



Week at a Glance

Monday, June 15th- Friday, June 19th, 2026

Parent/Guardian #39 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 approach the end of another successful school year, I would like to ask all families to carefully review the upcoming important dates and events that will be taking place over the next few weeks.

While the end of June is quickly approaching, school is not finished yet! There is still important learning, assessments, and classroom activities taking place each day. Regular attendance and punctuality remain important as we work toward a strong finish to the school year.

With the warmer weather now upon us, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for outdoor activities. We recommend that students bring:

- * A hat
- * A refillable water bottle
- * Sunscreen (if you choose to provide it)

I would also like to congratulate our students who represented St. Stephen School at the Board Track and Field Day held at Holy Trinity Secondary School. They did a great job and represented our school with pride, sportsmanship, and determination. Thank you to our parent volunteers, Ms. Michaud, and Mr. Bortolotto for attending and helping supervise this event.

A reminder to families whose children bike to school: helmets are mandatory and must be worn at all times for student safety. Please take a moment to review the message that was recently sent through School Messenger. Regarding classroom placements for next year. We have carefully considered all placement requests that were submitted and are pleased to share that we were able to accommodate every request received. Due to timelines and staffing considerations, no additional placement requests will be accepted moving forward.

Thank you in advance to all parents and grandparents who have volunteered to help supervise upcoming classroom trips. Your support helps make these experiences possible for our students.

Report cards will be distributed both electronically and in hard copy on Thursday, June 25. **(Last day of school)**

As always, if you have any concerns, questions, or compliments, I will do my best to respond as promptly as possible. Thank you for your continued support of St. Stephen School. Your feedback is valued and helps make our school safer, stronger, and a better learning environment for all students.

Take care,

Mr. Docherty

Monday, June 15th, 2026	Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Meditation (10:20) • Land Acknowledgement
Tuesday, June 16th, 2026	Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition Day- Thank you, volunteers • Grade 3- Swim to Survive (11:00 am-12:00 pm) • Grade 7- Swim to Survive (12:00 pm-1:00 pm) • Freezies Grade FDK-3/4
Wednesday, June 17th, 2026	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father Rudy is buying pizza for all the students and staff
Thursday, June 18th, 2026	Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition Day- Thank you, volunteers • Grade 3- Swim to Survive (11:00 am-12:00 pm) • Grade 6/7 End-of-the-Year Trip to Activate
Friday, June 19th, 2026	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name that Song and Random Acts of Kindness (2:20) • FDK Graduation (1:30) • Grade 8 Graduation and mass (6:00 pm) • Last monthly awards assembly (9:15)- all are welcome to attend • Grade 7- Swim to Survive (1:00 pm-2:00 pm) • Freezies grades 4/5-7/8

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Upcoming Important Dates & Events

- 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- Reports go home electronically and a printed hard copy



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2025–26 Elementary School Year Calendar

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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)											
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	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
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	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=eyJyZWZlcnJhbEluZm8iOnsicmVmZXJyYWxBcHAiOiJtdHJlYW1XZWJBcHAiLCJyZWZlcnJhbFZpZXciOiJTaGFyZURpYWxvZy1MaW5rliwicmVmZXJyYWxBcHBQbGF0Zm9ybSI6IldlYiIsInJlZmVycmFsTW9kZSI6InZpZXcifX0%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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Grand Erie Public Health

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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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