



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Weekly Update 13 ~ December 10, 2020

Attendance & Sick Line: 612-787-1131

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. DEC 11** 8:00 AM 3rd grade Mass (church)  
9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation: class 3-2 (church)
- MO. DEC 14** **NPH Sponsorship Day** - for \$1 you may wear spirit wear or orange
- TU. DEC 15** 1:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation: class 5-1 (church)  
1:45 PM Middle School Mass (church)  
6:30 PM School Advisory Meeting
- WE. DEC 16** 8:00 AM 4th grade Mass (church)  
9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation: class 5-2 (church)  
6:30 PM 5th-12th grade Advent Formation Night & Family Prayer Night (church)
- TH. DEC 17** 8:00 AM 2nd grade Mass (church)
- FR. DEC 18** 8:00 AM 3rd grade Mass (church)
- MO. DEC 21** School Not in Session ~ Christmas Break
- MO. JAN 04** **School Resumes via DISTANCE LEARNING**
- MO. JAN 11** **School Resumes IN-PERSON LEARNING**

Dear St. Charles Parents,

I know that many are wondering how some of the recent MDH guideline changes to quarantine time will impact our practices. As it sits right now, we are not making any changes for a couple of reasons. One reason is that MDH has not updated the decision tree for schools as of yet. This tool helps schools and youth programs make decisions about how to proceed, and MDH has not changed the quarantine times on this document. Another reason is that we are not able to meet the criteria specified for shortening quarantine time. The communication states that the 14-day exposure quarantine is the safest and is still recommended. It goes on to say, "You may consider being around others 10 days after exposure if:

- There are no symptoms
- There has not been a positive test
- The person wears a mask and stays at least 6 feet away from other people."

As our preparedness plan states, students are seated in the classroom at least three feet from one another with greater distance if possible. In our school and classrooms, we cannot manage much more than three feet, we just don't have space. Since we cannot meet the six feet criteria for the shorter exposure quarantine option, we will not be adopting this as a practice. We will continue to watch for updates from MDH and CDC.

Here is a link to the MDH quarantine updates:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html#long>

There has been an uptick in students with symptoms, exposures, and positive cases in the past couple of weeks. Please remain diligent in your personal lives practicing safe distancing, mask wearing, hand washing, and avoiding larger gatherings, especially indoors. This is our best hope to continue in-person learning.

Just a reminder that **the whole school will be distance learning January 4-8** as previously communicated. We believe that this will help us, in the long run, to continue in-person learning. Please see the opportunity below to receive food during this period of time. I really encourage our families to take advantage of this program. There is an abundance of food going out to help families, and it is not just families who have great needs.

Before signing off, I'd just like to let parents know that during this surge we are increasing our urge for parents to have kids tested, even in the case of a single symptom, as recommended by MDH. Please bear with us through this period where the infection rates are the highest. If your child has one symptom, please strongly consider keeping them home and having them tested. If they show up at school with a symptom, even if it is a less common one, we will likely be in touch with you. We are beginning to feel the heat here, and we need your support in keeping our staff, students, and community safe. Here is a link to the MDH testing sites: [locations/community-testing](#).

God bless you,  
Danny Kieffer  
Principal of St. Charles School

### **Free Lunch Program for Distance Learners**

The Roseville Nutrition Program provides the St Charles school lunch program. When students are doing distance learning, we have been informed that the Roseville Nutrition Program offers weekly meal bundles for students during that time. Students receive meal bundles that contain five days' worth of breakfast, lunch, and snacks as well as milk. Special diets (allergies, celiac) and vegetarian preferences can be accommodated. Entrees are made in the program's kitchens and served in microwavable containers.

Meals are available for pickup at St Anthony Village High School and at Wilshire Park Elementary School. If you are interested in meals at any time your child is distance learning, sign up [here](#). Keep this in mind for January 4-8 when everyone will be distance learning. Meals may be picked up on Mondays from 4:00-6:00 at St Anthony Village High School. They may also be picked up from 1:00-3:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at either Wilshire Park Elementary (door 15) or St Anthony Village High School (door 16). For those unable to pick up meals, there is a Wednesday delivery option.

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### **Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund ~ Now through Tuesday, December 15**

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! Let us recognize the tremendous efforts of this amazing team: [staff appreciation](#). The funds collected will be dispersed among the entire St. Charles School staff. This year, you may even donate through TADS! **Deadline to give is Tuesday, December 15.** Thank you for your generosity.

## Home and School Corner

**TEACHER FEATURE/ STAFF SPOTLIGHT:** This week, let's give a shout out to **HANNAH MEIDL**. Check out [hannah-meidl-spotlight](#) - see if you recognize her! She has some exciting news to share for the new year! If your student interacts with Ms. Meidl, please send her a note of thanks! [hmeidl@stchbs.org](mailto:hmeidl@stchbs.org) There are a few slots available to help feature someone; please check out the website and sign up today! [St Charles Sign-up](#)

**Online Spirit Wear Shop:** <http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s2945>. If you have any questions, contact Mary at [urdahl.mary@gmail.com](mailto:urdahl.mary@gmail.com) or Kari at [karidomeyer@gmail.com](mailto:karidomeyer@gmail.com). Get your order in now for Christmas gifts!

**Remember to shop with Amazon Smile** You can help our school with just a few clicks! Please see the link for how to easily shop with Amazon Smile. Thank you for supporting our school! <https://www.stchbschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Amazon-Smile.pdf>

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### Aim Higher Scholarships for the 2021/22 School Year

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. Again this year, they have invited everyone in our diocese to apply for Aim Higher Scholarships through TADS. [Click on the following link to find a flier that includes details about how to apply for this scholarship:](#) [Aim Higher Scholarship](#) **We encourage you to apply if you already receive financial aid, or think that you may be eligible.** The deadline is February 20, 2021.

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### Please return your student's report card envelope

Just a reminder to sign your student's report card envelope and return it to school with your student as soon as possible.

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### Wolf Ridge Calendars

Wolf Ridge calendars are available for purchase for \$17. They make great Christmas gifts! Contact a 5th grader or the school office to purchase calendars.

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### Calling 4th-8th Graders ~ Shine Your Talent!!

The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) is hosting a talent show in March. Performing arts virtual auditions need to be submitted before December 15. Visual arts submissions are due January 15-30. Click here for more information: <https://www.shineontalent.org/> If your student is interested in participating, please contact the office at [stchbschool@gmail.com](mailto:stchbschool@gmail.com).

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From the Parish Side

## **Family Prayer Night & Grades 5-12 Youth Advent Formation Night ~ Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 PM**

This is an invitation to all families of the parish and school to come together in the beauty of our Church to grow in prayer together as a family and with Father Przybilla. All are welcome: 6:30 talk, 7:00 Adoration, 7:30 small groups (by grade) for the middle school and high school students.

### **Advent Sock and Mitten Drive**

The Women's Council is collecting new socks, mittens, and gloves for Catholic Charities for distribution at St. Joseph's Home for Children and several homeless shelters. The greatest need is for socks in adult sizes. Drop them off in the bin by the mitten tree in the church atrium (or in the school office). Thank you for your generosity.

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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](mailto:dkieffer@stchbs.org)

- ❖ For Leanna, grandma to students Braden, Brett, Hailey, Elena, Tom, Joe, Peter, Grace, and Ava, as she battles cancer.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Kathleen, grandmother to student Cecilia, and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Carol Connolly, great grandmother to student Johnny, and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For Pat, sister of teacher Mary Hopper, as she faces cancer.
- ❖ For a quick and complete recovery for student Aria's grandmother Darlene.
- ❖ For student Eleni's grandparents who live out-of-town and are both sick.
- ❖ For student Isla's cousin's unborn baby and for the family. Things seem to be going better, but let's keep this little one in our prayers for a safe delivery.
- ❖ In thanksgiving for a good recovery well from surgery for Gunnar's Great Uncle Jim!
- ❖ For a full recovery from surgery for staff member Mark Jones' sister-in-law.
- ❖ For healing from cancer for Dana Huggar's mother.
- ❖ For healing and successful surgery for Henry R's grandmother as she continues to battle cancer.
- ❖ For healing for Josette, great aunt to students Haley, Braden, Brett, Elena, Ava, Grace, Peter, Tom, and Joe
- ❖ For healing for student JJ's great-uncle Don who was diagnosed with a very rare form of lymphoma.
- ❖ For the health of all our students, families, and staff.
- ❖ [Surrender Novena](#)

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### **Additional Links**

St. Charles Website ~ [www.stchbschool.org](http://www.stchbschool.org)

St. Charles Google Calendar ~ [St. Charles Calendar Link](#)

St. Charles Year-at-a-Glance ~ [St Charles Updated Box Calendar](#)

St. Charles Lunch Calendar ~ [St. Charles Lunch Calendar Link](#)

St Charles Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/stchbs>

St. Charles Borromeo Church ~ <https://www.stchb.org/>

St. Charles Spirit Wear through Schoolbelles ~ [Online Spirit Wear Store](#)

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mwappes@stchbs.org.★**