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Weekly Update 1 ~ September 5, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TH.SEP	05	Online Spirit Wear Store open through September 20
FR.SEP	06	8:00 AM School Mass (Church)
		Following Mass 2018-19 trimester 3 Honor Roll assembly (church)
MO.SEP	09	Out-of-Uniform Pass Day
WE.SEP	11	Band Lessons Begin (Remember your instruments)
TH.SEP	12	NPH Sponsorship Day (for \$1 or more students may wear spirit wear or orange)
FR.SEP	13	8:00 AM School Mass (church)
		7:00 PM Middle School Friday Night Live (school, youth room)
TU.SEP	17	Karate starts
		6:00 PM Wolf Ridge Meeting (MSC)
WE.SEP	18	7:00 PM 2nd Grade Holy Family Parent Info Mtg (cafeteria)
TH.SEP	26	5:30 PM K-8 Parent Information Night
SA.OCT	05	ST. CHARLES SCHOOL MARATHON

Dear St. Charles Parents,

There was a Marathon Pep Fest on the calendar for tomorrow. I have moved it to September 20th to help us focus on some other "beginning of the year" things. Please join us tomorrow at 8:00 AM for our first Mass of the year. We will have a brief honor ceremony following the Mass for trimester three 6th-8th grade honor students from last year.

Yesterday's dismissal went much better with the bus lane on Stinson staying clear and no honking buses! As a reminder, we need to keep that lane clear from 2:30-3:05, the bus arrival times can vary, so please don't park there. We reserve the area in front of the bus lane for preschool pick up. This helps our pick-up line in the parking lot go so much faster. Yesterday the pick up line cleared in about 5 minutes which was a huge improvement from Tuesday. Thank you for your cooperation!

Fall sports began this week and are off to a great start! Please see the "Lego League" attachment for information about this club. We hope to have two teams made up of our 5th-8th graders. The team members have a great time and learn a ton!

We have a new theme this school year, and I think most of the school already has it memorized. This year's theme is "The Way." In the Gospel of John Chapter 14, Jesus is speaking to his apostles and responds to Thomas's question, "How can we know the way?" Jesus is very clear saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the

life" This year, we will be focusing on "The Way" - following Jesus Christ. This theme can also be applied to "the way" we do things, "the way" we treat our classmates, "the way" we treat our parents and teachers, the list goes on.

On Sunday, September 8, St. Charles School will receive the Peacemaker Minnesota Achievement of Excellence Award at Target Field before the Twins game. We are receiving this honor because of how our students responded on the Olweus Bullying Survey that they take at the end of each year. This survey has about 30 questions broken down into 10 indicators - all ten indicators were better than the national average. Of the 28 Peacemaker schools, we were the only one to accomplish this. I'm very proud of our staff and students, and the work they have done. The work is never done in keeping a peaceful environment where kids feel safe, so we will continue to work for peace and justice.

We have hired a K-4 music teacher and parish music director for St. Charles! Fr. Przybilla will be announcing more details over the weekend. The new teacher will be in the building next week and begin teaching the following week.

Thank you for your partnership,

Danny Kieffer St. Charles Principal

Remember to check your Back to School Packet for your school handbook, Marathon information, and end of the day pick-up signs for the visor of your car!

It's MARATHON time!

Mark your calendars for the annual St. Charles Marathon on October 5 and start fundraising now! We hope you found your Marathon packet and sponsor log in your Back-to-School packet. The weather is still nice, so we hope our students will be able to get out to neighbors and friends soon!

The Spirit Wear Shop is open through September 20!

The St. Charles online Spirit Wear Shop is now open through Friday, Sept. 20. Check out the NEW slouch beanies, jogger-style-sweatpants, and updated performance shirts – as well as sweatshirts, water bottles, baseball hats, and more items for the entire family – all featuring our Chargers logo. Ordering instructions and a link to the online store can be found on our website at www.stchbschool.org/for-parents/spirit-wear/.

Purchases will be delivered to the school and distributed in mid-October. If you have any questions, contact Mary Urdahl at urdahl.mary@gmail.com or Kari Domeyer at karidomeyer@gmail.com

NPH sponsorship donation & Spirit Wear day

On Thursday, September 12, we will celebrate our partnership with NPH (Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos). Students may bring in a donation of \$1 or more to support the child their grade is sponsoring, and in turn,

they may wear St. Charles Spirit Wear or something orange (NPH color) to school.

Soccer and Volleyball Registration for Grades 4-8 ~ Due Friday, September 6

It's not too late to sign up your 4th - 8th grade student for soccer or volleyball! Registration forms available in the office. **Please return forms tomorrow**.

Honor Roll Assembly for 2018-19 Trimester 3 ~ Friday, September 6

Following 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, September 6, the current 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who received honors and high honors in the final trimester of the last school year will be acknowledged. Come to Mass and stay to applaud their accomplishments.

5th Grade Parents Wolf Ridge Trip Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 17

The 5th grade students will be heading to Wolf Ridge Environmental Camp in about nine weeks. All parents of 5th grade students are encouraged to attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, at 6:00 PM in the Middle School Commons (MSC) to get more information, pick up forms, find out how you can be a part of this momentous week, purchase Wolf Ridge calendars to help get the fundraising started (bring your checkbook), and more. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Maggie Hintz at mhintz@stchbs.org.

Interested in Karate?

Karate begins on Tuesday, September 17. More details next week.

Holy Family Info Meeting for Parents of 2nd Grade Students ~ Wed, September 18

The Holy Family Information Meeting for parents of second grade students preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Wednesday, September 18, at 7:00 PM.

Youth Ministry for Grades 5-8

Check out the exciting new opportunities for middle school students St. Charles Youth Ministry

School Year Reminders

- Please send a note to school if there is a change in your child's end of the day routine.
- Please remember that there is NO PARKING on Stinson Boulevard in front of the parking lot and school area.
- All children waiting for rides after 3:00PM will be sent to the St. Charles After School Care for safety reasons.

Prayer Corner ~

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

- Please pray for our school office staff member Sue McSherry as she continues to battle cancer.
- Please pray for Jim Montury, father of staff member Angela, great grandfather of Leo & Flora A, as he battles pancreatic cancer.
- Please pray for Kelly Kammers, our cafeteria staff member, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Please pray for Susan Bushey who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a mother of former students.
- For healing for student Torin N's grandmother.

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

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