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

Tuesday, September 2nd- Friday, September 5th, 2025

#### Parent/Guardian Weekly Memo #1 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 of St. Stephen's Catholic Elementary School,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the final days of summer! As we prepare to welcome our students back on **Tuesday, September 2nd**, I want to share some important information to help ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year.

Our dedicated staff have been working hard over the past few weeks to prepare classrooms and learning spaces, and we're excited to greet your children and begin another year of growth, learning, and community.

### **Key Information for the Start of School:**

| <ul> <li>First Day P</li> </ul> | rocedures |
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| On Tuesday morning, teachers will meet students in the schoolyard and escort them to their classrooms. |
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| This helps ease the transition and ensures a safe and welcoming start.                                 |

| Morning Drop-Off Gu | idelines |
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If you're driving your child to school.

☐ The **front of the school is reserved for buses only**—no student drop-offs permitted there.

Staff will be present to assist and guide families, especially those new to our school community.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

# Meet the Teacher Night – September 10<sup>th</sup> (4 pm-5:30 pm).

Please join us for our annual **Meet the Teacher Night**. This is a great opportunity to visit your child's classroom and connect with their teacher.

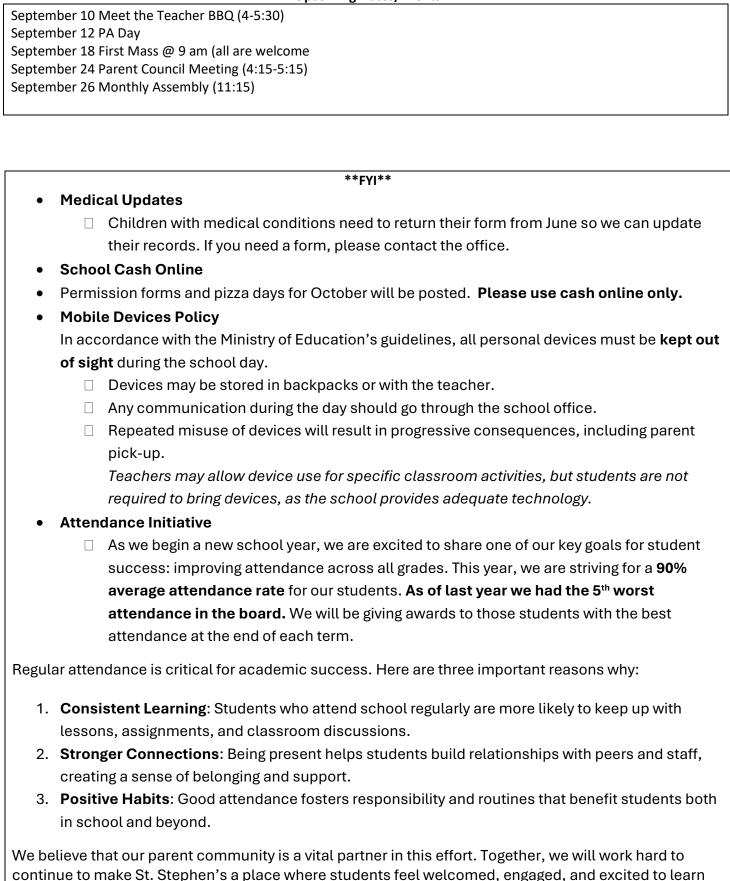
Note: This evening is not intended for academic discussions, as we are still in the early stages of the school year.

• Please feel free to contact me at any time. My door is always open. The teachers and I are here for your children, and together we can make their elementary years successful.

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| Monday, September 1st, 2025    | PA Day | Labour Day  |
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| Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025   | Day 1  | <ul><li>First Day of School</li><li>Snack Day</li></ul>   |
| Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 | Day 2  | •   |
| Thursday, September 4th, 2025  | Day 3  | Snack Day   |
| Friday, September 5th, 2025    | Day 4  | <ul> <li>Name that Song and Random Acts of Kindness Draw<br/>(2:30)</li> <li>Pizza Day (Starting in October)</li> </ul> |

#### \*\*Upcoming Dates/Events:



every day.

# • Board Spiritual Theme for 2025-2026

To honour and celebrate the ongoing Jubilee Year, the theme is an extension of our Pilgrims of Hope theme, "Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness," rooted in the Scripture,

"As God who called you is holy, be holy yourselves." (1 Peter 1:15-16).

We are truly looking forward to a fantastic year ahead at St. Stephen's. Our staff are enthusiastic, caring, and committed to supporting every student's success. I look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday and connecting with families at our Meet the Teacher Night. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

#### **Bell Times**

School Start: 8:50am

First Nutrition Break: 10:30am-11:10am
Second Nutrition Break: 12:50pm-1:30pm

School Dismissal: 3:10pm