



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

Weekly Update 13~ December 12, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. DEC 13** 8:00 AM School Mass followed by the Middle School Honor Assembly for Trimester 1
9:15 AM Preschool Christmas Program (cafeteria)
9:45 AM Pre-K Christmas Program (Doran Hall)
7:00 PM Middle School Friday Night Live (gym/youth room)
- SA. DEC 14** 10:30 AM St. Charles Advent Penance Service (church)
- SU. DEC 15** Coffee & Donuts following Sunday Masses (Doran Hall)
- MO. DEC 16** Out-of Uniform Passes May Be Used
SCRIP Orders Due
- TU. DEC 17** Parkway Pizza Fundraiser Day
2:40 PM Middle School Bible Series (youth room)
6:30 PM School Advisory Meeting (104)
- WE. DEC 18** 2:40 PM Middle School Open Youth Room (youth room)
6:30 PM Confirmation Refuel for Students & Sponsors (Doran Hall & church)
- TH. DEC 19** Students May Wear **RED & GREEN or Christmas Attire**
Menu Change for Today (see below)
1:30 PM Preview Concert (Doran Hall)
7:00 PM Middle School Christmas Band & Choir Concert (Doran Hall)
- FR. DEC 20** 8:00 AM School Mass
International Christmas Festival (school)
6:30 PM Audrey Puchtel Basketball Tournament (gym)
- MO. DEC 23** School Not in Session ~ Christmas Break
- TH. JAN 02** School Resumes

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Home & School puts on a Christmas lunch for our staff each year, and this year it will be on Wednesday, December 18. The staff looks forward to this because the food and service are amazing, and they get a full hour for their lunch! To help give this gift to our faculty, we need coverage. Parents have stepped forward each year to make this available. Please consider going on sign-up genius to see if the times work for you [Sign-upGenius](#).

The preschool and prekindergarten Christmas performances are tomorrow! We will open the lower lot for parking for parents and grandparents. The preschoolers in Ms. Huggar's class will have their performance in the cafeteria at 9:15 AM. The prekindergarten students in Mrs. Kenny and Ms. Fox's classes will be at 9:45 AM in

Doran Hall (part of the church building). Please know that there are over 100 adults who have RSVP'd for each performance, so it will be a good idea to show up a bit early to allow time for parking and seating.

The office staff and I have our attention not only on the Advent and Christmas season, but "Enrollment Season!" On the other side of break, it will already be time to enroll for the 2020-2021 school year! The priority enrollment period for parishioners and current families opens on January 9. Re-enrolling students is a very simple process. Please make sure that you lock in your child's place at St. Charles before we open to the general public on January 16. Tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year will be published on the website by January 3, and I'll email them out as well.

Next Thursday, students may dress for the season in red, white & green apparel. Christmas sweaters are encouraged, of course! Friday will be our International Christmas Festival, a tradition where our students learn about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world. This year your children will visit five countries: Panama, Germany, Italy, England, and Ireland.

Thank you for your support from home, and God bless your Advent,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

NEW: Trimester 1 Honor Roll Assembly ~ Tomorrow, Friday, December 13

Following the 8:00 AM Mass tomorrow, the 5th-8th grade students who received honors in the first trimester will be recognized. Come to Mass and stay to acknowledge them for their accomplishments.

Advent Season Opportunities and Details

- **School Masses** ~ Join us for the 8:00 AM School Mass on the Fridays in Advent: December 13, and December 20.
- **Parish Advent Penance Service** ~ Saturday, December 14 — Everyone is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent. On Saturday, December 14, at 10:30 AM there will be several confessors present for the Parish Penance Service.
- **Middle School Band & Choir Concert** ~ Thursday, December 19 - Everyone is invited to the St. Charles Band & Choir Concert at 7:00 PM in Doran Hall. Come enjoy the Christmas spirit.

Make Your List and Check It Twice... FINAL CALL for SCRIP Orders

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!

- **Orders can be turned in to the office or placed online by Monday, December 16.** New this year - payment can be made by check or online by debit OR credit card.
- Pick-up and delivery available Thursday, December 19.

For more information on how to register or to download a printable order form, please visit

<https://www.stchbschool.org/for-parents/scrip-program/>

Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund ~ Now through Tuesday, December 17

Brought to you by the Home and School Council

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 17.

For more information: [Staff Appreciation](#)

Home and School News

- Please check the sign-up genius link for volunteer opportunities for lunch/recess duty during the December 18 Staff Christmas Lunch [here](#).
 - **Concessions:** The Home and School Council will again be offering concessions at all home basketball games. The proceeds from the concession stand fund many things throughout the school year, such as the bus to Wolf Ridge, artist in residence, teacher appreciation week and many other activities. **Please consider volunteering an hour or two throughout the season to help make this successful for everyone.** You can sign up on the Sign-Up Genius link at [Concessions](#). The link is also found on the Get Involved section on the school website. Questions? Contact Beth at 2384pollard@gmail.com.
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NEW: Menu Change for Thursday, December 19

The menu options for Thursday, December 19, have been changed to Toasted Ham & Cheese or Toasted Cheese; Creamy Tomato Soup, Mandarin Oranges, Chocolate Chip Cookie

Mitten and Sock Drive ~ Through Friday, December 20

Once again the St. Charles community will be collecting new mittens, gloves, and warm socks for Catholic Charities for those in need. *Charge to Serve* is joining forces with the Women's Council to make this happen. The collection will take place from now through December 20. Children and adult sizes are welcome, with the greatest need being warm adult socks. Items can be dropped off in homeroom. Thank you for participating!

NEW: 23rd Annual Audrey Puchtel Classic ~ Friday, December 20

6:30 PM St. Charles Girls Varsity vs. St. Raphael's

7:30 PM St. Charles Boys Varsity vs. St. Raphael's

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 22 years, \$14,816 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.

NEW: Have You Heard About Germ City?

This week the students had the opportunity to participate in "Germ City," a program that focuses on good handwashing. Please continue to work with your children on these key points:

- Scrubbing is the most important step
- Scrubbing needs to happen for a minimum of 20 seconds.

If you would like more information the Minnesota Department of Health and Center for Disease Control websites are very helpful.

Please take time to review the school's health policy. It is extremely important that your child (ren) are feeling better and NOT spreading/sharing their illness with others. Information can be found on the school's website. Go to : "For Parents "tab then follow the drop down menu to "When my child should stay home." [HealthPolicy](#) Thank you for being a team player.

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

Middle School Youth Opportunities

Friday Night Live December 13 7:00 PM (open to all 5-8th graders) stchb.org/fnl

Extreme Faith Camp June 22-26 (open to current 6-8th graders)

It's hard to be thinking about summer, but the sooner you sign up your child with a deposit for EFC it will secure them a spot this summer. We expect a full week again, and I would love to have 35 kids this year (we had 21 last summer) We never want money to be the issue for your child to come

to something we offer, so please contact me if that is the reason you are feeling like you can't have your child attend. Scholarships are always available. stchb.org/efc2020

Craft & Game Night ~ Saturday, December 21

Ladies: in the busy-ness and hustle of the holidays, aren't you ready for a quiet, low-key evening? Join us for Craft & Game Night! This event is for all ages. Bring a project, a game, your mother, your daughter, your friend, or just yourself. Here's an idea: bring the presents you still need to wrap, and use the big tables to get them all finished!

Saturday, December 21 in the St. John's Education Center from 6:10 p.m. (right after 5:00 Mass) through 9:00 p.m. This event is come-as-you-are, come-when-you-can, stay-as-long-as-you-can. Contact Catherine if you have any questions: cahwalker@usfamily.net or 612-782-8795.

Mark Your Calendar for the Mother/Son Breakfast ~ Sunday, January 12

The Women's Council invites mothers and their sons on Sunday, January 12, after the 10 AM Mass in Doran Hall, for breakfast and entertainment by Mr. Magico. Abracadabra! Prepare to be amazed as things disappear right in front of your eyes. Be ready for lots of laughter and watch for a real bunny to magically appear! Cost is \$12 for moms and \$8 for children 12 and under. Registration available after all Masses the weekend of January 4-5. Questions? Call Christine 612-782-9434.

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 Ms. Huggar's mom, Kathy Carlson, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, and for her doctors as they work to find the best treatment for her.
- ❖ For Kelly N., mother of Brynn and Aiden, as she battles cancer.
- ❖ For staff member Glenn Kaslow's 2 year old grand nephew Liam during this time of chemo.
- ❖ 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 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 Youth Wrestling 2019](#)

[Totino-Grace Youth Wrestling 2019 - Registration Form](#)

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mwappes@stchbs.org.★**