



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Weekly Update 11 ~ November 17, 2016

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TH . NOV 17	Give to the MAX Day <a href="https://givemn.org/organization/410706912-7799507">https://givemn.org/organization/410706912-7799507</a>
FR . NOV 18	8:00 AM All-School Mass
MO . NOV 21	<b>Spirit Wear Day</b>
TU . NOV 22	End of Trimester 1 8:00 AM All-School Mass of Thanksgiving
WE . NOV 23	SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION ~ Thanksgiving Break
TH . NOV 24	SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION ~ Thanksgiving Break
FR . NOV 25	SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION ~ Thanksgiving Break
MO . NOV 28	Out-of-Uniform Pass Day
TU . NOV 29	Reconciliation for Grades 5-8
WE . NOV 30	Reconciliation for Grades 3-4

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Today is [Give to the Max Day](#) in the great state of Minnesota. What a perfect event in the month of gratitude at St. Charles — Generosity being the complementary virtue for Gratitude. This day marks the beginning of our Annual Fund which you will certainly hear more about in the next month.

My 8th graders requested a Spirit Wear Day, and a Sicilian cannot refuse a request on this day of Give to the Max. So...on November 21st we will have a Spirit Wear Day.

A change in the weather is on the way; this is your reminder that in the event of possible school closings, we follow the St. Anthony/New Brighton District 282. St. Charles will post school closings on WCCO/CBS, send out a Cornerstone/Educate Alert, and an email to the school community. Please watch these avenues when weather is questionable. [More details for winter at St. Charles can be found here.](#)

Speaking of weather, tomorrow marks the end of our "Mambi Pambi Land" November. It will be cold so please dress your children appropriately because recess goes on unless it is below zero (windchill factor is taken into account).

God bless your weekend,  
Danny Kieffer  
Charger esq.

### Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive/Turkey Raffle ~ Friday, November 18

It is the time of year again for the Thanksgiving Food Drive sponsored by our fourth graders! We are collecting nonperishable food from preschool - 8th grade classrooms and **tomorrow, November 18 is our last day.**

Fourth grade parent volunteers bring the food to the Missionaries of Charity and the Franciscan Brothers of Peace who distribute the food to those in need.

A raffle ticket is given to students for every item they bring in. One grand prize will be raffled off in grades preschool - 4th grade and one grand prize will be raffled off in grades 5 - 8. There will also be other prizes to draw for students who bring in food items. The homeroom with the most donated food will win a pop and popcorn party. Thank you for making the Thanksgiving Food Drive so successful.

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## **Spirit Wear Sales ~ Now through November 27**

Need gift ideas for Christmas? Search no more, the spirit wear store is now open! The store will be open until Sunday, November 27th. **Check out our new items!** Orders should be available by Christmas unless otherwise noted on the website.

[http://davessportshop.net/St-Charles-Spirit-Wear- c\\_223.html](http://davessportshop.net/St-Charles-Spirit-Wear- c_223.html)

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## **Donuts and good company... what could be better? ~ Sunday, November 20**

Sunday, November 20 is Welcome Sunday at St. Charles Parish. Join us for 10:00 AM Mass and afterwards, enjoy donuts in Doran Hall.

All St. Charles School families are warmly invited to attend, even if you aren't members of the parish. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other school families.

If you are a long-time St. Charles parishioner, invite a new family to join us for Welcome Sunday!

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## **St. Charles Blood Drive ~ Monday, November 21**

See flyer for times and to register: [St. Charles Blood Drive](#)

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## **Spirit Wear Day ~ Monday, November 21**

One Thursday a month and some additional special dates are designated as "*Spirit Wear Day*." Students may wear clothing that displays the St. Charles logo. This includes sweatshirts, t-shirts, kindergarten/preschool 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 Spirit Wear they are to be in uniform.

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## **SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION ~ Wednesday, November 23 - Friday, November 25**

School is not in session on these days for Thanksgiving break. Please note, we have an additional day off compared with the St. Anthony School District calendar.

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## **Help Raise Money for St. Charles!**

Tis the season for giving! Did you know there are 4 EASY ways to give back to St. Charles School with products that you already buy?

1. Designate the "Church and School of St. Charles Borromeo" as your charity on AmazonSmile and they will donate 0.5% of qualifying purchases to the school. Our first check this year was \$23.99. We can do better than that!
2. Download the Shoparoo app and snap pictures of your shopping receipts. St. Charles School earns points and those points earn dollars! Our annual check last year was \$70.94 with only 19 supporters. Imagine what it will be in 2017 if the whole school participates!
3. Continue neatly clipping Box Tops on hundreds of products and turn them into the school to be redeemed for money. We sent in 5,867 box tops in November for \$586.70. Let's double that for the spring shipment!
4. Drop off used ink and toner cartridges - big or small - bring them ALL! The school earns money for every cartridge we recycle. See the attachment for details. All funds raised for Home and School are used to support the students and staff at St. Charles.

[More details about these programs can be found here.](#)

Home and School Council is looking for a Fundraising Coordinator or committee. What could be more rewarding than helping raise funds that support and enhance our students' experience at St. Charles School! We are open to new ideas and also have some ideas ready to explore. No experience necessary. Work from home via phone and e-mail!

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### **Get a Wolf Ridge Calendar While Supplies Last ~ Only 2 calendars left!**

Stop in the school office to purchase your calendar today! Checks should be made payable to St. Charles. There are only 2 calendars left!

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### **Spiritual Development Team ~ Month of November**

Our Staff Spiritual Development team has set up a **Gratitude Graffiti** wall between the school entryway and library. Students, staff, and/or ANYONE with a grateful thought may grab a Post-it, a pen of their choice [there's a basketful], and share on our wall.

We will keep our **Gratitude Graffiti** wall going through November. Help us fill the hall with gratitude!

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### **What is Open Youth Room for Grades 6th - 8th? ~ Starts Thursday, December 1**

Middle School Open Youth Room takes place on certain Thursdays during the school year from 2:40—4:30 PM and is open to 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students from St. Charles and others who are members of the parish. We meet in the Youth Room that is located in the basement of the church. Open Youth Room is simply a place where students can come hang out/play games/do homework together in a safe and positive environment. Open Youth Room will be supervised by St. Charles' Director of Youth and Young Adults, Rachel Houglum. Fill out the permission agreement at the link below to participate!

A few other things to note:

- Students who have sports practice may feel free to come after they are finished.
- Students must be picked up at 4:30 by a parent, guardian, or other pre-arranged ride at the Church
- Students are expected to respect both the chaperone and one another

### [Open Youth Room Permission Agreement](#)

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## **Educate/Cornerstone Alert Test Follow Up**

A test message from our Educate/Cornerstone Alert System went out on Monday, November 14. The messages should have been received by phone, text, email, or any combination of these three based on your choices on your Educate/Cornerstone account. Instructions on how to login to Educate/Cornerstone and set up your alert preferences can be found at the link below.

### [Educate/Cornerstone Alert Preference Settings Instructions](#)

If you didn't get the alert this past Monday, your account has not been set up. Please check your setting so you will get school closing and student related information. Contact Angela Bollensen for further information at [abollensen@stchbs.org](mailto:abollensen@stchbs.org).

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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 continued prayers for Charles Seashore who died this past summer — father of 1st grade teacher, Marilyn Seashore — and for the comfort of his family
  - ❖ Marilyn Keating — mother of former teacher Marguerite — full recovery from a broken hip
  - ❖ John Fehrman — grandpa of Jeremy — prayers of gratitude for a successful outcome from heart surgery
  - ❖ Roberta Michalek — mother of Siddalee — full recovery from surgery for an ovarian cyst & for benign results
  - ❖ Cathy Quandt, our K & Pre-K aide — full recovery from a 2nd surgery & speedy return to St. Charles!!!
  - ❖ Lily Cartier — '16 alumna — battling lupus
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## **Additional Links**

St. Charles Website ~ [www.stchbschool.org](http://www.stchbschool.org)

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

St. Charles Lunch Calendar ~ [St. Charles Lunch Calendar Link](#)

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

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

St Charles Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/stchbs>

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★ **Weekly Update article deadline: Wednesday 9:00 AM - Send submissions to [amagee@stchbs.org](mailto:amagee@stchbs.org).** ★