

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. SEP 13** 8:00 AM School Mass (church)
7:00 PM Middle School Friday Night Live (gym)
- MO. SEP 16** Out-of-uniform passes may be used
2:40 Middle School Bible Series (youth room)
- TU. SEP 17** Karate starts
Parkway Pizza "Dine out for Schools" night
6:00 PM Wolf Ridge meeting for 5th grade parents (MSC)
7:00 PM School Advisory meeting (104)
7:00 PM Dessert in the Desert Women's Night (Doran Hall)
- WE. SEP 18** NWEA testing begins
2:40 PM Middle School Open Youth Room (youth room)
7:00 PM 2nd Grade Holy Family Parent Info Mtg (cafeteria)
- TH. SEP 19** 6:00 PM Catholic Watchmen (Doran Hall)
- FR. SEP 20** 8:00 AM School Mass (church)
2:40 PM Middle School St. JPll Society (youth room)
- WE. SEP 25** All School Picture Day
- TH. SEP 26** **5:30 PM K-8 Parent Information Night** (cafeteria)
- SA. OCT 05** **ST. CHARLES SCHOOL MARATHON**
- TH. OCT 24** Virtus Training Session (St. Charles Doran Hall)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

The first weeks of school have flown by, and the foundation for a great year is being built. The first thing I want to mention is that fall NWEA MAP testing will begin next week. The students in grades 2-8 take math, language arts, and reading tests. The students in grades K-1 only take the math and reading tests. Each test has 42-52 questions, and they take approximately 50 minutes to complete, although they are not timed.

In the past, we have only tested in the fall and spring even though NWEA offers the option to take a winter test. This year, mainly due to teacher requests, we are considering the winter test. The fall tests give our teachers a good sense of student strengths and weaknesses as well as class-wide strengths and weaknesses. By the time December and January roll around, that fall data is no longer accurate, and the teachers would like to see a fresh inventory. It lets them know where their efforts have been effective and helps them identify areas that still need attention. More to come as we look into this.

Today we had our first NPH Day of the year, and it was a success. For new families, I apologize for not giving you more of a preview of this school project. Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) means "our little brothers and sisters." There are about ten large orphanages across Mexico and Central America that care for kids who have lost their parents or whose families cannot provide for them. Each month, we celebrate the relationship and sponsorship of nine children (one for each K-8 grade level) who live at the Honduras NPH "ranch." The celebration includes wearing Spirit Wear or orange (NPH uniform color), bringing a \$1 donation (students may bring more if they wish), and praying for these students. We are assured that as a part of this relationship, the prayers are also coming from Honduras for St. Charles. We did not receive letters last year from the kids due to a paperwork mishap, but we will receive them this year and plan to write back. Here is a link with more information about the project: <https://www.stchbschool.org/our-faith/service/nph-partnership/>

Thank you for reading everything!

Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

MARATHON is Saturday Oct. 5th!

Please encourage your K-8 student to start fundraising for this important event that directly supports our school. The first Collection Tuesday is coming up on September 17.

The Marathon packet and sponsor log were distributed at Back to School night, but you can also find all the information online here: [marathon](#).

Please reach out with questions: Adam and Kelly Stein (stei0418@gmail.com)

Food Allergies & Marathon Day:

We will be serving donuts on Marathon Day. We will also be providing donuts/treats for students with food allergies. If your child has a food allergy please contact Shelly Craemer by **Tuesday, Oct 1st** (shelly.craemer@gmail.com or 612-590-7964) to discuss options and place your allergy friendly order* for your child. Allergy friendly donuts will be purchased from Sift Bakery <http://siftglutenfree.com/> and YoYo Bakery <http://yoyodonuts.com/>. Other options can be provided upon request. ***Quantities will be limited to those that pre-ordered so make sure to place your allergy friendly order ahead of time!**

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

The 5th grade students will be heading to Wolf Ridge Environmental Camp in about two months. All parents of 5th grade students are encouraged to attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September

Karate is after school on Tuesdays starting September 17.

Click here to learn more about Sterling Karate: [Karate Info](#)

Register here: [Sterling Karate Registration](#)

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.

ONLY 10 More Days to Order Spirit Wear!

The St. Charles online Spirit Wear Shop is 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

School Picture Day ~ Wednesday, September 25

School pictures (preschool - grade 8) will be taken on Wednesday, September 25. This is an out-of-uniform day. Watch for more details.

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.
 - For safety reasons, after 3:00 PM, all children still waiting for rides will be sent to the St. Charles After Care Program.
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NEW to Volunteering at St. Charles? Thursday, October 24

If you are new to volunteering at St. Charles and would like to volunteer in the classroom, chaperone a field trip, help out at concessions, etc, please sign up for a required VIRTUS training session.

live VIRTUS training, you will not need to attend another. All of the volunteer requirements need to be updated online every three years. Please contact Ann-Marie Magee if you have questions (amagee@stchbs.org). **Advanced registration is required for the VIRTUS Training sessions at www.virtus.org.** Thanks for your service to St. Charles School!

NEW: St Charles Community Outreach

Staff Services works to acknowledge life-changing events involving our staff, students (current and past), and their families. Such events may include critical illnesses and deaths. If you have information about current or former students who have lost a loved one, or are in need of prayerful support, please contact our Staff Service Committee liaison, Mrs. Teri Wysopal at 612.787.1107 or via email at twysopal@stchbs.org

Calling All Girls

Schoenstatt Girls Youth is back! All girls are welcome! Schoenstatt is a German word that means “beautiful place,” and this group is a Marian movement within the Church. As Schoenstatt Girls Youth, we try to follow Mary’s example by learning about our faith and striving to grow in virtue by placing ourselves into Mary’s care as her children. At our monthly meetings, we pray together, sing songs, play games, do crafts, and learn about Mary, Jesus, and practical ways to live out virtue in our daily lives. We meet once a month on Fridays right after school, from 2:40-4:15. Our first meeting is September 20. Contact Annette with questions at annette.fink.86@gmail.com. To register please complete the attached form or pick up forms in the office. Forms may be returned to the school office.

Parish Corner

Youth Ministry for Grades 5-8

Check out the exciting new opportunities for middle school students [St. Charles Youth Ministry](#)

Calling All Women ~ Tuesday, September 17

Come feed your body and spirit at the new **Dessert in the Desert** gatherings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. These gatherings are meant to be an opportunity for you to slip away from your duties as wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, aunt, caregiver, bread-winner, et cetera, et cetera to enjoy time in the desert (which in our case will be Doran Hall) for prayer, community, and an inspirational talk and discussion afterward. 7:00 PM Gathering; 7:20 PM Opening Prayer; 7:30 PM Speaker; 8:00 PM Discussion

Calling All Men ~ Thursday, September 19

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 the repose of the soul of Jim Montury, father of staff member Angela, grandfather of alumni Nicole, Abby, and Natalie, and great grandfather of Leo & Flora.
- ❖ Please pray for our school office staff member Sue McSherry as she continues to battle cancer.
- ❖ Please pray for Kelly K, staff member, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- ❖ Please pray for Susan B who was recently diagnosed with cancer - a mother of former students.
- ❖ For healing for student Torin N's grandmother Jody.

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>

★Weekly Update article deadline: Wednesday 9:00 AM - Send submissions to mwappes@stchbs.org.★