



Week at a Glance

Monday, June 1st-June 5th, 2026

Parent/Guardian #37 2025-2026

At St. Stephen Catholic School, we are dedicated to fostering the spiritual, intellectual, and moral development of every child. Grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ and guided by Catholic values, we aim to build a supportive and inclusive community where students are motivated to excel, build strong character, and serve others with compassion and integrity. Through faith-based education, we prepare our students to become lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and faithful followers of Christ

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we move into the busy and exciting month of June, we would like to thank all of our families for your continued support, partnership, and dedication to our school community. St. Stephen CES is truly a wonderful place because of the strong relationships between home, school, parish, and community.

Please take a few moments to carefully review the important upcoming dates and events listed below.

This Friday is a PA Day. Teachers will be working diligently on report cards and final assessments as we prepare for the end of the school year.

Our Catholic School Council meeting this past Wednesday was very informative. We discussed the proposed location and logistics of the new gazebo, as well as planning for our upcoming Fun/Colour House Day on June 22nd. A sincere thank you to the Catholic Women's League for their generous donation of \$300 toward food and drinks for this special event. If you are available to volunteer during the day, please let the school know. We would greatly appreciate your help.

Upcoming Events and Trips:

- * June 8 – Track and Field Day at Cayuga Secondary School
- * June 17 – Father Rudy will be generously providing pizza for all students and staff
- * June 22 – Colour House Day
- * June 24 – Volunteer Tea

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Schaus for helping beautify the front of our school. We appreciate the students who assisted her with weeding, planting flowers, and helping make our school grounds look so welcoming and beautiful.

A special thank you to Mrs. Gaudette and Ms. Jenny for organizing and delivering all the freezies.

A reminder that the last day to submit requests regarding classroom placement for your child is Thursday, June 4.

Thank you as well to Nicholas Arnold for assisting with Track and Field training. This week will be the final week of training sessions. Please ensure your child comes prepared with running shoes and a water bottle each day.

As the warmer weather continues, please remember to send your child to school with a hat and sunscreen to help protect them from the sun during outdoor activities.

If you have any concerns, questions, or compliments, please feel free to contact me. I will do my best to respond within 24 hours whenever possible.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of the St. Stephen CES community. Your support and partnership are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Docherty

Monday, June 1 st , 2026	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Mediation (10:20) • Ontario Day
Tuesday, June 2 nd , 2026	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition Day- Thank you, volunteers • Track and Field practice (2:00) • Have a Go (Mrs. Gaudette) • Primary Freezies delivered
Wednesday, June 3 rd , 2026	Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 2/3 & 3/4 End of Year trip to Splitsville Bowling
Thursday, June 4 th , 2026	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition Day- Thank you, volunteers • PALS 2nd Nutrition Break (Grades 1-3) • Track and Field practice (2:00) • Name that Song and Random Acts of Kindness (2:20) • Jr/Intermediate Freezies delivered
Friday, June 5 th , 2026	PA Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School for students



Upcoming Important Dates & Events

- June 8th- Track and Field @ Cayuga SS (all day)
- June 9th- Track and Field rain date
- June 10th- Track and Field-Super meet @ HT
- June 11th- Track and Field- Super meet @ HT rain date
- June 12th- FDK-Grade 1/2 End of year trip to Mudcat Bowling
- June 12th- Grade 4/5 End of year trip to Adventure Village
- June 16th- Grade 3- Swim to Survive (11:00 am-12:00 pm)
- June 16th- Grade 7- Swim to Survive (12:00 pm-1:00 pm)
- June 17th- Father Rudy is buying pizza for all students and staff
- June 18th- Grade 3- Swim to Survive (11:00 am-12:00 pm)
- June 18th- Grade 6/7 End of the Year Trip to Activate
- June 19th- FDK Graduation (1:30)
- June 19th- Grade 8 Graduation and mass (6:00 pm)
- June 19th- Grade 7- Swim to Survive (1:00 pm-2:00 pm)
- June 22nd- Fun Day (Colour House Day)- all day
- June 23rd-Grade 3- Swim to Survive (11:00 am-12:00 pm)
- June 23rd - Grade 7–Swim to Survive (12:00 pm-1:00 pm)
- June 24th- End of Year Mass (9:15)
- June 24th- Volunteer Tea in the library (10:30)
- June 25th- Last day of school

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2025-26 Elementary School Year Calendar

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
H 1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	P 12
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29	30			

OCTOBER				
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NOVEMBER				
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DECEMBER				
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BH 29	BH 30	BH 31		

JANUARY				
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FEBRUARY				
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23	B 24	25	26	27
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MARCH				
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APRIL				
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JUNE				
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First Day of School - September 2
 Last Day of School - June 25
 B - Committee of the Whole Meeting 4:30 p.m. | Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

- Statutory Holiday
- PA Day
- Annual Meeting of the Board
- Board Designated Holiday
- Catholic Education Week May 4-8

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****FYI****

From STSBHN (the transportation department): As we look ahead to the 2026-2027 school year, please note that the Transportation Parent Portal will open on August 4, 2026, at which time you will be able to review your child's transportation information. If you need to request a change, please ensure that all change requests are submitted no later than September 2 at 12:00 noon. The Transportation Request Form is available here: https://transinfobhn.ca/Workflow/Forms/CA_ON_STSBHN/TransportationRequestV2.aspx?FormVersionId=e9c46559-d052-46ae-b0af-d48c49c7b271 . We encourage families to review transportation details as soon as the portal opens and submit any necessary requests before the deadline to help ensure a smooth start to the school year.

Projected Classes 2026-2027

St Stephen (Regular) [details]															
Teacher(s)	Type	Program	FTE	Totals (Projected Orgs)											
				JK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SP	#
	FTJK/FTK ECE	Regular [K]	1	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
	1/2	Regular [P]	1	0	0	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
	2/3	Regular [P]	1	0	0	0	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Bath, Shawndra (1)	4/5	Regular [I]	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	5	0	0	0	0	21
	5/6	Regular [I]	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	4	0	0	0	22
	6/7	Regular [I]	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	4	0	0	23
	7/8	Regular [I]	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	11	0	23
Totals (Projected Orgs)			7	13	11	8	17	15	16	23	23	16	11	0	153

Kindergarten Entry Process 2026

Tuesday, September 8 - All Second Year Students (SK) and half of First Year Students (JK)
Wednesday, September 9 - All Second Year Students (SK) and half of First Year Students (JK)
Thursday, September 10 and Friday, September 11 - ALL Kindergarten Students

What a Parent/Guardian/Family Member Can Do to Assist in Good Attendance:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpack the night before.

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- **Keep your child healthy.**
- **Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour or another parent.**
- **Try to schedule medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.**
- **If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, the school principal and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.**
- **If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.**

SELF Regulation:

- **Understanding the SELF in Self Reg©**
- The self-regulations as a learning skill that is reported on in the Ontario Report Card is vastly different than the process of Self-Reg©. At BHNCD SB, we continue to explore and embed Shanker Self Reg© practices in our schools as a means to enhance learning, promote well-being, reduce behavioural issues, improve educator well-being and promote lifelong skills.
- Consider the following:
 - Can you pour from an empty cup?
 - Can you help others when you yourself need help?
 - Can you co-regulate without being regulated by yourSELF?
- Knowing yourself and how you respond to different tensions and energy states enables you to effectively support yourSELF and others and provides the opportunity to foster a supportive and stress-aware environment for students and staff.
- Reflect on the video and consider the next steps.

VIDEO LINK:

- <https://bhncdsbca.sharepoint.com/:v:/r/sites/PLR/Shared%20Documents/Understanding%20the%20SELF%20in%20Self-Regulation.mp4?csf=1&web=1&e=ARqhRT&nav=eyJyZWZlcnJhbEluZm8iOnsicmVmZXJyYWxBcHAiOiJTdHJIYW1XZWJBcHAiLCJyZWZlcnJhbFZpZXciOiJTaGFyZURpYWxvZy1MaW5rliwicmVmZXJyYWxBcHBQbGF0Zm9ybSI6IldiYiIsInJlZmVycmFsTW9kZSI6InZpZXcifX0%3D>

Head Lice:

Prevention & Treatment Information: [head-lice-brochure-BCHU-HNHU-booklet-Updated.pdf](#)

Ticks:

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When nice weather arrives, so does the risk of tick bites. The attached factsheet provides families with additional information on protecting themselves against ticks.

Please visit <https://bchu.org/public-health-topic/infectious-disease/ticks/> for more information.”

Public Health Info:

Dear school partner,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Joey Liu, and I am pleased to introduce myself as your school’s new Public Health Nurse. I am new to Grand Erie Public Health but I have been working in Public Health for the past eight years, most recently with Halton Region. Throughout my career, I’ve had the opportunity to work closely with school boards, school administrators, educators, parents, and children and I value the important role schools play in supporting student health and well-being.

I am very much looking forward to working with you and your school community for the remainder of this school year. Over the coming weeks, I will be taking some time to review what your school has done in the past few years, as well as any areas of interest you may have shared in previous discussions with our Health Promoter, Josh. I will also share any relevant public health information that may be helpful for inclusion in your monthly school newsletters. Here is February’s health topic: Bullying.

There are also several current initiatives that may be of interest to your school including:

You’re the Chef

Playground Activity Leaders in Schools (PALS)

Information on implementing student lunch monitors

A staff presentation on teaching food and nutrition using a neutral and inclusive approach

For more information on Public Health Services in schools, please visit our website. Please note that Brantford-Brant and Haldimand-Norfolk PHUs have merged, and our new GEPH website will be coming soon. For now, please continue to find the information you need via our legacy sites.

I would love the opportunity to meet in person to put a face to the name. I recognize how busy school schedules can be and would be happy to accommodate a time that works best for you. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if there are any needs related to your school or if you are interested in initiating any of the initiatives listed above.

You can reach me by email at Jliu@geph.ca or by call/text at 548-885-1697 — whichever is easiest for you. I look forward to working with you.

Warmly,

Joey Liu, BScN, RN (She/Her)

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Healthy Habitats - Healthy Minds

Join us for a fun, hands-on program where youth, ages 7-11 and their caregivers, explore wildlife, learn about turtles, and build skills like mindfulness, empathy, and resilience.

Connect with nature
Grow a healthy mind
Protect local wildlife



Made possible by a TD Friends of the Environment Grant, Child & Youth Mental Health Services and Hobbistee Animal Rescue are excited to offer 4 free interactive sessions.

When: Saturdays: May 16, June 20, July 11, August 15 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Rain or Shine)

Where: 101A Nanticoke Creek Pkwy, Townsend,

Free to youth in Haldimand & Norfolk and Neighbouring Communities. Space is limited!

To Register: Call 519-587-2441 ext. 283 or
Email: nschuur@hnreach.on.ca



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Calling All Young Gardeners

Create a Magical Pollinator Garden  Create Your Calm
Grow Your Mental Fitness  Disconnect from Screens 

We are seeking

POLLINATOR PALS

Are you ready to embark on an exciting and fulfilling journey that not only helps the environment but also enhances your mental fitness?

Come Help Us Plant a Pollinator Garden!



Townsend Garden
Tuesday May 12, 2026
4:30 pm -5:30 pm

101 Nanticoke Creek Pkwy, Townsend

OR

Dunnville Garden
Tuesday May 26, 2026
4:30 pm -5:30 pm

110 Ramsey Drive, Dunnville

Ages 7-11 - Free to youth in Haldimand, Norfolk, and Neighbouring Communities - Space is limited

For more information or to register call 519-587-2441 ext. 283
or email: nschuur@hnreach.on.ca



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A promotional poster for a Star Wars Youth Movie Night event. The background is black with yellow stars and a yellow border. At the top left, a red laser beam points towards the text 'FREE' in white, with 'AGES 13-19' below it. The main title 'YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT' is in large, yellow, outlined letters. Below this, it says 'PRESENTED BY THE WEEK OF THE CHILD & YOUTH, HALDIMAND-NORFOLK'. The date '-MONDAY, JUNE 1-' is in glowing green letters. The movie titles 'STAR WARS: MANDALORIAN AND GROGU' are in red and white. The venue 'THE STRAND MOVIE THEATRE, SIMCOE' and times 'DOORS OPEN @ 6:00, MOVIE STARTS @ 6:30' are in yellow. A blue banner at the bottom says 'FREE POPCORN & POP INCLUDED'. Registration information is provided in yellow text. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a grey planet and a blue bucket of popcorn with a logo.

FREE
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YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

PRESENTED BY THE WEEK OF THE CHILD & YOUTH,
HALDIMAND-NORFOLK

-MONDAY, JUNE 1-

STAR WARS: MANDALORIAN AND GROGU

THE STRAND MOVIE THEATRE, SIMCOE
DOORS OPEN @ 6:00, MOVIE STARTS @ 6:30

FREE POPCORN & POP INCLUDED

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
Register by Phone: (519) 426-5870 x2233
Register by Email: recreation@norfolkcounty.ca
Register Online: norfolkcounty.perfectmind.com