your child will participate so she can ensure the proper amount of supplies are available.

### **St. Stephen School Spirit Wear Store is now OPEN!!**

The brand new spirit wear store is now open!! This store will remain open for orders throughout the year. There is a shipping option, a pick up option (from their storefront location in Abingdon) or a St. Stephen Delivery option, which the HSA will offer twice a month. Please contact Julie Sussen, Spirit Wear Chair, with any questions at [jsussan1@gmail.com](mailto:jsussan1@gmail.com). Thank you for your patience as we worked through getting this new format set up!

[Home | St. Stephen School Spirit Wear \(\[prodigydtg.com\]\(http://prodigydtg.com\)\)](#)

### **Wine Tasting Tickets and Donations**

Tickets are now on sale for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction being held on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm! Use [this link](#) to purchase tickets. Taste over 20 different wines, delicious food catered by Captain James Landing, and live music by Dave Reed. There will be a silent auction, the ever-popular Wine & Liquor Wheel\* & Orange Crush bar (for purchase). The wines you try will be available to purchase at a discounted rate, just in time for Thanksgiving Dinner! This is 21+ event.

Donations are needed for the Wine Tasting. If you are able to donate, please click on the signup genius link. [St. Stephen Wine Tasting Donations: Wine Tasting 2024 \(\[signupgenius.com\]\(http://signupgenius.com\)\)](#) This is a great way to get some service hours done early in the year! You will receive 1 service hour for every \$20 donation, 2 hour max. Please send your donation into the office. If alcohol, please have an adult bring it to the office. Please try and have all donations to the school by Wednesday November 6th. Thank you!

### **Towne Grill & Pub Spirit Night: November 15th**

We are excited to announce our first Spirit Night at Towne Grill & Pub. Join us on Friday, November 15th between 12 P.M. and close. 20% of food sales will be donated to St.

Stephen School, so invite your family and friends. You will enjoy great food, live music, and raffles. See the flyer below.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our annual Book Fair is less than a month away! It will be held in the school's Youth Building from November 18<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>. After school shopping will be open November 19<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-4pm. Christmas is right around the corner and books make great gifts! Looking for service hours? We are looking for a few volunteers each day to help with running the book fair as the classes visit (hours are 8am-4pm most days, in addition to the setup and break down of the fair, and you can sign up for as many hours as you are able to). Head to Track it Forward and choose the day you want to volunteer (Nov 14th for set up or November 18th - 21st for working the fair) to see the available shifts and which classes will visit when.

Teachers need books too! The teachers will be creating a wish list of books for their classrooms. Look for the display at the book fair. Teachers will also have E-Wallets so parents and friends can contribute money directly which they can use to buy books. More information to come. For more information about the book fair, please visit <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/ststephenschool1>.

If you have any questions or are interested in helping volunteer, please reach out to our co-chairs, Melissa Shifflett at [melissa@strollguilford.com](mailto:melissa@strollguilford.com) or Pam Delaney at [burnette14@yahoo.com](mailto:burnette14@yahoo.com).

### **Wine Bottle Decorating**

Last year our students did such a great job turning wine bottles into Christmas Spirit, and Lib's Grill was THRILLED with them! Lib's Grill in Perry Hall has again invited our students to create centerpieces using wine bottles for "Cocktails & Candy Canes" AND... the bottles will be offered for sale at \$15 each in the restaurant again. All proceeds will benefit our school!

Provide your own wine bottle and decorate in a Christmas/Holiday/Winter theme using your own supplies. There are a limited number of bottles available in the main office. This year, the "Cocktails and Candy Canes" color theme is a mix of blues, golds, silvers, and greens. Add a "Gift Tag" (see flier below) to the bottle with our school's name, your child's name, and grade.

Return the decorated bottle to Lib's Grill Perry Hall by November 18, 2024.

Each bottle = 1 service hour, maximum of 2 hours.

See the flyer for wine bottle decorating ideas.

### **Christmas Bazaar: December 7th**

Save the date for our St. Stephen Christmas Bazaar. Join us on Saturday, December 7th from 9 A.M. - 3 P.M. We have new games and the ever popular class trees will be raffled off. We'll have shopping for the children, vendors, and delicious food.

### **Father's Club Update**

Please note our upcoming events, we look forward to seeing everyone.

**Fathers Club Meeting**

Monday November 04, 2024 @ 8:00pm

Location – All American Steakhouse

3615 E Joppa Rd, Parkville, MD 21234

**Fathers Club Annual Golf Tournament**

Location: Graystone Golf Course 2115 White Hall Rd, White Hall, MD 21161

Date: May 14, 2025

Further details to come

**Father Daughter Dance**

Location: School Hall

Date: May 18, 2025

Further details to come

Volunteer help: Please consider volunteering at the event!

If anyone has any questions or would like to submit an idea for an event, please contact us at [fathersclub@ssschoool.org](mailto:fathersclub@ssschoool.org)