



# ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL

Newsletter  
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## RE: MORNING DROP-OFF:

We have a few EXTREMELY important reminders. Your attention to these matters is greatly appreciated.

1. **The morning bell rings at 7:40 AM.**
2. ALL STUDENTS in Grades K-8 should be here **before the 7:40 AM bell rings and enter the school through the Caroline St. doors with their classes.** We have too many students arriving late and entering through the front door. This is disruptive to the office as well as their classrooms.
3. **Rectory Driveway:** Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCE** should any Parent/Guardian or family member pull in, park, or sit and wait in this driveway in the morning or at dismissal. This is a private driveway and the home to Clergy Members.
4. Please **DO NOT** stop cars at the end of Arthur St., Caroline St, or in any private driveways or crosswalks and leave your vehicle to cross children, or sit and watch children come into the building. Please find a legal place to park.



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

*There will be no school Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.*

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." John 11:25*

*The faculty, staff and I wish all our families a very Happy Easter.*

*Joanne Mallozzi, Principal*

## APRIL VALUE OF THE MONTH CONSERVATION

Conservation can be a difficult concept for children to understand. Teaching them to reduce waste and use less of our natural resources can be tricky. When explaining conservation to children, use simple terms that relate to their daily lives. Define resources as things we need such as energy and clean water, and explain that resources are hard to replace once we have used them. Relate conservation to saving something for later by having them imagine a bag of candy; if they ate all the candy at once, they wouldn't have any to eat later. Gentle reminders from positive role models will help children imitate eco-friendly behavior.

## This Week's Brown Envelope Inserts...

- Milk Order Forms
- May Lunch Order Forms and Credits
- Spring Activities Calendar
- Family Day with the Bravehearts flyer
- Bag2 School Cards

## Coming Up...

- ~ Wednesday, April 4 - Trip to Courthouse Gr. 6,7,8
- ~ Thursday, April 5 - Report cards available
- ~ Friday, April 6 - Mother/Son Night
- ~ Saturday, April 7 - Pre-K-8 Open House - 10AM-12:00
- ~ Monday, April 9 - Mass for Life - Gr. 7&8
- ~ April 16- April 20 - No School Vacation Week
- ~ Monday, April 23 - Gr. 6 Scholarship Apps are due
- ~ Monday, April 23 - Spring Uniform is in effect
- ~ Monday, April 23 - SWOMP will meet
- ~ Wednesday, April 25 - Historical Society - Gr 2 & 3
- ~ Friday, April 27 - Chill Out, K-8, Cost is \$1
- ~ Saturday, April 28 - Declamation Contest
- ~ Wednesday, May 2 - Newsletter

Spring Activities Calendar: The enclosed Spring Activities Calendar will take the place of our monthly calendars for the remainder of the year.

**WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE  
HAVING A NEW FAMILY EVENT THIS YEAR!**

**ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL FAMILY DAY  
WITH THE  
WORCESTER BRAVEHEARTS  
SUNDAY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

This event will include an all you can eat Buffet, Player Autographs, Reserved Box Seat tickets, Bravehearts Hat, Free Parking and the children will have the opportunity to run the bases after the game. The Bravehearts have gone above and beyond to lower the prices for our school and to help us all have a wonderful day together!

Please see the enclosed flyer for more details ☺

Tuition Accounts: All tuition accounts will be automatically re-enrolled into FACTS Tuition Management for the 2018-2019 school year. Your customer number, user name and password will remain the same. You will receive a new payment plan number.

If you wish to change your payment plan, please contact Mrs. Kneeland at the school. Changes to bank account numbers or credit card numbers can be made on line.

**Scholarship Applications** St. Stephen School will again offer scholarship assistance to our sixth graders who have chosen to stay at St. Stephen School for grades 7 and 8. Scholarship applications are available in the school office. Completed applications should be returned to Mrs. Mangaudis by Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Bag2School-** Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is the collection day for Bag2School. Please consider donating your unwanted clothing, belts, purses and shoes. Donations can be dropped off at school any time after April Vacation. Donations to Bag2School will benefit St. Stephen School. Thank you for your consideration.

**Spree Day** will take place on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> with Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> as the rain date. Volunteers will be needed to chair this event and to help with games, set-up, clean-up and serving ice cream. If you'd like to help, please contact the school office.

**Boxtops:** Thank you to everyone for helping St. Stephen School earn \$259.90 from our February Box Tops collection. Congratulations to GRADE 4 for sending in the most! They have earned an extra recess. All students who contributed 2 or more sheets will receive a dress down pass and there is a pizza bonus for the top 3 students. Please keep collecting Box Tops... they can be sent in before the end of the school year, or you can hold onto them for the Fall Collection.

**Calendar Raffle Volunteer Thanks:** We really appreciated the volunteers who gave their time to sell calendars at St. Stephen's Church and to help tally tickets and money. We would like to thank Ms. Sacovitch and Mrs. LaBonte for organizing and running this fun event. All winners will be notified personally and the website will be updated once a week with a list.



## IMPORTANT...

**Safe Environment and CORI forms** are needed if you wish to volunteer for, Spree Day, Field Trips, etc. Please contact Mrs. Raymond if you have not had this training.

### **Re-registration Forms for 2018-19**

All current students need to re-register for the upcoming school year. We want to remind parents that the registration fee is now \$175.00.

If your child will not be returning next year, please indicate that on the re-registration form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. All financial obligations to St. Stephen School must be satisfied prior to a student's transfer. Please note that any parish school and diocesan high school will not accept incoming students from parish schools whose financial obligations are incomplete.

**2018/2019 TUITION DEPOSIT OF \$300 (per child) is due May 1st.**



As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line and confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.