



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

Weekly Update 11~ November 21, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. NOV 21** 6:30 PM Catholic Watchmen (Doran Hall)
7:00 PM Green Team Meeting (104)
- FR. NOV 22** 8:00 AM School Mass (church)
2:45 PM Schoenstatt (cafeteria)
NO Middle School JPll meeting today
8th Grade Confirmation Retreat Begins
- SA. NOV 23** Women's Council Bake Sale after 5 PM Mass (Doran Hall)
- SU. NOV 24** 9:00 AM -11:30 AM Women's Council Bake Sale (Doran Hall)
Welcome Sunday after 10:00 AM Mass (Doran Hall)
- MO. NOV 25** Out-of Uniform Pass Day
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Blood Drive (Doran Hall)
- TU. NOV 26** 8:00 AM School Mass of Thanksgiving
End of First Trimester
Last Day to Sign Up for 2nd & 3rd Grade Basketball
2:40 PM Middle School Bible Series (youth room)
Last Day to Order Spirit Wear from the Online Store
- WE. NOV 27** SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION - Thanksgiving Break
- TH. NOV 28** SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION - Happy Thanksgiving
- FR. NOV 29** SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION - Thanksgiving Break
- SU. DEC 01** First Sunday of Advent
- MO. DEC 02** Second Trimester Begins
Out-of Uniform Pass Day
- TH. DEC 05** **7:00 PM K-4 Advent Program (church)**

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Our week is quickly coming to an end, and so is the first trimester. There won't be a Weekly Update next week with only two days, so I'll take the chance to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving on behalf of myself and the St. Charles staff. Yesterday, I had the chance to sit at the conference table and enjoy coffee and light conversation with some St. Charles parents. Thank you for joining "Coffee with the Principal," and if you missed this one, maybe you can make the next one.

After Christmas break, we will do a round of winter MAP testing. This decision came about through teacher requests and my agreement that it will be worth the investment of time to see where the students are halfway through the year. In the beginning of the year, the fall results are valuable for understanding what the students already know, and what they are ready for. By January, much has changed, and there is a need for another "dipstick" to show us where they have achieved proficiency, and where we need to focus our attention. This will provide valuable data to inform planning and instruction for those crucial winter and early spring months. With this being the first year of winter testing, we plan to do math (for sure), reading (maybe), language (probably not). If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

On the other side of Thanksgiving, we jump right into the season of Advent with three good weeks of instruction before our Christmas break. I think we're all looking forward to the K-4 Advent Program and Middle School Christmas Band & Choir Concert. There will be details to come about attending and having your children in the right place at the right time. Let us begin the celebration of the anticipation, the excitement, and the glory of Christ's birth!

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Thanksgiving Food Drive ~ Tomorrow is the LAST Day to Bring Food

Please send in food donations for the 4th grade's 25th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive! The donated food is brought to the Missionaries of Charity in Minneapolis and to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in St. Paul. The sisters are requesting specific foods/goods listed below. The brothers are in need of any donated foods/goods. Please be generous in this corporal work of mercy: feeding the hungry! Food/goods may be sent to school through Friday, November 22. Top donating students each week will have their names announced on Friday afternoon.

Requested foods/goods - dried beans, white rice, maseca flour, cooking oil, cereal (any), noodles (any including Ramen), spaghetti noodles, and sauce. Also appreciated are diapers in sizes 3, 4, 5 and paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex) and personal hygiene products

NEW INFO: Online Spirit Wear Store Closes Tuesday, November 26

The St. Charles online Spirit Wear Shop is now open through Tuesday, November 26, and **features a new Chargers shirt. Check out the limited edition shirt featuring the new School and Church theme, "The Way, The Truth & The Life!"** Winter hats and beanies are also a great gift for the cold weather. Orders will arrive before Christmas break (if yours is a Christmas present and should **not** be sent home with your student, make a note in the comment section on the ordering website). Instructions and a link to the online store can be found on our website at [SpiritWearStore](#). Any questions, contact Mary Urdahl at urdahl.mary@gmail.com

2nd and 3rd Grade Intramural Basketball ~ Register by Tuesday, November 26

The Intramural Basketball Program is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn the basics of basketball in a fun environment. Consent forms are due by Tuesday, November 26. Forms and information are

available at: [Intramural BB](#)

Home and School News

- Christmas is just around the corner. Please check the following link regarding the St. Charles Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund. The funds collected will be dispersed among the entire staff of St. Charles. Thank you for your generosity. [Staff Appreciation](#)
 - Are you wondering when to keep your child home during the cold and flu season? Check out the new "Health Policy" section on the school webpage [here](#) .
 - Thank you for taking the Marathon survey! Please check the sign up genius link for volunteer **opportunities that include setting up the school Christmas tree, Germ City, and more** for the rest of the year [here](#). THANK YOU!!!!
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NEW: K-4th Grade Advent Service ~ Thursday, December 5

The K - 4th grade Advent Program is Thursday, December 5 in the church. Everyone is invited to join us for the Real Story of Christmas, as depicted by the K-4 students. K-4 families, please check the link for specific details about when and where your student needs to be that night. [Advent Service](#)

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

Parish Corner

Bake Sale ~ November 23 & 24

Stop in Doran Hall after Mass this weekend to purchase delicious, home-baked goodies for your Thanksgiving celebrations. All money goes to support our St. Charles Women's Council.

Welcome Sunday ~ Sunday, November 24

Sunday, November 24, is Welcome Sunday at St. Charles Parish. Join us to celebrate 10:00 Mass and afterwards, enjoy the Women's Council Bake Sale 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!

St. Charles Thanksgiving Clothing Drive through November 24

Bring your gently used clothing to church this weekend to be delivered to Sharing & Caring Hands next week. It's easiest if clothing is in plastic bags and labeled by type (men, women , boys,...)

Be a Hero: Give Blood on Monday, November 25

Go to: <https://www.mbcherohub.club/index.cfm?group=op&expand=52108&zc=55418> to sign up for a time to donate blood between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Questions? Please contact Parish Nurse Mary Anne Frank at 612-787-1182 or mafrank@stchb.org.

Middle School Youth Opportunities

Check here for all the middle school youth group events: [St. Charles Youth Ministry](#)

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 Kelly N., mother of Brynn and Aiden, as she battles cancer and for the success of her upcoming procedure.
- ❖ For staff member Glenn Kaslowe's 2 year old grand nephew Liam who had surgery and is now starting chemo for cancer, and in thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Liam's baby sister.
- ❖ For John M. grandfather of students Makenna, Asher, and Camden S, for healing from a serious blood infection and from open heart surgery.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Sue McSherry and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For healing for Holden's grandmother Beverly.
- ❖ 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. And for the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For Kelly K, staff member, for healing from cancer.
- ❖ For Susan B, for healing as she battles cancer - mother of former students.
- ❖ For healing for student Torin N's grandmother Jody.
- ❖ For healing for great, great aunt of Lilly and Leo M. and Noah, Luke, and Mike S. - who has stage 4 leukemia.
- ❖ For all St. Charles families, new and old, that they may be strengthened in their faith and sheltered in God's loving mercy.

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>

Totino-Grace K-3 Wrestling Camp Opportunity [Totino-Grace K-3 Wrestling Clinic 2019](#)

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