



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

Weekly Update 15 ~ December 17, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TH . DEC 17 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,

As we sign off for a well-deserved Christmas break, I just want to express what a great year we are in the midst of and thank you for your commitment to St. Charles. I feel we've grown closer as a community this Advent, which heightens my excitement about the future. The St. Charles Staff and I send you many blessings for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

One other thing I'd like to share is a volunteer experience I had here at St. Charles that was awesome. Last week I knew I was going to be around school so I jumped on the our volunteer Sign-Up Genius site to see if I could be of use. I found a slot at the concession stand that was perfect for my schedule. I was greeted by a friendly Mrs. Craemer who showed me everything I needed to know about running the stand. The next thing I knew I was making popcorn, feeding the hungry, and meeting all sorts of friendly folks from St. Charles and other schools.

I was having a ball, and before I knew it, I turned around and my replacements were there: Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Price along with their children. I'm sharing this to encourage you (yes, you) to give volunteering a chance at St. Charles. My reasons are that it is easy to sign up, fun to do, and you'll leave feeling fulfilled and that you have made a difference. By the way, it does make a difference for our school! Please support our school by being of service, I promise you will be thankful for my advice if you follow it.

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

School Event Photo Albums

Have you seen the pictures of the Advent Service, Pre-K Program, and Band & Choir Concert (later this week) on our Facebook page? The page is open to the public (no Facebook account needed) at the link below!

[St. Charles FB Link](#)

St. Charles Annual Fund

You can help us meet our \$10,000 dollar-for-dollar match by responding to our St. Charles Annual Fund.

[St. Charles Annual Fund Link](#)

Audrey Puchtel Day & Out-of-Uniform Pass for Charity

Thanks for your support of Audrey Puchtel Day and Out-of-Uniform Pass for Charity Day to benefit **Our Lady of Peace Cancer Home**. We raised \$824. Thank you for your support!

Catholic Quiz Bowl Tournament Results

Yesterday several of our 8th grade Quiz Bowl players participated in their first Catholic Quiz Bowl Tournament at the University of St. Thomas. They played head to head against 8th graders from Catholic Schools around the Twin Cities. Our team included Stephen W., Julia T., Maggie T., Ingrid U., and Lily C. The team placed among the top ten teams overall out of 44 schools.

Germ City - Wednesday, January 6

Washing your hands is the MOST effective way of not spreading germs. Ever wonder if your child is getting ALL those pesky germs? They will find out on January 6 during Germ City. This is a really fun activity for the kids, as they put simulation germ juice on their hands and look at it under a fluorescent lamp. They then go wash their hands, put them under the lamp again, and see how many “germs” are still there or if they are all gone.

St. Charles 2016 Book Fair - Sunday, January 31

Please mark Sunday, January 31 on your calendars for our Usborne Book Fair to be held in conjunction with our Learning Festival from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. This event will take place in the school library. Watch for more Book Fair details after Christmas break. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Book Fair, please email Mrs. Mac Donald, tmacdonald@stchbs.org or give her a call at 612-787-1112.

Looking for a Fun Christmas Gift?

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.

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. Please see the link for sample calendar photos.

[Calendar Sample Link](#)

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 and selecting St. Charles as your charity of choice. See how to sign up [HERE](#)

**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](#)**

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 available online (<https://stchb.weshareonline.org/WCCouplesNight>) and after weekend Masses in January.

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy - Dec. 8, 2015 – Nov. 20, 2016

Pope Francis asks us to “live this Year in the light of the Lord’s words: ‘Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (cf. Lk 6:36)’” Participate throughout the year by making a pilgrimage to a Holy Door at the Cathedral of Saint Paul

or Basilica of Saint Mary, regularly receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and participating in the #MercyWorks video challenge. Find additional ways to **pray, learn and act** at www.archspm.org/Mercy.

Prayer Corner ~

If you would like to add someone to our prayer corner, please email the information to Danny Kieffer at dkieffer@stchbs.org.

- ❖ For Kenny Hopper — husband of staff member Mary — for his full recovery from surgery today
 - ❖ 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 Lunch Calendar ~ Bookmark it! [St. Charles Lunch 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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★*Weekly Update* article deadline: Tuesday 2:00PM - Send submissions to amagee@stchbs.org.★