



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Weekly Update 9 ~ November 3, 2016

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR . NOV 04** 8:00 AM All-school Mass for the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo (Church)  
Beginning of Eucharistic Days (Church)
- FR . NOV 05** Chess Club Begins
- SU . NOV 06** Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Close of Eucharistic Days with Archbishop Hebda
- MO . NOV 07** SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION ~ Staff Development  
Wolf Ridge Trip Departs
- WE . NOV 09** 11:20 AM Visit from St. Lawrence High School Seminary Rep with 7th & 8th Grade Boys
- WE . NOV 09** 7:00PM Home & School Council Mtg (Staff Lounge) DATE CHANGE!
- FR . NOV 11** 8:00 AM All-School Mass

Dear St. Charles Parents,

A couple parents have asked about the removal of the climbing wall on the back playground, so I'd like to share what went into that decision. The climbing wall landing was an equilateral triangle with an area of about 4 and a half square feet. This landing was shared with the tube slide entry. There is frequently a line up for the slide, so it becomes a place where kids bump into each other. Having an opening to an 8 foot drop on that same platform was a safety and liability concern for me, especially with the increased use by 3 and 4 year old students. I really like climbing and I like our kids to climb so...

This change has left us with a climbing wall that could use a new home. If you are interested in purchasing the wall from the school, please call me to negotiate a price.

All Saints Day Mass was absolutely packed! Thank you to all of you parents that helped All Saints Day look like Christmas Day attendance at St. Charles. Thank you to our 1<sup>st</sup> graders and their teachers and their parents for bringing us the mini-saints procession once again.

Please keep our 5<sup>th</sup> graders in your prayers as they head to Wolf Ridge on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> for 5 days! Thanks to the staff members and parents going along as chaperones on this trip.

St. Charles faculty will keep the lights on in the building on November 7<sup>th</sup> for some professional development. We'll be beginning the conversation of what the Socratic Method is and how it can be used in the classroom, receiving more training on using iPads in the classroom and learning more about the basic capabilities of Moby Max.

We'll keep the building warm for when the students return on Tuesday.

God bless your weekend,

Danny Kieffer, St. Charles School Principal

### SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION ~ Monday, November 7

School is not in session on Monday, November 7, for a staff development day.

## **Come Cheer on the Varsity Soccer Team at the Twin Cities Championship Tonight!**

The game starts at 7:15 PM at Benilde St. Margaret!

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### **Basketball Registration for Grades 4 - 8**

Basketball registration is now open for grades 4 through 8. Complete the registration/permission form and return it to the school office. The form was sent home with students on Wednesday and can also be found at this link to our website:

<http://stchbschool.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2015/09/Consent-form-Basketball-2016-17.pdf>

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### **The Middle School Student Council Open Gym and Dance ~ Friday, November 4**

Open Gym (5th & 6th Graders) 4:30 - 5:45	Cost: Free
Dance (7th & 8th Graders) 6:15 - 9:15 also in the Gym	Cost: \$3.00

Students attending either are encouraged to bring a canned good to help with local food shelves. This is not mandatory.

Middle School Teachers will be supervising both events.

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### **Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive/Turkey Raffle**

It is the time of year again for the Thanksgiving Food Drive sponsored by our fourth graders! We will be collecting nonperishable food from Preschool-8th grade classrooms in the first three weeks of November. Collection dates are Fridays, November 4, 11, and 18. 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-4 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 and 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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### **Chess Club Registration Open for Grade 3 - 8 ~ (Chess Club Starts This Saturday!)**

Students will learn everything from the basics of opening, middle, and endgame technique to more intermediate strategy and positional play. The club will focus on beginner and intermediate level chess. Students will engage in group instructional sessions as well as one-on-one combat in the Game of Kings during nine Saturday sessions from November - January.

Don't let your child *Risk* missing this fun opportunity to challenge their minds and promote concentration. Encourage your child to grab a *Mate* and *Check* out what this fun game is all about.

Sign up today: [Chess Club Registration Link for Grades 3 - 8](#)

**Who:** Students in grades 3 - 8

**Where:** St. Charles school cafeteria

**When:** Saturdays:

November 5, 12, 19: 9:30 – 11:00AM

December 3, 17: 9:30 – 11:00AM

January 7, 21: 11:30AM – 1:00PM

**Cost:** \$25 per student, \$20 per student for 2 or more family members

**Other:** We are looking for a couple of parents who have interest in chess to support club leadership by helping at meetings. If you are interested, please contact Michael Towle at 651-260-4445 or michaeljtowle@gmail.com.

**Tournament Date:** December 10 (Additional fee to register) Details to come.

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## **Wolf Ridge Calendars & Coffee ~ There is still time to order before they leave on Monday!**

The St. Charles fifth graders are gearing up for their annual trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in northern Minnesota.

The class will be selling calendars containing photos by Ely based nature photographer Jim Brandenburg and coffee beans to help defray the cost of the trip. Calendars are \$17.00. Coffee beans are \$10.00. Coffee is available in both ground and bean form in the following varieties - Velvet Hammer (dark roast), Breakfast Blend (medium roast), Tropical Vanilla, Caribbean Hazelnut and Decaf (medium blend). Orders can be emailed to [mjohnson17@netscape.net](mailto:mjohnson17@netscape.net) or turned in to the office.

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## **Facebook Photos**

Have you seen the photos and videos posted on our Facebook page in the last week? You'll find a great mix from soccer, the Balloon Rosary, Halloween fun, saints procession, and more. We have been busy making *Disciples of Jesus Christ!*

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stchbs>.

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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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## **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).

- ❖ John Fehrman — grandpa of Jeremy — preparing for heart surgery on Wednesday
- ❖ Roberta Michalek — mother of Siddalee — preparing for surgery next week for the removal of an ovarian cyst & for benign results
- ❖ Cathy Quandt, our K & Pre-K aide — recovery from a 2nd surgery for endometrioid cancer & thanksgiving for a cancer-free outcome and 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).★