## St. Stephen's School - "Week at a Glance"

Monday, September 22nd-Friday, September 26th, 2025

## Parent/Guardian Memo #4 2025-2026

At St. Stephen Catholic School, we are committed to nurturing the spiritual, intellectual, and moral growth of every child. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and guided by the values of the Catholic faith, we strive to create a supportive and inclusive community where students are inspired to achieve excellence, develop strong character, and serve others with compassion and integrity. Through faith-filled education, we prepare our students to become lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and faithful disciples of Christ.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we wrap up Week 3 and head into the final days of September, I want to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support, communication, and collaboration. It's been a wonderful start to the school year, and your partnership truly makes a difference in your child's success and well-being.

We hope that the student agendas are being used effectively and serving as a helpful tool for communication between home and school. Staying connected supports both academic and personal growth, and we appreciate your efforts in making this happen. We are proud to share that two of our school teams recently competed in the BHNCDSB soccer tournament. While we didn't come away with a championship, our Junior team made it to the semi-finals, a fantastic achievement! A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Peterson, Ms. Gelzynsky, Mr. Galinas, and Mr. DeAngelis for their time in coaching our students.

Thanks to the success of our chocolate bar fundraiser, we've been able to purchase a new volleyball net and 25 soccer balls for student use. Your support in our fundraising efforts directly enhances our students' experiences, thank you!

We continue to aim for a 90% attendance rate school-wide. With your help, we are confident we can reach and maintain this goal. Regular attendance is key to student achievement, and we appreciate your efforts to ensure your child is present and on time each day.

My door is always open, and I make it a priority to respond to messages as promptly as possible. I've also asked the same of our staff. As a parent myself, I understand how frustrating it can be waiting for a response, and we are committed to maintaining timely and respectful communication.

For our Grade 7 and 8 families: permission forms for students to leave school grounds during the second nutrition break will soon be available through School Cash Online. Please note that students must sign in and out at the office and are required to go in groups of at least two. While I am initially cautious about this privilege, student safety remains my top priority. I have spoken with students about the importance of making safe and responsible choices, and I kindly ask that you review these expectations with your child at home as well.

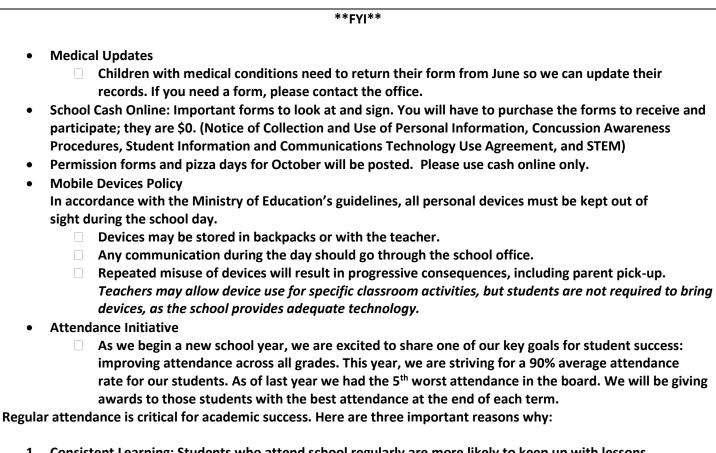
Thank you once again for your ongoing involvement in your child's education and overall well-being. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out at any time.

Warm regards,

Mr. Docherty

Monday, September 22, 2025	Day 4	
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Day 5	Snack Day
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	Day 1	<ul> <li>Lockdown Drill #1</li> <li>Parent Council meeting #1 (4:15-5:15), all are welcome</li> <li>Spirit Wear Day St. Stephen Clothing (will be posted for cash online shortly)</li> </ul>
Thursday, September 25, 2025	Day 2	<ul><li>Snack Day</li><li>First School Mass (9-9:45) all are welcome</li></ul>
Friday, September 26, 2025	Day 3	<ul> <li>Pizza Day (Starting in October)</li> <li>Tye Dye Day</li> <li>Brentwood Farms (Grades 1-4)</li> <li>Name that Song and Random Acts of Kindness Draw (2:30)</li> </ul>

**Upcoming Dates/Events:		
September 30 Orange Shirt Day- Truth and Reconciliation		
October 3 Colour House Day for <b>Terry Fox Day</b>		
October 7 PA Day		
October 8 School Photo Day		
October 9 School Mass, all are welcome to come		
October 10 Thanksgiving Celebration		
October 13 Thanksgiving Holiday		
October 17 Wacky Hair Day and Last Day for Food Drive		
October 22 Visual-Dental Screening: click on the icon to view		
October 23 Spirit Wear Day – St. Stephen clothing		
October 28 Twin Day		
October 29 Parent Council meeting (4:15-5:15)		
October 31 Halloween		
November 24-28 – Book Fair		
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- 1. Consistent Learning: Students who attend school regularly are more likely to keep up with lessons, assignments, and classroom discussions.
- 2. Stronger Connections: Being present helps students build relationships with peers and staff, creating a sense of belonging and support.
- 3. Positive Habits: Good attendance fosters responsibility and routines that benefit students both in school and

We believe that our parent community is a vital partner in this effort. Together, we will work hard to continue to make St. Stephen's a place where students feel welcomed, engaged, and excited to learn every day.

**Special Education Parent Engagement Night** 

