

St. Stephen School

To Love, To Inspire – To Achieve!

Discipleship Embodied • Partnership Embraced • Scholarship Celebrated • Leadership Modeled • Citizenship Personified

January 27, 2010

Dear Parents,

As your children have no doubt reminded you, our annual observance of Catholic Schools Week starts this Sunday. The kids look forward to a time of enjoyable events and special treats, but it is also a time for us to celebrate the enduring value of Catholic education. Our theme, "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life" underscores the long-standing tradition of Catholic education to instill in students the faith, knowledge, morals and discipline that will enable them to fulfill their future roles in life. Now more than ever, a Catholic education is truly an investment in the future that is worth the consideration of every family.

The schedule of events for the week will be posted on our website soon, so please see what we have planned! I know that it is important to know about dress down days in advance, so they will be as follows:

Tuesday – Sports theme- children can wear any sports jerseys etc., or just dress down

Wednesday – Grades K – 3 – Pajama Day, Gr. 4 – 8 – Sweats

Thursday – Team Colors for Mini-Olympics

Friday – Jeans

PLEASE NOTE: PreK will be having their own dress down day themes for this week. Information will be forthcoming.

OPEN HOUSE Post cards have been sent to all families of the parish with children of school age inviting them to our Open House. In your child's report card envelope there is a post card with a referral sticker on it. If a family comes through the Open House with your name on the referral post card that you gave them, you will receive a Tim Horton's gift card.

FRIDAY – NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE On Friday this week, we will have a half day with 11:00 a.m. dismissal. Due to staffing difficulties we will not have any afterschool care on this day. All children will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. I apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause.

UPDATED SCHOOL CALENDAR St. Stephen's tries to follow the same school calendar as the Grand Island School District primarily because the district provides our bussing. New York State changed the dates for the NYS tests for this year, after the calendars were completed. Therefore it was necessary for Grand Island to revise their calendar for this next semester from February – June. Our calendar was revised also. Please note that it is not exactly the same as the district calendar. You can disregard the calendars given out at the beginning of the year. The monthly calendar is the most up-to-date calendar that we have.

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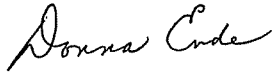
HAITIAN RELIEF FUNDS

A very special thank you to all who gave so generously to the dress down day for Haiti. We will be donating \$1,249.81 to Haitian relief.

CONGRATULATIONS

Abigail Sonnenberg, Grade 3, won the second place prize for her painting submitted to the First Night Buffalo Painting Contest. Her painting was displayed at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center on Dec. 31st. She received a \$50 gift certificate to the Walden Galleria Mall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Ende".

Donna Ende

Principal