

Hello parents and staff!

Happy New Year! We hope you had a nice holiday and are enjoying getting back to routine. We have outlined the **January and February** calendars below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to [June Tessin](#) or [Mr. Sturgill](#). Thank you!

### **A FEW REMINDERS & LINKS FOR THE NEW YEAR!**

- If you plan to utilize our morning care program (6:30am-7:30am), we will now require signing up by 6pm the evening before morning care is needed. The sign up will be updated each Friday morning with the week ahead. [Morning Care Sign Up](#)
- The recess and lunch volunteer sign up has been updated! Please consider volunteering! [Signup Here](#)
- The January lunch calendar is attached. It can always be found on our website also! <https://www.sspeducates.org/lunch>
- Remember to photo drop your SSP photos to [Photos@saintstephenstl.org](mailto:Photos@saintstephenstl.org)
- Homework club is a great way for students to get help with their homework or catch up from being absent. Parents must sign their student up by noon on the day they wish for them to attend. The signup is updated every Thursday morning with the upcoming week schedule. [Sign-up SSP Homework Club Here](#)
- Remember to purchase your GALA tickets! [purchase Gala tickets here](#)

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY**

#### **CYC Baseball & Softball Registration (K-8th Grade) - Now through Saturday, January 31**

Early bird pricing of \$75 per player through January 24. Registration is open through January 31, but the cost per player changes to \$125. Games are played at CYC fields throughout the city/county, mostly on Saturdays from April-June. Email [Colleen Nigro](#) or call 314-401-8556 with any questions. Sign up here: [2026 CYC SSP Baseball & Softball Registration](#) *The PreK South City T-Ball Registration is not open at this time, look for more information in February on their Facebook page.*

#### **MOScholars Application Season Open - NOW through March 30, 2026**

The MOScholars Scholarship Program is an amazing opportunity for families choosing private education. We encourage all our families with a student entering Kindergarten or First Grade to complete the pre-qualification survey. If you already have a student in the program and have other students, you should also complete the survey. Do you know anyone currently attending public school and want to enroll at St. Stephen's? This scholarship is available! The scholarship pays \$6,375 annually and is renewable each year through high school. Students with an IEP also can be considered for this scholarship. Don't delay - see if you pre-qualify today! [Pre-qualification Survey](#)

#### **SSP Church Mass Time Addition - Now through April 5 @ 8:30am**

The Pastoral Council has adopted an experimental weekend Mass schedule for the first quarter of 2026. From January 4th to April 5th (Easter) there will be the addition of an 8:30 am Mass at SSP church to the regular weekend schedule, keeping all of the existing Mass times, so that SSP weekend schedule will be 4 pm Saturday

at SSP, 7 am Sunday at SJB, 8:30 am Sunday at SSP, 10 am Sunday at IHM, and 4:30 pm Sunday at SSP. In March, the Pastoral Council will evaluate whether the 8:30am Mass should be retained or the 4:30 pm Mass. If you, your neighbors, and others you know have missed having an 8:30am Sunday morning mass at SSP church, please come and join us beginning January 4th! Should you have any questions, please reach out to [Tom Esswein](#).

**Report Cards Available - Friday, January 9 (afternoon)**

The 2nd quarter report cards will be available the afternoon of January 9. All parents K-8th will receive a link sent to their email.

**Epiphany Program - Friday, January 9 @ 2pm**

The first grade class will be doing the annual Epiphany Program in the church. All students will attend. Parents are welcome!

**Epiphany Program - Sunday, January 11 @ 2pm**

The first grade class will be doing the annual Epiphany Program for the parish and any other guests. The Choral Club will also be singing at the program. All are invited to attend!

**Holy Name Society (Men's Club) Annual Dinner - Tuesday, January 13 @ TBD**

Join the Men's Club for their Annual Dinner Celebration at the Leona. More details to come - please save the date!

**St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive - Friday, January 16**

Join in our monthly food drive for SVDP. If your student brings in two items to donate to SVDP, they are able to dress out of uniform for that day. Keep in mind, we still have a dress down policy that should be followed.

**No School - MLK Day - Monday, January 19**

School will not be in session to observe the Martin Luther King holiday. School will resume on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:55am.

**Today and Tomorrow (TTEF) Scholarship Application Opens - Tuesday, January 20**

Scholarships are provided on a first come, first serve basis so please apply early! Remember, to be considered for the Monsignor Vince Bommarito Scholarship each year, you must first apply to TTEF.

**PK2 Enrollment Opens - Tuesday, January 20**

Exciting news! Enrollment will open for the NEW PK2 class. We anticipate a waiting list for the program. This class will take a maximum of 16 students. This is a year round program. Our waiting list is filling up quickly! If you are interested in learning more, please contact [June Tessin](#).

**PTO Dine Around Town - Wednesday, January 21 @ 11am-10pm**

Cecil Whittakers Pizza located at 6018 South Grand will be supporting our PTO on the third Wednesday of each month. Order online or in the restaurant and be sure to mention St. Stephen's.

**SSP Women's Club White Elephant Exchange - Thursday, January 22 @ 7pm**

Women's Club will be meeting in the parish hall for a Rob Your Neighbor/Gift Exchange. Bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$10 or under and join in the fun!

**2026-2027 Enrollment Season Opens - Friday, January 23 @ 7am**

Enrollment season opens for PK2-8th grade. If you enroll before March 1, 2026, you will not be charged the \$150 tuition deposit per student. Beginning March 1, 2026, the deposit will be required. Have a family member or friend interested in attending St. Stephen Protomartyr? Let us know, and you could be the recipient of the \$500 Ambassador Scholarship. More information about enrollment will be coming in the weeks ahead!

**SSP Open House - Sunday, January 25 @ 11am-1pm**

Please join us for our open house! This is where prospective families and seasoned families can stop in and learn more about our school. The school staff and teachers will be on hand to answer questions. Be sure to invite your friends and family! Our Men's club is serving hot dogs, chips and drinks. We will also have a scavenger hunt for the kids! If you are interested in helping with the open house, please contact [June Tessin](#).

**SSP Athletic Association Watch Party - Sunday, January 25 @ 1:30pm**

All are welcome to join in the Watch Party. Register using the link below. The cost is \$40 per person and includes food and beer. See attached flyer for more information. <https://sspathletics.square.site/>

**Catholic Schools Week - Sunday, January 25 through Saturday, January 31**

Our PTO is planning some awesome things for this week. Please stay tuned for more information!

**PTO Winter Uniform Closet Sale - Wednesday, January 28 @ 3pm-4:30pm**

Please come by and shop for winter uniform items to help keep your child warm for the season. We'd love to see you there! **Cash or Venmo accepted.** Questions or can't make it then? Contact Christy Arnold at 314-566-0200 or [cma0917@yahoo.com](mailto:cma0917@yahoo.com)

**Student Catholic Schools Week Dance Party - Friday, January 30 @ TBD**

The PTO is planning a student dance. More information will be coming! Please save the date.

**Men's Club Sports Trivia - Saturday, January 31 @ 6pm**

Thank you for your support of the St. Stephen Men's Club. Entry of \$50 will include dinner, drinks and snacks. Register using the link below. <https://ssphns.square.site/ssp-sports-trivia>

**Helpful At-A-Glance Links**

Homework Club Sign-up by noon the day of: [Sign-up SSP Homework Club Here](#)

Lunch Menu - <https://www.sspeducates.org/lunch>

Morning Care Signup Form: [Morning Care Sign Up](#)

Photo Email Drop: [Photos@saintstephenstl.org](mailto:Photos@saintstephenstl.org)

School Absences - Email [June.tessin@saintstephenstl.org](mailto:June.tessin@saintstephenstl.org) or call 314-752-4700

School Website - [www.sspeducates.org](http://www.sspeducates.org)

Shark Shoppe: [SHOP HERE](#)

Strategic Plan - <https://www.sspeducates.org/five-year-strategic-plan>

Volunteer Signup Recess/Lunch: [Signup Here](#)