



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Weekly Update 15 ~ December 13, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. DEC 14** 8:00 AM School Mass (Church)
4:00 PM Audrey Puchtel Tournament (Gym)
- SA. DEC 15** 10:30 AM Advent Penance Service (Church)
- MO. DEC 17** 10:00 AM Funeral Mass for Father LaFontaine (church)
Out-of-uniform Pass Day
SCRIP Orders Due
- TU. DEC 18** Parkway Pizza
6:30 PM School Advisory Meeting (Room 104)
- WE. DEC 19** 6:30 PM Family Prayer Night (Church)
- TH. DEC 20** **Students Wear Red, Green, or Christmas Attire**
1:45 PM Preview Concert (Doran Hall)
7:00 PM Middle School Band & Choir Concert (Doran Hall)
- FR. DEC 21** 8:00 AM All-School Mass (Church)
International Christmas Festival (School)
- MO. DEC 24** School Not in Session ~ Christmas Break
- TH. JAN 03** School Resumes

Dear St. Charles Parents,

In the coming week, we will have Christmas Sweater Day on Thursday, Dec. 20. If your children are not old enough for that, they can just dress Christmassy. On Friday, we will be back in uniform, we'll go to Mass together, and then the International Day of Christmas begins! Five different countries will be visited. Our students will learn about the culture and customs of Christmas in each country.

Thursday evening is our Middle School Band and Choir Christmas Concert. This year it will be in **Doran Hall**. Please join us there for the 7:00 performance. The halls have been filled with the beautiful music they are preparing for us; I can't wait for you to hear it!

This past Tuesday, the St. Charles school and parish staffs were treated to an elegant lunch in Doran Hall. This lunch is put on each year by Home and School as an appreciation of the hard work St. Charles staff members gladly put in for our children. I'd like to thank the leadership and funding of Home and School and all the parents who volunteered to put on the lunch and fill playground and lunchroom duties so the staff could have a FULL HOUR LUNCH! They really did not know what to do with themselves with all of that time to eat; I told them not to get used to such luxuries. ;-)

Charger the pup visited our school this week, but with all the social media and coverage on KSTP, FOX 9, and The Catholic Spirit I feel like I'd be sharing old news if I went on. They scooped me!

Today my desk is full of work that I'm preparing for the 2019-2020 school year. Can you believe it?! How time flies. We have a glorious week leading up to Christmas break and when we return, it will be enrollment season and preparations for Learning Festival and Catholic Schools Week.

Having the Best Week of My Life! Hope you are as well,

Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Father LaFontaine Update

Our dear former pastor, Father LaFontaine, passed away this week. He was pastor at St. Charles from 2000-2014. Here is a link to an article about him: [Catholic Spirit: Fr. Lafontaine](#) . **His funeral Mass will be at St. Charles on Monday, December 17, at 10:00 AM with a visitation beginning at 8:30 AM in the atrium.** There is also a prayer vigil from 7-10 PM at the St. Paul Seminary on Sunday, December 16.

22nd Annual Audrey Puchtel Classic ~ Tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 14, in the Gym

4:00 PM St. Charles Girls Varsity vs. St. Raphael's

5:30 PM St. Charles Boys Varsity vs. St John Paul II

Cost: \$3 for adults, \$1 for those 17 and under.

Audrey, a long-time St. Charles parishioner who worked in the school office for more than 20 years passed away in 1984 after a courageous battle against cancer. Her children and grandchildren attended St. Charles School. Audrey was a generous person and always supportive of the Athletic Program. This annual tournament is an opportunity to raise money for Audrey and Ted Puchtel's favorite charities - Our Lady of Peace Hospice and the Gary G. Wilmer Scholarship Fund. In the past 21 years, \$14,303 has been raised for these charities. As has been the case throughout the history of the tournament, we are very grateful to the referees and student volunteers who generously donate their time.

Middle School Academic Honors

Congratulations to all of the middle school students who received academic honors for the first trimester of the 2018-19 school year! Please see the list of students receiving academic honors below.

Have YOU Seen Charger?

Check out our facebook page to see Charger and to view the video clips from KSTP 5 and FOX 9 News <https://www.facebook.com/stchbs/> (click on the videos or the photo sections).

Help Give Charger His Official Name ~ Drawing is Monday, December 17

We want your help in selecting Charger's registered name! Simply complete an attached Name Raffle Ticket, and send it and \$1 for each entry you would like to make to your child's homeroom teacher. You may buy as many tickets as you like and enter as many veterans as you wish. All money collected will go

towards the final \$200 needed to cover Charger's fees. **On Monday, December 17, we will draw Charger's registered name from all of the entries.** Thank you for your participation.

Advent Season Opportunities and Details

- School Masses ~ Join us for 8:00 AM School Mass on the Fridays in Advent: December 14 and December 21.
 - Parish Advent Penance Service this weekend ~ Saturday, December 15, at 10:30 AM — Everyone is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent. We will have several confessors present for the Parish Penance Service
 - Middle School Band & Choir Concert ~ Thursday, December 20— Everyone is invited to the St. Charles Band & Choir Concert at 7:00 PM in Doran Hall. Come enjoy the Christmas spirit.
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NEW: Score an Out-of-Uniform Pass! SCRIP Orders Due Monday, December 17

Holiday shopping? Use SCRIP to purchase those gifts!

With hundreds of retailers to choose from, SCRIP gift cards make the perfect gift for everyone! Even better, your purchase benefits St. Charles with instant cash back on all orders! In the spirit of giving, **order by Monday, December 17, and receive an out-of-uniform pass for every \$100 purchased.** Orders can be turned in to the office or placed online. Pick-up and delivery available Thursday, December 20. [SCRIP.](#)

St. Charles Ornaments are HERE!

Tis the season for cookies, light displays, and tree decorating! Add some school spirit to your Christmas tree this year with a St. Charles ornament. We are excited to announce this new and limited-supply item available for purchase in December. Home and School will be selling the ornaments after weekend Masses in December. You can purchase an ornament for \$10.00 each, or buy 2 for \$18.00. We had a very generous donor come forward who purchased the ornaments, so ALL proceeds from the ornament sales will go to the Staff Appreciation Fund, which gets distributed to teachers and staff before Christmas break. Please stop by one of the sales tables to buy your St. Charles ornament! [Ornaments](#)

Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund ~ Now through Tuesday, December 18

It's the most wonderful time of year to show your appreciation to our amazing staff at St. Charles School! The Home and School Council asks you to please consider contributing to the St. Charles Staff - Christmas Appreciation Fund. This gift-giving opportunity is voluntary, and no amount is too great or too small! All money contributed is distributed throughout the ENTIRE staff, so EVERY school staff member will receive a cash gift for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please send your check (made payable to St. Charles School) in an envelope marked: "Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund." Please include your child(rens) name(s) as all who contribute will be listed on the card that accompanies the gift. Thank you for your generous support! We wish you all a very blessed Christmas season!

Please return contributions to the school office no later than Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

NEW: Family Prayer Night ~ Wednesday, December 19, at 6:15 PM in the Church

All families, especially children, are invited to join us for a brief teaching on Adoration followed by some Adoration time led by Father Przybilla.

Mitten and Sock Tree ~ Now through Friday, December 21

Once again the St. Charles community will be collecting new mittens, gloves, and warm socks for those in need. Again this year the St. Charles School Charge to Serve Group (formerly Student Council) is joining with the Women's Council to make this happen. The collection will take place from now through December 21. Children and adult sizes are needed. Items can be dropped off in homeroom. Thank you for participating!

Mark Your Calendar for the Father Daughter Breakfast ~ Sunday, January 13

Most every young lady wants to dance with her Dad! Make it happen at the Father-Daughter Breakfast following the 10:00 AM Mass on January 13. More details to come.

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 the repose of the soul of Father Paul LaFontaine and for the comfort of his family.
 - ❖ For a quick and full recovery for former student Jackie ('15), sister of student Jake and daughter of staff member Amy (Also prayers in thanksgiving for a successful surgery).
 - ❖ For extra prayers for staff member Mary Kate Calhoun's mother, Kathleen Marin.
 - ❖ For healing from epilepsy for Anna Stevenson
 - ❖ For healing for Jim Montury, father of staff member Angela, grandfather of former students, Nicole ('10), Abby ('13) & Natalie ('18), great grandfather of student, Leo A.
 - ❖ For healing for diabetic complications for Don Krieger, grandfather of student, Jake K.
 - ❖ For all St. Charles families, new and old, that they may be strengthened by their faith and sheltered in God's loving mercy.
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2018/19 Trimester 1 High Honors

Elena D.

Elizabeth J.

Alexandros K.

Molly M.

Isabel M.

Eliana M.

2018/19 Trimester 1 Honors

Gunnar C.

Emmett G.

Raymond H.

Michael S.

Clare S.

Gina W.

Arianna S.

Brett S.

Maya T.

Tessa T.

Peter V.

Monica B.

Ian B.

Elsa C.

Amy K.

Rita M.

Alyssa M.

Nora P.

Caroline P.

Braden S.

Jacob V.

Joseph V.

Thomas V.

Nathaniel Y.

Faith B.

Alannah C.

Gianna J.

Samantha M.

Riley M.

Gabriel O.

Mia S.

Max B.

Joshua C.

Henry D.

Sophia D.

Henry E.

Clare H.

Thomas H.

Lucy J.

Arman S.

Andrew D.

Clayton D.

Lilyan J.

Adriana R.

William V.

Joseph W.

Greta B.

Charlee C.

Nicholas C.

Vincent D.

Andre H.

Thomas K.

Jacob K.

Gabriella L.

Erin O.

Lucas O.

Mitchell S.

Carter P.

Norah T.

Kane S.

Ben W.

Patrick S.

Anna A.

Ava F.

Christopher L.

Madelon P.

Ella R.

Janina T.

Additional Links

St. Charles Website ~ 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>

St. Charles Parish ~ <http://www.stchb.org/>

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