



# Week at a Glance

**Monday, June 8th- Friday, June 12th, 2026**  
**Parent/Guardian #38 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 closer to the end of another wonderful school year, I encourage all families to review the important upcoming events on our school calendar.

On Monday, our Grade 4–8 students will be participating in Track and Field Day at Cayuga Secondary School. The Cayuga students will be selling snacks and drinks that day. Thank you to the parent volunteers coming to help. We will be walking from St. Stephen to Cayuga SS right after morning announcements and walking back to school by 3 pm. We wish all of our student athletes the very best as they showcase their skills and sportsmanship. Students who qualify will move on to the Board Super Meet at Holy Trinity on Wednesday.

A sincere thank you goes out to our staff members who have supported this event through coaching and supervision. Special thanks to Mrs. Gaudette for organizing the calendar of events and to Mr. Bortolotto for coordinating and submitting student registrations for the Super Meet.

I would also like to thank the parents/guardians who have already reached out regarding class placement requests for next year. This week, Mrs. Gaudette, Ms. Jenny, and I will carefully review all requests and do our best to accommodate them whenever possible.

With many exciting field trips taking place during the final weeks of school, some teachers are still seeking parent volunteers to assist with supervision. If you are available to help, your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to the parents and guardians who have already volunteered their time to make these experiences possible for our students.

We continue to explore options for creating additional shaded areas for students during outdoor activities and recess. We are hopeful that we will have more information to share with our school community soon.

We are expecting the return of Mr. Mancini on June 10<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Galinis on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Ministry of Education has announced that June report cards will be distributed both electronically and as a printed hard copy sent home with students.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any concerns, questions, or compliments. I will do my best to respond as promptly as possible.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our school community.

Take care,

Mr. Docherty

Monday, June 8th, 2026	Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Mediation (10:20)</li> <li>• Track and field @ Cayuga SS (all day)</li> </ul>
Tuesday, June 9th, 2026	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition Day- Thank you, volunteers</li> <li>• Track and field rain date</li> <li>• Freezies FDK-Grade3/4 classes</li> </ul>
Wednesday, June 10th, 2026	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Track and field-Super meet @ HT</li> </ul>
Thursday, June 11th, 2026	Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition Day- Thank you, volunteers</li> <li>• PALS 2<sup>nd</sup> Nutrition Break (Grades 1-3)</li> <li>• Track and Field- Super meet @ HT rain date</li> </ul>
Friday, June 12th, 2026	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name that Song and Random Acts of Kindness (2:20)</li> <li>• FDK-Grade 1/2 End-of-Year Trip to Mudcat Bowling</li> <li>• Grade 4/5 End of year trip to Adventure Village</li> <li>• Freezies Grades 4/5-7/8</li> </ul>

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**Upcoming Important Dates & Events**

- 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 24<sup>th</sup>- End of Year Mass (9:15)
- June 24<sup>th</sup>- Volunteer Tea in the library (10:30)
- June 25<sup>th</sup>- Last day of school- Reports go home electronically and a printed hard copy

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# 2025-26 Elementary School Year Calendar

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
1 H	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12 P
15	16	17	18	19
22	23 B	24	25	26
29	30			

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
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6	7 P	8	9	10
13 H	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28 B	29	30	31

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
10	11	12	13	14 P
17	18	19	20	21
24	25 B	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16 B	17	18	19
22	23 BH	24 BH	25 H	26 H
29	30 BH	31 BH		

JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
			1 H	2 BH
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20 P	21	22	23
26	27 B	28	29	30

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
9	10	11	12	13
16	17 H	18	19	20
23	24 B	25	26	27
1	2	3	4	5

MARCH				
M	T	W	T	F
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9	10	11	12	13
16	17 BH	18 BH	19 BH	20 BH
23	24 B	25	26	27
30	31			

APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
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6	7	8	9	10 H
13	14	15	16	17 P
20	21	22	23	24
27	28 B	29	30	

MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
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18	19 H	20	21	22
25	26 B	27	28	29

JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5 P
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23 B	24	25	26 P
29	30			

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](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 <b>ECE</b>	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=eyJyZWZlcnJhbEluZm8iOnsicmVmZXJyYXwBcHAI0iJTdHJIYW1XZWJBcHAI0iLCJyZWZlcnJhbFZpZXciOiJTaGFyZURpYWxvZy1MaW5rIiwicmVmZXJyYXwBcHBQbGF0Zm9yYy1ldiYiInJlZmVycmFsTW9kZSI6InZpZXcifX0%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](mailto:Jliu@geph.ca) or by call/text at 548-885-1697 — whichever is easiest for you. I look forward to working with you.

Warmly,

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# REACH



## 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](mailto:nschuur@hnreach.on.ca)



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