



# St. Stephen-St. Edward School

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**Bethany Negersmith, Principal**

August 2016

Dear St. Stephen – St. Edward School Families:

It is with much pleasure that I welcome you (back) to the St. Stephen – St. Edward School for the 2016-2017 school year. I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are ready for a great new school year. I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning and growing with our students, dedicated staff and you, our parents and community members.

Here are a few details pertaining to the upcoming year.

First, we would like to welcome some new staff members to SSSE and some staff that are changing positions. We are excited to announce that Mrs. Andrea Newkirk will be teaching ELA and SS for the upper grade, Mrs. Kim Dixon will be enriching the students in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Ms. Alma Gonzalez will teach Spanish to grades K-4 and AIS and Senora JennyLynn Mendoza will teach Spanish to grades 5 through 8. We are also happy to announce that Mrs. MaryJane Undersinger will be teaching the Pre-K 3 program and Mrs. Carolyn Mahon has joined the Kindergarten team.

If you have not already picked up your uniforms from Co-Ed we have added a cardigan V-neck sweater to the St. Stephen – St. Edward line. This sweater will be great for the colder weather and is an optional piece.

I look forward to meeting our students and their families at our Back to School Ice Cream Social/Meet and Greet on Wednesday, September 7th, from 12:30pm - 2:00pm. Take time to meet your teachers, drop off supplies, reconnect with former classmates and make new friends. The Ice Mother will be on site for refreshments so don't miss out on the fun!

School begins on Thursday, September 8th, at 8:00am and school dismissal is 2:30pm. When you arrive on September 8th, please proceed to the blacktop where teachers will be waiting to meet their class. Each teacher will have a sign with the room number of his or her class for easy identification. We will have morning prayers and announcements and then the fun begins and students will proceed to their classrooms.

It is my continuing goal to ensure that every student at St. Stephen – St. Edward School is provided the support they need on their faith journey as well as the highest quality of education possible in a safe and nurturing learning environment.

Respectfully,

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Summer Greetings from the HSA!

The Home School Association hopes that you and your family have had a restful summer and looks forward to seeing everyone again. A warm welcome to our new families, we look forward to meeting you! Throughout the summer, the HSA Board has been busy planning events and fundraisers for the coming school year. While the calendar is not finalized, we want to let you know about school happenings from August through November so you can mark your calendars and join us for all of our events!

**NEW! and ongoing - Name Bubbles** are the exciting labels that are dishwasher and microwave safe, stick on clothing (laundry safe), shoes and more! Design your own labels for your family. This is perfect for school families; lost lunch boxes, sweaters and sweat pants will be a concern of the past. The school receives 20% of your purchase. To join the St. Stephen's fundraiser, go to <https://fundraising.namebubbles.com/f/116220>. Share with your family and friends! For more information, contact Mary at [maryjuliano86@gmail.com](mailto:maryjuliano86@gmail.com) or [845-325-4638](tel:845-325-4638).

**August 17, 6:30pm** - Join us at **Wine & Design** studios at the Meadowcrest Building on Route 94 in Warwick for a fun evening! The cost is \$45, which includes all the materials and instruction! You are welcome to bring wine or other refreshments to share. This is a fundraiser benefiting St. Stephen-St. Edward School. Please preregister at <http://www.wineanddesign.com/calendars/event.php?id=31353>. A fall themed barn has been chosen and can be viewed through the link. For more information contact Kendra at [tkcarp@optonline.net](mailto:tkcarp@optonline.net).

**September 15-18** - Our annual **Tag Sale** will be held from September 15-18 in the school gym. Donations will be accepted on Thursday and Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am-6pm. We can accept the following donations: books, DVDs, CDs, baby equipment, toys, furniture, lawn and garden items, pictures/frames, housewares, kitchenware, collectibles, sports equipment, jewelry. We cannot accept car seats, cribs, electronics, exercise equipment, such as treadmills, bikes, gym sets. Donation receipts will be available at drop off.

Sale date and times are as follows:

Friday, September 16 - Early Bird, ADULTS only, \$5 admission, 7pm-10pm.

Saturday, September 17, 8am-6pm

Sunday, September 18, 8am-2pm, all items half price at noon, Fill-A-Bag for \$4 at 1pm.

Many volunteers, men and women, will be needed to help with set up, during the sale and with clean up. Sign up information will be available at the start of the school year. For more information, contact Mary at [maryjuliano86@gmail.com](mailto:maryjuliano86@gmail.com) or [845-325-4638](tel:845-325-4638).

**September 18 - Paper Shredding Fundraiser** - Have your sensitive documents safely and securely shredded when Pro Shred comes to our campus from 10AM – 1PM. The truck will be parked in the St. Stephen's soccer field parking lot off St. Stephen's Place. The cost is \$6/banker box. For more information contact Karen at 986-6728 or [walker0227@aol.com](mailto:walker0227@aol.com).

**October 13 - Walk-a-thon** - this will take place during the school day. More information to follow.

**October 28** - annual **Halloween Dance**, 7pm-10pm

**November 5 - Reverse Raffle**, 6:30pm, Save the date for this new and exciting adult-only fundraiser! More information to follow.



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## **November 14-17, fall Book Fair**

As a review, and for the benefit of those who are new to St. Stephen-St. Edward School this year, below are the mandatory family fundraising and volunteer requirements. As you know, our school depends on parent involvement through time, treasure and talent in order for us to operate our school.

**Cash Calendars** - each family is required to sell or purchase 15 Cash Calendars, totaling \$150. Calendar tickets are \$10 each. Winning tickets are pulled daily from February-June and prizes range from \$50 to \$575. Cash calendars will be distributed at Back to School Night. Payment of calendars is due by December 1, 2016.

**Scrip Program** - St. Stephen's participates in a scrip gift card program. The school purchases gift cards from major retailers at a discount and sells them back to our families at face value. You can use the cards to shop, like you would cash, or give them as gifts. Each school family is required to earn \$210 in gift card profit for card purchases made between May 16, 2016 and May 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Gift cards can be purchased daily, 9am-3pm in the church office on weekdays or after Sunday Masses in the atrium during the summer. The parish office carries a variety of cards of more than 30 retailers, including ShopRite and Price Chopper. Cards may also be ordered by registering with our school account at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and click the Register button, top right. The St. Stephen-St. Edward School code is FD1AC86A16447. Online, you may put cards in your cart that will be shipped along with our school order, additionally may purchased immediately for online or store purchases.

**As added incentive this year, all profit your family earns over the required \$210 can be returned to you as tuition credit for the 2017-18 school year, up to the cost of one month's tuition.**

If you have never participated in a scrip program, please contact Kendra at [tkcarp@optonline.net](mailto:tkcarp@optonline.net) or Mary at [maryjuliano86@gmail.com](mailto:maryjuliano86@gmail.com) for more information.

**Volunteer Requirement - NEW** - as you know, it takes an army to successfully run fundraisers and we need you! In addition, this is a great way to meet new families. To ensure that we raise the \$95,000 that is required of us through the Archdiocese of New York, we require each family to give a minimum of 30 fundraising volunteer hours during the school year. We have events and opportunities during school days, on the weekends and during evenings, and sometimes from home so there is something for everyone. The first volunteer opportunity will be the annual Tag Sale, which runs from September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

A maximum of 20 hours/school year can go towards helping with lunch duty. This is to ensure that our children are safe during lunch and recess. If you do not complete your volunteer requirement, your family will be charged \$15 per hour not completed, with a maximum of \$450. We don't want your money, we'd love your help! Thank you!

Sincerely,  
HSA Board  
Christine Bodeker, President