



# St. Stephen's Catholic School

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## From the Desk of Ms. Morri

Greetings!

Raffle ticket season is upon us! Please look in your child/children's backpack today when they get home. Each student K-8 is required to sell 25 tickets and Preschool students 10 tickets. If tickets are not sold your TADS account will be charged. This is a FANTASTIC opportunity for our school. Each dollar raised will go right to the school. If you would like to sell your families tickets after a Mass, please email me and we can set up time to sell your tickets at the table: [dmorri@ststephenchurch.org](mailto:dmorri@ststephenchurch.org).

Save the date- April 1st - 6pm-7:30pm in the school gym - Dr. Jules Nolan will speak to parents about Building Emotional Resilience in Children. As parents, we want to make certain that our kids have every advantage. We suffer when they stumble, are hurt when they are excluded, and worry when they do badly in school. It is our nature as loving parents to involve ourselves and try to help our children solve their problems. And

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frankly, we are happiest when they are happiest. Intuitively, this may seem like best practice in parenting, but recent research tells us a different story. This session will focus on parenting strategies that build resilience from biological and behavioral perspectives. Parents will better understand their children through the lens of brain development and emotional intelligence. They will leave with concrete strategies to help their children, as well as some common parenting mistakes to avoid.

Dr. Jules Nolan, Psy.D., LP, NCSP is a licensed psychologist, nationally certified school psychologist, and president of the Minnesota Association of School Psychologists. An expert in parenting, mental health, and child/adolescent development, Dr. Nolan co-authored a college textbook Real World, Real Challenges: Adolescent Issues in Contemporary Society. She has been an invited speaker at local, national, and international conferences and her published works address adolescent resilience, classroom behavior, and diverse learners. Together with her husband of 31 years, Dr. Nolan has raised 3 children who are now in their 20's and still show up for Sunday dinners and family game nights.

Have a wonderful rest of your week.

God bless,

Ms. Morri

### Afton Alps Friends and Family Bonus Night

St Stephen's Learn to Ski/Snowboard participants, along with their guests, are invited to come out to Afton Alps for a bonus evening of skiing at discounted group rates!

What: St Stephen's Friends & Family Bonus Night at Afton Alps. No need to register; just show up ready to have fun. (Ski School lessons are not included, and require pre-registration. See below for details.)

Who: St Stephen's participants and their guests. No limits; bring as many guests as desired.

When: Sunday, February 17, 2019, any time after 3pm. Stay as late as you want; Afton closes at 9:30pm. There is no school on Monday!

Where: Afton Alps. 6600 Peller Ave S, Hastings, MN 55033. Both the Alps Chalet and Meadows Chalet will be available for ticketing and rentals.

How: Please head to Guest Services at either location to begin your night of fun on the slopes. Let them know you are with St Stephens to receive your discounted group rate.

Cost: \$22 adult (all ages), includes Lift Ticket and Rental Package (including helmet).

Lessons: Please contact Ski School for lesson details, cost and availability. Reservations must be made at least 14 days in advance. Please contact Andrew Johnson, Ski School Supervisor, at [Atjohnson@vailresorts.com](mailto:Atjohnson@vailresorts.com) or (651) 436-5245 ext. 276.

Questions: Please contact Karen Pientka, Event & Group Coordinator, at [kpientka@vailresorts.com](mailto:kpientka@vailresorts.com) or (651) 436-5245 ext. 268. For last-

*Thank You for saving Box Tops!*



*Our school received our biggest check EVER! \$724.00 in Box Tops for Education! Thank you for saving your Box Tops!*

### 8th Grade Students and Parents

High School Information Night Sessions:

Andover: January 14 - 6:30 PM

Anoka: Held last week - notified families

Blaine: January 15 - 6:30 PM

Champlin Park: January 15 - 6:30 PM

Coon Rapids: January 16 - 6 PM

Totino Grace: Please contact directly for placement testing

If you need more information on a different high school, or need more information on a school listed above, please call Heidi in the school office (763) 421-3236.

### Would you like a FREE Basketball?



We had some gently used basketballs donated to our school - they are in the office. Stop by and take one - it's yours!

### Kindergarten OPEN GYM for NEW FAMILIES

Kindergarten Information Night and Open Gym for  
**NEW FAMILIES ONLY**



## St. Stephen's Catholic School

For all NEW families looking for information  
about our Kindergarten.

**Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019**

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

## Open Gym Time

Please bring your student along as well. They  
can play in the supervised gym with other students  
while you learn more about our Kindergarten program.

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## Catholic Schools Week BOOK FAIR Sign Up



We are hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from January 27th to February 1st. This year we are also collecting coins for All For Books. Your donations help our library purchase books, and Scholastic matches these donations to distribute books to children in need. All coin donations will be due by January 31. Thanks and see you at the Fair!

[SIGN UP FOR BOOK FAIR](#)

## 2019-20 SCHOLARSHIPS

The time is **NOW** to sign up for Aim Higher Scholarships. These Scholarships are awarded based on financial need as determined by the TADS financial aid system. TADS applications may be filled out by the parent/guardian of a child who is currently attending or plans to attend a K-8 Catholic school in the Archdiocese of the St. Paul and Minneapolis. For more information,

please click on the link below:

[Aim Higher Foundation Tuition Assistance Scholarship](#)

## Middle School Information Night

# Middle School Information Night

Tuesday, January 15, 5:45– 6:30 PM



Daily access to Chromebooks

- Different Teachers for EACH CLASS
- Homework Club offered to each student
- Small class sizes
- A variety of after school athletic opportunities



Faith-filled Retreats



Student Council Opportunities

Stop in and see what we are all about!

## Angel Award Winners



Congratulations to this week's Angel Award winners Marvin, Michael and Aidan . We are so proud of you and congratulate you for making our school a better place.

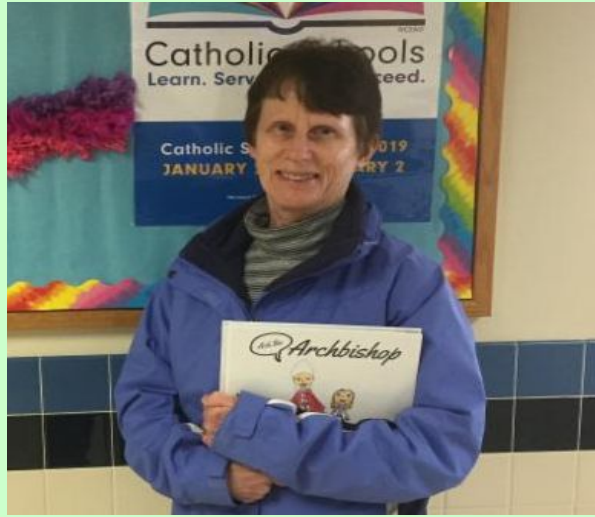
## Spanish Class for Grades K-5 Register NOW

[Spanish Class Registration](#)

Join us as we jet set off to the bustling city of Madrid, Spain with ¡Vamos por la ciudad! (Let's go to the city!) This stimulating class environment will energize and motivate students to learn useful vocabulary about sports, health, and pastimes-- all in Spanish! The engaging classroom journeys include: playing soccer, eating Spanish tapas, participating in

sports at the school, and joining in activities in the park. Authentic Spanish phrases and conversation will be reinforced during each class. Act now to ensure your child is a part of this comprehensive bilingual experience. Limited Spaces Available.

## Volunteer SPOTLIGHT



**Thank you to Joanie Finn, who faithfully volunteers her time constantly in our school kitchen whenever asked, and is always willing and able to come and serve our students. We appreciate YOU! Joanie is also a dedicated worker with the WHO (We Help Others) Group over at church. Thank you for your service to our community.**

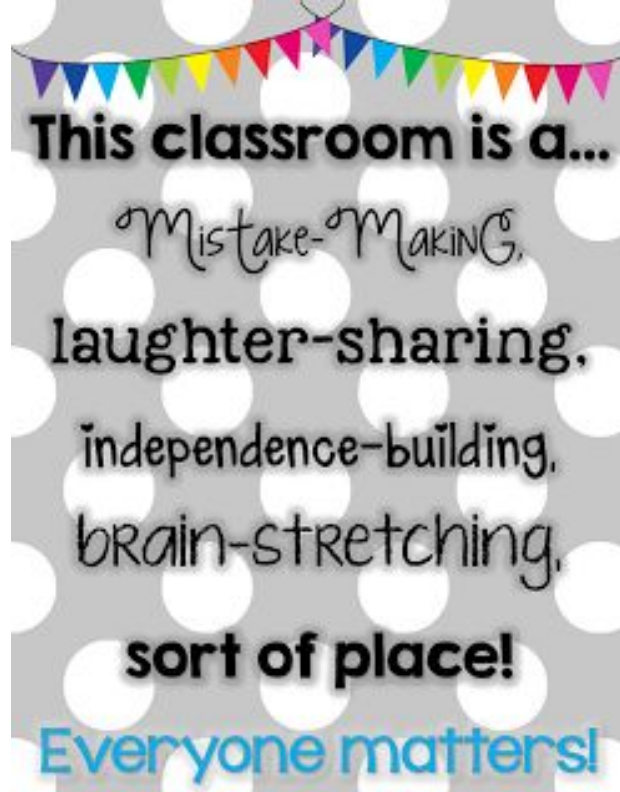
## Mrs. Toenjes Reads a Bedtime Story



**Mrs. Toenjes reads a bedtime story tonight, please view it by clicking on the link below:**

**[Mrs. Toenjes reads a bedtime story](#)**

*Today's Growth Mindset*



## Upcoming Events



January -

- 10 - Kindergarten Open Gym for NEW FAMILIES 6-7 PM
- 15 - Middle School Information Night 5:45 - 6:30 PM
- 21 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
- 25 - 8th Grade Variety Show 8 AM
- 25 - Andover YMCA Preschool Fair
- 27 - Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House 9:30 AM - 12 PM

## January Lunch Menu

The January Lunch Menu is now available  
Click on link to download.

[January Lunch Menu](#)

[Sign up here to Volunteer for LUNCH/RECESS](#)

[View the Lunch Volunteer Calendar Here](#)

## Mission Statement

*St. Stephen's Catholic School is a caring Christian community that nourishes spiritual development and academic excellence.*

