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St. Stephen's  
Catholic School

# Newsletter

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## Important Dates...

### December...

23-Jan. 2-NO SCHOOL!

### January...

Jan. 3- School Resumes

Jan. 3-Edline Posting Day

Jan. 10-Pre-School Open House  
6-7:30 PM

Jan. 12-Kindergarten Parent  
Open House 6:30 PM

Jan. 13-8th Gr. Variety Show

Jan. 16-No School-MLK  
Day

Jan. 17-No School-  
Staff Development Day

Jan. 20-6th/7th Arts Festival

Jan. 25-End of Qtr. 2

Jan. 29-Feb. 4-  
Catholic Schools Week

## Merry Christmas and Happy 2012!



### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Fr. Michael A. Van Sloun  
*Pastor and Superintendent*

Mrs. Rebecca Gustafson  
*Principal*

Ms. Sarah Kelly  
*School Counselor*

School Office 421-3236

Heidi Staggert 712-7473

Dawn Graf 712-7427

Absence Line 712-7467

Kitchen 712-7460

BASE 712-7453

BASE (cell) 612-418-7010\*

\*After Hours Emergency



From all the staff at  
St. Stephen's School.



**PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY TEACHERS**

**Mrs. Angela Tjosaas**  
Pre-School

**Mrs. Deb Cherney**  
Kindergarten

**Mrs. Mary Kay Wesp**  
Kindergarten

**Mrs. Julianne Haenel**  
First Grade

**Mrs. Mary Kay Tyminski**  
First Grade

**Mrs. Jan Applen**  
Second Grade

**Mrs. Sherry Miller**  
Second Grade

**Mrs. Marileen Diederichs**  
Third Grade

**Mrs. Betty Kowalski**  
Third Grade

**Mrs. Marie Penn**  
Fourth Grade

**Mrs. Susie Toenjes**  
Fourth Grade

**Ms. Katie Geis**  
Fifth Grade

**Mrs. Kim Taggart**  
Fifth Grade

**MIDDLE SCHOOL/SPECIALISTS TEACHERS**

**Ms. Desiree Hyrkas**  
Sixth Grade Advisor/Media

**Mrs. Lynelle Kocher**  
Sixth Grade Advisor/Art

**Mrs. Theresa Hefel**  
Sixth Grade Advisor/Spanish

**Mrs. Jaime Verkuilen**  
Sixth Grade Advisor/Music

**Mrs. Peg Brown**  
Seventh Grade Advisor/Math

**Mrs. Shelly Miller**  
Seventh Grade Advisor/Social Studies

**Mr. Kurt Werk**  
Seventh Grade Advisor/P.E./A.D.

**Mrs. Colleen Hansen**  
Eighth Grade Advisor/Science

**Mrs. Shelley Lysdahl**  
Eighth Grade Advisor/Literature

**Mrs. Judy Radcliff**  
Eighth Grade Advisor/Formation

**Mr. Tim Burke**  
Computers

*Totino-Grace High School will hold an Open House for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (and all other prospective students) and their parents on **Wednesday, January 4th. Doors Open at 6:30 with the presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m.** Come find out what makes Totino-Grace such a special place. If you have any questions please call T.J. Paal at [763-586-6314](tel:763-586-6314) or go to the school's webpage at [www.totinograce.org](http://www.totinograce.org).*

# Teachers Wish List

- Stickers and/or Rubber Stamps in Spanish for Spanish Class
- IPEVO Point 2 View USB Document Camera
- LCD Projector for Middle School Spanish and Science
- Old plates of different styles for a Mardi Gras project with Mrs. Kocher
- Gatorade and Diet Coke for School Store/Concession Stand
- A spindle of blank CD's for the music room

## Sports News from Mr. Werk...

In the B-Squad's year-end tournament, they lost a very close game to undefeated Providence Black in the second round and faced a tough Calvin Christian team in the final round. Although the opponent had a big height advantage, the Angel's made up for it with their hustle and determination. Trailing for most of the game, the Angels came on strong in the final minutes of the game. A couple of last second free throws gave St. Stephen's the victory earning them third place at the tournament. Great season Angels!

### B- Team Tournament Results

Champion: St. Vincent

2nd Place: Providence Black

3rd Place: St. Stephen

Consolation: Heritage

Mr. Werk

([kwerk@ststephenchurch.org](mailto:kwerk@ststephenchurch.org))



Spring Choir starts January 12! We meet on Thursdays from 2:15–3:30 PM. All 5th–8th graders are welcome! Students can pick up a permission slip from Mrs. Verkuilen or print if off of edline. Please turn in the form prior to January 12 if possible.

Thank you and hope to see you there!



Mrs. Verkuilen



**Pre-School Open House and Registration Night:**

Tuesday, Jan. 10th 6–7:30 PM

**Kindergarten Parent Meeting and Registration:**

Thursday, Jan. 12th 6:30 PM

**ALL School Open House:**

Sunday, Jan. 29th 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

**Middle School Information and Tours:**

Sunday, Jan. 29th, starting at 10:45 AM

Please feel free to share these dates with friends and neighbors! If they cannot make the date, have them call the office and schedule an appointment with Mrs. Gus for a private tour!

**Before & After School Enrichment**



Director: Teri King

BASE Voice Mail: 712-7453

Week of: December 19

Fri.	Dec. 23	FULL DAY BASE
Mon.	Dec. 26	Due to lack of students signing up, there will be NO FULL DAY BASE today.
Tues.	Dec. 27	FULL DAY BASE
Wed.	Dec. 28	FULL DAY BASE
Thur.	Dec. 29	FULL DAY BASE
Fri.	Dec. 30	FULL DAY BASE
Mon.	Jan. 2	Due to lack of students signing up, there will be NO FULL DAY BASE today.





Greetings to everyone! This is Mrs. Hernandez signing in... your Health Para every Thursday from 10 AM–2 PM. I am a registered nurse by profession, Chief Operating Officer of the Hernandez-Household for 12 years now, and most of all, a mother. It is quite a task, yet I love every minute of it and wouldn't trade it for anything. I am an ordinary person doing things out of the ordinary, not to draw attention, but to inspire my children and set a good example to them.

I thank everyone here at St. Stephen's for being so accommodating and friendly. This is a loving and nurturing community and I take pride to be in it. I tell my children to always look for a place where perfection is not the goal, but excellence!

Mrs. Hernandez has twin 5th grade boys at St. Stephen's school, and we are so lucky to have her helping us out in the Health office each Thursday!

### Saint Stephen's Wrestling

There will be a wrestling meeting (for parents and wrestlers) on Tuesday, January 4th at 6PM in the cafeteria to discuss practice scheduling and other administrative details. The first practices will be at 6PM on Wednesday, January 5th and Thursday, January 6th.



Please contact Coach Matt Robinson with questions- 763-567-8319.

We have been very busy in first grade during this Advent Season. We had our Christmas concert last Thursday, we have been lighting our Advent wreaths that are on our desks and we have been enjoying the experience of being an Advent Angel to another student in our classroom. Last Friday, we had a Polar Express Day! The first graders came to school in their pajamas and we got to "ride" the Polar Express. We enjoyed chocolate milk and cookies while watching the movie. We are so excited to celebrate birth of Jesus and we want to wish all a Merry Christmas!!!!

