

HSA Update

Christmas Cash Raffle

The oldest/only child in each family will be coming home with 10 Christmas Cash Raffle tickets for the family to sell. For every family that sells all 10 tickets, the child(ren) will earn an out of uniform day (to be announced at a later date). Winners will be drawn at the Christmas Bazaar on December 7th. If you are in need of more tickets, please email Ms. Judy at jbush@sss.school.org.

Fall Fundraiser Delivery Day TODAY

The Fall Fundraiser delivery day is today, Monday, November 11th. We will open the lot early this afternoon at 2pm for families to begin picking up their orders, and volunteers will remain at school until approximately 5pm. All Joe Corbi and Designer Collection items that were ordered online and marked "ship to school", or ordered via paper order form will need to be picked up today. The school DOES NOT have space to store abandoned or forgotten orders. Please check your online seller portals so you know what others ordered and if you have items that need to be picked up.

We will have volunteers able to help carry orders to your vehicle and will have some carts available, but if you have sturdy grocery bags or a rolling cart, feel free to bring them to pick up your order. We will be at the pavilion from 2-5pm today. If you know you will not be able to get to the school before 5pm and you DO NOT have a child in aftercare, please email sssfallfundraiser@gmail.com or text Suzanne Biggs at 443-243-8068 to make her aware and work out details for pick-up. If your child is sick today and you will not be at normal pick-up, please reach out via one of those methods as well to work out pickup for your items today.

Shop and Earn Money for St. Stephen School with RaiseRight

Earn money to support our school on all your holiday shopping and gifting when you buy gift cards and shop online through St. Stephen School's RaiseRight program! Every gift card purchase earns up to 20% back for St. Stephen School. Use this link to sign up: <https://www.raiseright.com/shop/account/settings/personal-information>. Add this browser extension <https://www.raiseright.com/m/extension> to your browser to get earning reminders when shopping online. See the flyers below for more information.

Spirit Wear One Time Sale: Pajama Pants and Beanie Hats

The company that sells pajama pants and beanie hats is different from the company that runs our NEW online Spirit Wear store. This is your only opportunity this school year to purchase pajama pants and beanie hats. Please do not delay if you wish to order. Use this link: <https://ssspiritwearfall2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/> Once the store is closed, there will not be an opportunity to order these items. Deadline to order is Friday, November 22, at 11:59 PM. Once all orders are completed, they will be delivered to school and distributed. ***We know Christmas is approaching, and you may be purchasing gifts. These orders will go home with your child, unless we hear from you. Orders are expected to arrive before Christmas break. Please see the attached flyer.

Spirit Wear Store Update

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. ***We know Christmas is approaching, and you may be purchasing gifts. These orders will go home with your child, unless we hear from you. Please contact Julie Sussen, Spirit Wear Chair, with any questions at jsussen1@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)

Reminder to Log Volunteer Hours

Thank you for your donations to help make our Wine Tasting a success! Please remember to log hours for your donations in Track it Forward for credit towards your volunteer hours. These can be logged under Donations.

As a reminder, it is each family's responsibility to log their Volunteer Hours. This is your friendly reminder that if you have volunteered at St Stephen this year, please log in and complete the tracking of your hours. This helps to make sure all families get the credit they deserve for the time they spend supporting our school.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair starts NEXT WEEK! November 18th- 21st. After school shopping will be open November 19th- 21st from 3-4pm.

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 and to set up your own child's E-Wallet, 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 or Pam Delaney at burnette14@yahoo.com.

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

Looking for service hours? There are still shifts available each day to help with running the book fair as the classes visit (hours are 8am-4pm most days 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.

Towne Grill & Pub Spirit Night: November 15th

Our first Spirit Night at Towne Grill & Pub is this 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.

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 flyer 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.

***Middle school students can earn a maximum of 2 hours for decorating wine bottles.
See the flyer for wine bottle decorating ideas.

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) by this Wednesday, November 13th, if your child will participate so she can ensure the proper amount of supplies are available.

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. See our flyer below.

Father's Club Update

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

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