



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 36 ~ June 4, 2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. JUN 04** 3:00 - 5:00PM End-of-the-Year Parade and Farewell
FR. JUN 05 Report Cards to be mailed
SU. JUN 14 Noon First Communion Mass (for First Communicants and their families only)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Over the weekend, our 8th graders were confirmed, and we had a number of people from our school join the church. The Hubbard family, the Ronquist/Wrzos family and Blesses K. were welcomed into the Catholic Church. There was cause for much celebration on earth as well as in heaven. On June 14th, our 2nd graders will receive the sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep all of these Chargers in your prayers.

As we transition into summer, it just feels a little different this year, alright, it feels a lot different. We have two retirements, and as you can imagine, it is a difficult time to transition into retirement. This year, It is hard for the staff and me to get to that feeling of completion we usually experience at the end of each year. I imagine that for our retirees, it is an extremely difficult way to face the end of such an important part of their life. Being a Catholic school teacher is more than a career; it becomes a piece of your identity that will never die, it will just be expressed differently.

Laura Hennes spent three short years at St. Charles capping off a twenty-seven year teaching career in which she served at St. Pius X and Frassati Catholic Academy in White Bear before becoming a Charger. She accomplished a lot in her three years at St. Charles. Beyond the huge role of teaching middle school math, she took a leadership role in starting the 5th grade lemonade stand project, Charge to Serve, The Lucky Charm Dance, the service project of bringing service dogs (Charger & Cash) to veterans, and more. She will be remembered for her ability to establish relationships with students quickly and belt out laughter that can be heard from her classroom to my office on the 3rd floor. Mrs. Hennes is truly one-of-a-kind, and we will miss her at St. Charles.

Marion Patton first walked into St. Charles as a teacher in 1983. She was away for a few years to raise her kids and try working at a school that was less amazing before returning to her home at St. Charles. Over the years, Marion has inspired and formed the lives, hearts, and souls of hundreds of kids. Her smile could light up the darkest room, and I honestly do not know another person who has the gift of authentic optimism the way Marion does. Her faith and undying trust in the Lord are the sources of her "never give up" attitude. I was blessed to have her teach two of my kids, and I really see how they have little pieces of Mrs. Patton in them. Mrs. Patton will truly be missed for her humor, faith, smile, and, of course, love for her students.

Fr. Francis Kittock was pastor of St. Charles Borromeo for 27 years. He recently passed away at the age of 90

and was buried yesterday after his funeral in the church where he forged a future. We are grateful for his faithful and innovative pastoral leadership. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Parents, great work this year, I really mean that. Look for more communications from me in the weeks to come. We'll need to stay in touch this summer to set ourselves up for the year ahead.

As for the crisis our community and city are going through, the staff and I are sad. Our prayers are for George Floyd and his grieving family. Our prayers are for our community and cities, that racism and violence can be faced and dealt with powerfully. We pray for reconciliation. We as a staff are sad but resolved that our city needs our mission more than ever. We are forming the next generation, and it is up to us to make sure they lead us to a better day.

I hope to see you between 3:00 and 5:00 for the farewell parade today!!

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Educational Outfitters June Sale

For the safety of clients and employees, Educational Outfitters is having an ONLINE only sale. Parents can always make exchanges in August before school starts if their child grows. Until further notice, they are open curbside only. Parents may call or email with questions. See attached flyer.

Yearbooks

Due to COVID-19 restrictions at the publishing company, yearbooks will not be available until later in the summer. Thanks for your patience.

Youth Group Opportunities for All 4th-8th Graders

For details contact Andrew Wagenbach, youth minister: awagenbach@stchb.org

Updates and Resources

- Parish Information: <https://www.stchb.org/>, <https://www.stchb.org/at-home> and stchb-YouTube.
 - If you would like to donate to help school and parish families in need during this time, you may make an online donation [here](#) > scroll down and click on Sister Stephan's Purse.
 - If you are struggling financially, have been furloughed, or are out of work, please know that there are resources available to help you meet the essential needs of your family. Please contact Deacon Najarian for more details at deaconsnajarian@stchb.org or 612-787-1184
 - 2019 Education Tax Information: [K-12 Education Subtraction and Credit Form](#)
 - **We regret to inform you that the 2020 St. Charles Summer Camps have been canceled**
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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 the health of all our students, families, and staff during this pandemic.
- ❖ For a safe 12 month deployment to Africa for Calvin and Minnie's mother.
- ❖ For the Olson family as they face medical challenges in this complicated time.
- ❖ For quick and complete healing for Ian B's grandmother Norma, diagnosed with COVID-19.
- ❖ For student Estelle's mom, Ann Blomquist - praying for someone to be able to donate a kidney for her. For more information on how to help: <http://umnhealthlivingdonor.org/>.
- ❖ For healing for staff member Dana Huggar's mother, Kathy Carlson, as she battles cancer.
- ❖ 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 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 Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/stchbs>

Moore Than Dance ~ [MooreThanDanceSummer2020](#)

St. Anthony Community Theater: "What is Your Superpower?" ~ <https://sactheater.org/>

Resources During Pandemic Time

- [Florida International University - 6 Tips to Survive a Covid-19 Summer with your Kids](#)
- [US News and World Report - Helping Young People Gain Resilience during the Pandemic](#)
- [Spark and Stitch Institute - Motivation during a pandemic](#)
- [Spark and Stitch Institute - Do Screen Time Rules Matter in a Pandemic?](#)
- [Spark and Stitch Institute - The Many Faces of Stress in Children and Teens](#)
- [NYT - Children May Be Afraid of Masks - Here's How to Help.](#)
- [Talking to Teens about Concerns - Language for Parents During Times of Worry](#)
- [Sesame Street: A Message from Elmo's Dad](#)
- [Common Sense Media - Resources for Families During the Coronavirus](#)
- [Childmind - The Power of Mindfulness](#)
- [Self-Care in the Time of Coronavirus - Childmind Institute](#)
- [Feeling Overwhelmed with all of the Resources & Juggling Work and Kids at Home? - Whole Child Counseling](#)
- Brain Breaks from Allina Healthy: <https://www.changetochill.org/chill-breaks/>
- [Big Life Journal - Stay-at-home Care Pack](#)

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

