



DARE

This year 26-36 million school children around the world and in the U.S.--will benefit from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 8th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.



Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts



Scouting helps to develop strong values and friendships that can last a lifetime. This is a great adventure for all ages, with activities for both girls and boys. Build great character while having fun. Information for scouting will be sent home with students at the beginning of the year. This is open to students in K-8th grade.



Formation Buddies

A favorite event! Middle School students pair up with a child in grades K-2 to work together in their spiritual growth. The older students have an opportunity to have an impact on a younger student's spiritual life, and the younger kids enjoy having a "buddy."

Student Ministry-

There are many opportunities for students to participate in school liturgies, everything from choir to liturgy ministers. A great way for students to enrich their faith life.

School Service Projects-

All students will participate in service projects during the school year. The students learn that through volunteer work and community service they continue to follow in the footsteps of their Christian teachings.



Tutoring Opportunities-

Several teachers at St. Stephen's offer tutoring after school for a fee. Since this is offered at school, parents are able to easily touch base with the child's teacher. Contact the school office for more information.

For sports information please see the Sports Brochure.

Questions may be directed to the school office at 763/421-3236

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Activities

At St. Stephen School, we strive to offer students programs to encourage mental, physical and spiritual growth. This brochure offers a sampling of the opportunities available.





Chess Club

Love this game of strategy! Then you will love to join this club. This is open to **ALL** grades who want to learn and advance their knowledge of chess. The club meets in the spring.

Coordinator: Mr. Terry Holman



Middle School Choir

Open to all middle school students who like to sing and are willing to make the commitment. All are welcome, so there are no auditions involved. They perform at the school programs and more. Meeting times are Thursdays after school.

Coordinator: Mrs. Jaime Verkuilen



Challenge Math

Participants who are gifted in math are invited to join this enrichment class which is designed to strengthen problem solving skills. Students attend class once a week and work on individual and group activities, including logical reasoning puzzles, Venn diagrams and strategic games. This program is for students in 3rd–5th grade.

Coordinator: Mrs. Laurie Keller



Weaving Club

After learning the basics in art class, 5th & 6th graders can continue to expand their knowledge of weaving, by joining this club. They will be working on looms and expanding their techniques with kids their own age. A great opportunity for kids to express their artistic side.

Coordinator: Mrs. Lynelle Kocher



Guitar Club

Guitar club is open to all students in grades 5-8. This club offers students the opportunity to advance their skills with other students. The club meets on Mondays after school.

Coordinator: Mr. Tim Burke



Science Fair

Every fall middle school students design and carry out science investigation projects. This experience helps them develop inquiry and problem solving skills. All students are then invited to participate in the annual fair, which averages about 80 middle school participants. These students are also encouraged to enter projects in the district and regional science fairs. Students have the opportunity to advance on to the District Science Fair as well.

Coordinator: Mrs. Colleen Hansen



Yearbook

Yearbook is a great experience for 8th graders who love media. Classmates meet Monday's after school, December through February, to help capture all the special memories from the school year. They format pages, type names, paste pictures, draw clip art and logos, and get everything ready for print.

Coordinator: Mrs. Lynelle Kocher



Band

This activity begins lessons in 4th grade. The students participate in three concerts throughout the school year. The music provided for the concerts is fun, challenging, and has many different styles to help give each student a well rounded musical education.

Mr. Bissonett, the band teacher, received his bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Minnesota and his Masters Degree from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago.

Coordinator: Mr. Bruce Bissonett



Spanish Camp

In 8th grade, students have the opportunity to participate in an experience in global awareness at *Concordia Language Villages*. Students are immersed in another culture while gaining a new perspective on the Spanish speaking world through activities, games, arts and crafts, singing and dancing, eating authentic meals and talking with fluent speakers of the language. Students spend the weekend with their Spanish teacher and students from other schools.

Coordinator: Mrs. Fran Corey