

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Stephen School! We are so pleased that you have decided to consider our school for your child. At St. Stephen School we believe that:

- **Our students are God's gift to the world and our most important asset.**
- **Our purpose is to teach, exemplify and nurture the values and beliefs of our Catholic faith.**
- **Parents are the primary educators of their children and it is our goal as teachers to support, develop, enhance and encourage positive learning that takes place in the home.**
- **We should encourage faculty, students, parents and parishioners to join together in an atmosphere of faith to create an environment of Christian love and support.**
- **Children must be nurtured in a well-maintained, safe environment conducive to learning.**
- **Our academic curriculum must be challenging and consider the unique learning styles and abilities of each individual child.**
- **Knowledge will empower our students to live productive and successful lives and enable them to make a significant contribution to the world that God gave them.**
- **We seek to understand and appreciate the diversity and cultural backgrounds of our school community.**
- **Mutual respect, responsibility and cooperation are key elements in the relationship between both teachers and students, and teachers and parents.**
- **We believe that service to others through acts of charity and prayer are an integral part of Catholic education.**

At St. Stephen School your child will experience a rigorous and relevant curriculum that will not only prepare them for high school but prepare them for the twenty-first century.

Sincerely in Christ,

Patricia Higgins, Principal