



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

## Weekly Update 14 ~ December 10, 2015

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH . DEC 10 7:00 PM K-4 Advent Program (Church)
- FR . DEC 11 8:00 AM School Mass  
10:00 AM Pre-K Christmas Celebration (Doran Hall)  
6:00 & 7:15 PM Audrey Puchtel Tournament (Gym)
- SA . DEC 12 9:30 AM Chess Club (Cafeteria)
- SU . DEC 13 Third Sunday of Advent
- MO . DEC 14 Out-of-Uniform Pass Day
- TU . DEC 15 Audrey Puchtel \$1 Out-of-Uniform Pass for Charity  
6:30 PM School Advisory Council Mtg (room 104)
- TH . DEC 17 Spirit Wear Day  
1:45 PM Band & Choir Preview (Cafeteria)  
7:00 PM Band & Choir Concert (Cafeteria)
- FR . DEC 18 8:00 AM School Mass  
International Christmas Festival
- SA . DEC 19 9:30 AM Chess Club (Cafeteria)
- SU . DEC 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- MO . DEC 21 - FR . JAN 01 School Not in Session ~ Christmas Break
- SA . JAN 02 9:30 AM Chess Club (Cafeteria)

#### ***St. Charles Families,***

***Today my heart beats a couple more times every minute in anticipation of the Advent Service this evening. It is the story of love and our salvation, the story that grabs us by the heart each year and reminds us that we are called by Christ to follow Him.***

***I have a short Advent story to share today:***

***A week ago when my family was taking out the Christmas ornaments, and I came across one given to me by the students of St. Pius X School two years ago. It had a recording on it of the students singing "We Wish you a Merry Christmas." It took me back a couple years to a very special Christmas, the last Christmas that St. Pius X School celebrated. The next day one of my kids erased it, and I didn't even get mad (very proud of myself). The moral of the story is that the most special moments in life can't be replayed, if they could, they wouldn't be as special. Let's honor the memories of Christmas past and be fully present to the miracle and the love of this Christmas.***

***God bless you,  
Danny Kieffer, St. Charles Principal***

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## **Advent Service Information** - Tonight, December 10

The Advent Service is on tonight at 7:00 PM, in the church. Students should meet their teachers in church. We are looking forward to this beautiful evening of prayer and reflection.

**Go to the letter at the attached link to find out more on where and when your student should be in church**  
[Advent Service Letter Link.](#)

We would like to extend a special thanks to Tracy Printing for donating the programs for the Advent Service!

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## **Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund - Due Tomorrow, December 11**

Contributions to the Christmas Staff Appreciation Fund will be accepted until Friday, December 11. The money will be distributed so that every teacher and staff member will receive an appreciation gift. Please see the link for more details: [Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund Information Link](#)

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## **Girls Varsity Basketball 19th Annual Audrey Puchtel Night** - Friday, December 11

Audrey was a longtime member of St. Charles Parish and worked in the school office for more than 20 years. Her children and grandchildren also attended St. Charles School. Audrey was a generous person and always supportive of the Athletic Program. She passed away in 1994, after a courageous battle against cancer.

The 19th Annual Audrey Puchtel Night will take place this Friday, December 11, at the St. Charles Gymnasium. Four Girls Varsity Basketball teams will compete that evening.

6:00 PM St. Helena vs. OLP

7:15 PM Ascension vs. St. Charles

There is no admission charge; however, we will be accepting donations in Audrey's memory to help benefit Our Lady of Peace Cancer Home in St. Paul.

## **Audrey Puchtel \$1 Out-of-Uniform Pass for Charity** - Tuesday, December 15

In addition, St. Charles School will hold an Out-of-Uniform Pass for Charity Day on Tuesday, December 15 to benefit **Our Lady of Peace Cancer Home**. Thank you for your support.

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## **Spirit Wear Day** - Thursday, December 17

One Thursday a month is designated as "*Spirit Wear Day*." Students may wear clothing that displays the St. Charles logo. This includes sweatshirts, t-shirts, kindergarten t-shirt, sports jerseys, sweatpants, and nylon gym pants. St. Charles logo pajama pants are not allowed in school.

Students may wear jeans, sweat pants, running pants, or skirts along with their Spirit Wear top on Spirit Wear Days. These items must meet the out of uniform guidelines. If a student is not wearing any Spirit Wear they are to be in

uniform. See page 12 of the Parent & Student Handbook for more details on what can be worn: [Parent & Student Handbook Link](#)

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## Advent Season

- **School Masses** — Everyone is invited to join us for 8:00 AM School Masses during Advent - on Fridays, December 11 and 18.
  - **K - 4th Advent Program** — Everyone is invited to join us tonight, December 10, for the Real Story of Christmas, as depicted by the students in kindergarten through fourth grade, at 7:00 PM in church.
  - **Parish Advent Penance Service** — Everyone is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent. On Saturday, December 12, at 10:30 AM there will be several confessors present for the Parish Penance Service.
  - **4th-8th Grade Band & 5th-8th Choir Concert** — Everyone is invited to the St. Charles Band & Choir Concert on Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. Come enjoy the Christmas spirit.
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**Do you know a family who may be interested in learning about St. Charles School? Simply have them contact Danny Kieffer at 612-787-1140 for information and a tour or sign up on our website: [Tour & Information Request Link](#)**

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## Looking for a Fun Christmas Gifts?

**Hockey Tickets with the Proceeds Going to the School are a Great Idea - One ticket package has already been scooped up!**

If you are searching for an experience-related stocking stuffer, here is a way to have some fun and support St. Charles as well — proceeds from the ticket package go directly to the school!

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEN'S HOCKEY TICKETS + MORE!

Head down to Mariucci Arena to see the Gophers battle a top-flight Big 10 foe – The game package includes two (2) tickets, a reserved parking pass, and two (2) passes for entrance to the exclusive Club Room! The game package is valued at \$125.00.

**Game Available: Minnesota vs. Michigan, Friday, Feb. 26, 2016**

If interested, please contact Santa (Tom Harrington) at 612-787-1189 or [tharrington@stchb.org](mailto:tharrington@stchb.org).

## Wolf Ridge Calendars Also Make Great Christmas Gifts!

Wolf Ridge calendars are available for \$17. Please stop by or contact the school office, [stchbschool@gmail.com](mailto:stchbschool@gmail.com).

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## Do You Shop on Amazon?

If you like to avoid the check-out lanes and shop online through websites like Amazon, please support St. Charles by selecting us as your charity of choice. What a perfect way to support St. Charles while also getting some holiday

shopping done! If you use Amazon Smile for making all your Amazon purchases, they will donate 0.5% of your purchase back to St. Charles. This is all made possible by shopping on [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and selecting St. Charles as your charity of choice. See how to sign up [HERE](#)

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## Couples' Connect Night - Friday, February 5th, 2016

Save the date for our Couples' Connect Night on Friday, February 5. Come and hear psychologist and professor Dr. John Buri from St. Thomas University speak on igniting and keeping love aflame in your marriage. Connect with your spouse and other couples, too, over beer and wine, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Registration will be available online next week and after weekend Masses in January.

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## Prayer Corner ~

If you would like to add someone to our prayer corner, please email the information to Danny Kieffer at [dkieffer@stchbs.org](mailto:dkieffer@stchbs.org).

- ❖ For Margaret Larson — grandmother of Jake and mother of staff member Amy Krieger — who is in the hospital for heart testing procedures
  - ❖ For eternal rest for Jill Gustafson — grandmother of student Annika G — and for the comfort of her family
  - ❖ For eternal rest for Almera Moses — great-grandmother of students Bianca and Ryder M — and for the comfort of her family
  - ❖ Raymond Pearson — father of staff member Beth Pearson — enduring advanced stages of Parkinson's
  - ❖ For eternal rest for Michael Welter— brother of Grace and '06 graduate — and for the comfort of his family
  - ❖ Ray DeGidio — Great Uncle of Natalie B — fighting lung cancer
  - ❖ Andrea “Annie” Mangan ('92) — battling a very aggressive form of non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
  - ❖ Preston Brandes ('09) — deployment to Syria with the Marines
  - ❖ Stas Thibault — younger brother of Maggie — battling leukemia
  - ❖ Abby Rodin — older sister of Victoria K — battling Susac syndrome
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## Attachments & Links

St. Charles Google Calendar ~ Bookmark it! [St. Charles Calendar Link](#)

St. Charles Google Athletic Calendar ~ Bookmark it! [St. Charles Athletic Calendar Link](#)

St Charles Volunteers~ Bookmark it! [SignUpGenius - St. Charles](#)

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## Middle School Academic Honors (see list of students receiving academic honors below)

Congratulations to all of the middle school students who received academic honors for trimester 1 of the 2015-16 school year!

### 5th Grade High Honors: Trimester 1 2015-16

Anna A.

Samuel B.

Nicholas C.

Anna D.  
Lauren G.  
Andre H.  
Carter P.  
Madelon P.  
Kane S.  
Patrick S.  
Janina T.  
Mathias U.  
Nikalette W.

**5th Grade Honors: Trimester 1 2015-16**

Greta B.  
Vincente B.  
Charlee C.  
Vincent D.  
Ava F.  
Bryce G.  
David H.  
Sofia I.  
Thomas K.  
Jacob K.  
Gabriella L.  
Kin M.  
Erin O.  
Ella R.  
Lila V.  
Audrey W.

**6th Grade High Honors: Trimester 1 2015-16**

Natalie B.  
Bodey C.  
Lauren D.  
Joseph D.  
Keely M.  
Matthew N.  
Ian S.  
Natalie T.  
Samuel W.

**6th Grade Honors: Trimester 1 2015-16**

Matthew C.  
Alex D.  
Ariana E.  
Alexander G.  
Jennifer H.  
Gabriella H.  
Jacqueline H.  
Bianca M.  
Anthony M.  
Kasia S.  
Maria V.  
Sebastian W.

Sophia W.

**7th Grade High Honors: Trimester 1 2015-16**

Matthew C.  
Cheo C.  
Jacob E.  
Thomas H.  
Abigail J.  
Owen P.  
Samina S.

**7th Grade Honors: Trimester 1 2015-16**

Sara A.  
Jordan B.  
Gabriel B.  
Ceilia D.  
Gabriella F.  
Patrick F.  
Amelia J.  
Gianna M.  
Margaret O.  
Ethan P.  
Margaret S.  
Audrey S.  
Ellis S.  
Kedus Y.

**8th Grade High Honors: Trimester 1 2015-16**

Lily C.  
Rebecca G.  
Dillon O.  
Julia T.  
Margaret T.  
Stephen W.

**8th Grade Honors: Trimester 1 2015-16**

Alexandra B.  
Wyatt G.  
Kenneth K.  
Samuel K.  
Rivers N.  
Ingrid U.

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★*Weekly Update* article deadline: Tuesday 2:00PM - Send submissions to [amagee@stchbs.org](mailto:amagee@stchbs.org).★