



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

Weekly Update 17~ January 16, 2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. JAN 16 **6:30 PM Preschool Parent Information Night**
6:30 PM Catholic Watchmen (Doran Hall)
- FR. JAN 17 8:00 AM School Mass (church)
ALL EVENING ACTIVITIES CANCELLED
- MO. JAN 20 **School Not in Session** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- TU. JAN 21 Parkway Pizza Fundraiser Day
7:00 PM Dessert in the Desert (Doran Hall)
- TH. JAN 23 Spirit Wear Day
6:30 PM Kindergarten Round-Up (cafeteria)
- FR. JAN 24 8:00 AM School Mass (church)
6:00 Middle School Friday Night Live (youth room)
- SA. JAN 25 Evening Affirming Life Dinner following the 5:00 PM Mass (Doran Hall)
- SU. JAN 26 **10:00 AM Mass - Catholic Schools Week Begins**
11:00 AM Learning Festival, Pancake Breakfast, and Pro-Life Bake Sale
- MO. JAN 27 **School Not in Session** - Staff Development
- TU. JAN 28 6:30 PM First Reconciliation for the 2nd Graders (church)

Dear Parents,

Over 80% of our population has re-enrolled for the upcoming school year. Thank you! For those of you who have not re-enrolled, please handle this right away. The re-enrollment process just takes a few clicks per child. Enrolling now helps with planning for the upcoming school year. I start working on the budget in February! Enrollment is off to a great start, and early projections indicate that our school will grow a bit for the fifth consecutive year.

With enrollment open, so is financial aid at St. Charles. Tuition is a reality we face being a Catholic School. We offer financial aid because it is a part of our mission to make sure Catholic education is available to all who desire it. As our population grows and demographics change, each year we see an increase in families applying for financial aid. If you are a family who is in need of financial assistance, I have two requests. The first request is that you apply and do so in a timely manner. This helps greatly with planning. My second request is that when you apply, ask for what you need, understanding that there will still be sacrifice involved.

Aim Higher is a non-profit organization that assists parents in making sure that each and every child is able to attend Catholic School. They give out scholarships all across our diocese. Students from St. Charles have

received them each year. This year, they have invited everyone in our diocese to apply for Aim Higher Scholarships through TADS. [Here you will find a flier that includes details about how to apply for these scholarships: Aim Higher Scholarship.](#) I really do encourage you to apply if you already receive financial aid, or think that you may be eligible. The deadline is February 18, 2020.

Weather coming!!!

As a reminder, we follow the St. Anthony School District when it comes to school closings. In the case of a closing, you will receive an alert through Educate via text, call, or email - **whatever you have selected**. We also post on WCCO if you like watching the news marquee. I don't think a closure is likely tomorrow, but I think that an early dismissal is very likely. Please be prepared for both. We also use Educate alerts when an early dismissal is called. **We are going to close After Care for Preschool and K-8 tomorrow with the impending storm starting between 11AM-12PM.** Basketball practice, Schoenstatt, Intramurals, Middle School Youth Group & the Youth Group Parent Meeting, and all other after school activities onsite will also be cancelled in the interest of getting everyone home safely.

God Bless your MLK Day Weekend!

Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Tonight - Preschool Parent Night — 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria

January 23 - Kindergarten Round-Up — 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria

January 26 - Catholic Schools Week 10:00 AM Mass -- Learning Festival, Pancake Breakfast, Pro-Life Bake Sale, Book Sale at 11:00 - 1:00 in the school.

TONIGHT! 2020-21 Preschool Parent Night - Thursday, January 16

Join us tonight for the Preschool Parent Night at 6:30 PM in the St. Charles School cafeteria. Learn about our 3-Year-Old and 4-Year-Old Programs. This evening is for prospective parents as well as parents who have registered their children and want to know more.

Our Preschool Program offers

- Classes for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds
- Full-day and half-day options
- Early start and extended day
- Committed, faith-filled staff members
- Flexible offerings and more!

Come to our Parent Night to discover the difference of a faith-based preschool program! Our preschool offers a warm and caring environment with a full range of learning experiences, such as art, music, physical education, and faith-based stories. This night is designed only for adults. We hope you can join us!

NEW: 2019-20 School Enrollment Now Open to the Public

Admissions for the 2020-21 school year are now open to the public. Please let your family, friends, and neighbors know. All applications are completed online at this site: [Admissions](#)

Find tuition information here: [2020-21 Tuition](#).

There is a non refundable tuition deposit of \$50 per child with a cap of \$100 per family required for enrollment. This is a deposit that will go toward tuition, and not a fee. Now through February 29, there is a \$25 per student enrollment fee. From March 1-31, the enrollment fee is \$50 per student. This fee will increase to \$75 per student on April 1 and to \$100 per student on May 1.

School Is Not in Session Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King Day

2020-21 Kindergarten Round-Up! Thursday, January 23

Invite everyone you know who will have a kindergartener next year to bring their child to join us for our Kindergarten Round-Up at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 23. This is a time to meet the teachers, tour the school, and learn more about the St. Charles kindergarten experience. Your invitation is the best way to get the word out about our school!

Learning Festival ~ Sunday, January 26

Mark your calendars for the St. Charles Learning Festival on Sunday, January 26. Begin the day with 10:00 AM Mass to kick off Catholic Schools Week and then head to the school to check out all the amazing student projects, enjoy a pancake breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus, purchase goodies to support the Middle School Pro-life Bake Sale, and peruse the Book Fair in the library.

School Is Not in Session Monday, January 27, for Staff Development

NEW: STEM Club ~ Starts February 1 ~ Register Now!

Stem Club is for 5th-8th graders who excel at math and science and have a desire to work beyond the school curriculum. The focus this year is on technology, including robotics and microcontrollers, while continuing to explore math, engineering, and science. This program runs for 6 Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM-noon, February 1-March 7. Cost is \$40/student. Click here for all the details and to register: [STEM Club 2020](#)

Looking for a Way to Get Involved?

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the upcoming Learning Festival, Staff Development Day Lunch, and First Reconciliation Reception. Opportunities and more information, including dates, times, and duties, can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afad29abfb6-volunteer>

2019 Education Tax Information

Click here for the 2019 [K-12 Education Subtraction and Credit Form](#).

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Please see the attached thank you message from the staff and faculty!

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

Do you know a family who may be interested in learning about St. Charles School?

Simply have them contact Danny Kieffer at 612-781-2643 for information and a tour or sign up on our website: [Tour & Information Request Link](#)

Parish Corner Middle School Youth Opportunities

Extreme Faith Camp (EFC) 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

Middle School Parent Meeting ~ January 17 - POSTPONED

Make a New Year's Resolution for Craft & Game Night~Saturday, January 18

Ladies, why don't we take the opportunity to slow down and connect more often?

In 2020, resolve to get away for a quiet, low-key evening. Craft & Game Night is a monthly opportunity to visit with other parishioners. Ladies of all ages are invited. Bring a project, a game, your mother, your daughter, your friend--or just yourself. Saturday, January 18, in the St. John's Education Center from 6:10 p.m. (right after 5:00 Mass)-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.

NEW: Dessert in the Desert ~ Tuesday, January 21

Ladies—join us for Dessert in the Desert on Tuesday, January 21. It won't be the same without you! Come to Doran Hall for a glass of wine and dessert at 7 p.m. Opening Prayer will be at 7:20 and the program at 7:30, followed by more dessert, socializing and discussion. Come as you are—no need to dress up, do your hair or prepare anything at all. Let someone else do the dishes and join us as we explore how to deepen our relationship with Christ while enjoying each other's company.

Evening Affirming Life Free Spaghetti Dinner ~ Saturday, January 25

Celebrate life by attending the Respect Life Dinner on Saturday, January 25, in Doran Hall after the 5:00 PM Mass. Our guest speakers are Dan Thibault and Brittany Wiitala who will talk about 21 Roots Farm! Tickets to reserve your spot are available at: [Evening to Affirm Life](#)

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 healing for Hannah Meidl's grandmother.
- ❖ In thanksgiving for a successful surgery for Natalie B, daughter of staff member Angela B and 2018 graduate.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Matthew Aaron Wesely, son of Greg Wesely (Principal of St. Joseph's School in West St. Paul), and comfort for his loved ones.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Richard Kirchner, Teri Wysopal's uncle, and for the comfort of his loved ones.
- ❖ For Ms. Huggar's mother, Kathy Carlson, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, and for her doctors as they work to find the best treatment for her.
- ❖ For staff member Glenn Kaslow's 2-year-old grand nephew Liam during this time of chemo.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Sue McSherry and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For healing for student Holden C'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>

St Anthony Soccer Winter Training Clinic <https://stanthonykickers.sportngin.com/register/form/454516534>

SANB Softball registration is now open <https://www.saboosters.org/page/show/629529-registration>

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