



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 14 ~ December 17, 2020

Attendance & Sick Line: 612-787-1131

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FR. DEC 18 **Students may dress in Christmas attire**

8:00 AM 3rd grade Mass (church)

MO. DEC 21-22 School Not in Session ~ Staff Catch Up Days

MO. DEC 23- JAN 03 School Not in Session ~ Christmas Break

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

MO. JAN 04-08 **DISTANCE LEARNING** for Preschool-8th grade

MO. JAN 11 **School Resumes: IN-PERSON LEARNING** for all grades

NPH Sponsorship Day - for \$1 you may wear **spirit wear** or **orange**

TU. JAN 12 1:45 PM Middle School Mass (church)

WE. JAN 13 8:00 AM 4th grade Mass (church)

TH. JAN 14 8:00 AM 2nd grade Mass (church)

FR. JAN 15 8:00 AM 3rd grade Mass (church)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

We are on the verge of a milestone in the school year, Christmas Break. First, Merry Christmas on behalf of all the staff and me. We wish you all the best, time with family, and time for rest. There has been an ongoing stream of affirmation, support, and 'cheerleading' for my staff this year, and **it has made all the difference**. Your encouragement keeps the teachers and staff going and lets them know that the hard work and sacrifices they are making are appreciated and making a difference for our kids.

Please be in touch with us during the break about new symptoms, test results, and exposure in your household. We want to continue to be able to tell our families if their child was in close contact with someone who tested positive, so reporting any symptoms or positive test results that come up over the next 5-7 days will be important. We also want to set ourselves up for a clean slate on January 11th, so please report any symptoms, test results, or exposures that come up after Christmas.


Here's how I think it's all going: I think that things are going really well. I'm proud of our staff, students, and parents who are working together so that things continue to go well. Teamwork is required to have in-person learning during a pandemic, and we have a winning team. I believe in what we are doing, and I believe in how we are doing it. I feel the support of my staff, parents, and students behind me, in front of me, and on the sides too (all appropriately distanced)! There are questions about what lies ahead, but I do know this much:

We got this!

Merry Christmas,

Danny Kieffer
Principal of St. Charles School

PS- Students and staff in appropriate Christmas attire tomorrow.



The graphic features the St. Charles School logo on the left, which is a circular emblem with a cross on top of a building, surrounded by the text 'FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE FOR LIFE' and the year '1939'. To the right of the logo is a green rectangular box with the text 'St Charles School COVID-19 Tracker' in white.

	On 12/3	On 12/10	On 12/17
Current New Positive Student & Staff Cases*	3	2	3
Cumulative Positive Student & Staff Cases*	9	11	14
Number of grades in quarantine due to building exposure	1	0	2

*COVID-19 cases include all student or staff cases whether or not a member was present in the building while infectious

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) testing sites: [locations/community-testing](#)

.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 seven 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. See attached flyer.

Home and School Corner

- **TEACHER FEATURE/ STAFF SPOTLIGHT:** This week, we are honoring **GRACE OSTERBAUER** who is a jack of all trades! She is a Reading Corps coach, 5th grade homeroom teacher, plus resource AND math teacher!! Check out [Teacher-Feature-Osterbauer](#) to read about some of Grace's favorites. If your student interacts with Mrs. Osterbauer, please send her a note of thanks! gosterbauer@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 or Kari at 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>
- **Thank you for your generous contributions to the Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund!! Have a safe, healthy, and Merry Christmas! See you in 2021!**

Middle School Academic Honors

Congratulations to the middle school students who received academic honors for the first trimester of the 2020-21 school year!

5th Grade Honor Students

Angelo C, Warren G, Annabelle H, Jonathan K, Dylan K, Miles N, Qolbe O, Nicholas O, Melissa P, Camila R, Nerea T, John W.

5th Grade High Honor Students

Hannah A, Stella B, Eloise D, Elijah D, Ella G, Lucia H, Stella J, Eleni K, Mateo M, Hailey S, Malia S, Mason U, Jack V

6th Grade Honor Students

Annika G, Lucas H, Jane O, Adelai R, Grant U, Luca V.

6th Grade High Honor Students

Anthony B, Kate D, Isabella F, Lucia J, Miles K, Isaiah N, Kaleb P, Danielle S, Makenna S, Anna T, Calvin U, Mary Y.

7th Grade Honor Students

Gunnar C, Emmett G, Victoria K, Isabel M, Michael S, Clare S, Gina W

7th Grade High Honor Students

Elena D, Raymond H, Alexandros K, Molly M, Eliana M, Atreyu S, Arianna S, Brett S, Maya T, Malachi T, Tessa T, Peter V.

8th Grade Honor Students

Samantha B, Ava B, Joshua C, Clare H, Thomas H, Lucy J, Martha N, Arman S, Sofia T.

8th Grade High Honor Students

Monica B, Ian B, Elsa C, Amy K, Rita M, Alyssa M, Caroline P, Braden S, Lincoln U, Jacob V, Joseph V, Thomas V, Nathaniel Y.

Please remember to return your student's report card envelope before break

Please sign your student's report card envelope and return it to school with your student before Christmas break -- that way you won't have to look for it in the new year!!

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.

Thank You

St. Charles School received a \$500 donation from 3M as part of their volunteer program. Kelly Stein submitted her volunteer hours at St. Charles to 3M, and they made this donation for her volunteer work. Thank you to both Kelly and 3M!

Help us raise \$80,000 for our Annual Fund!

We have kicked off our Annual Fund and would love your support during this season of giving. Watch your mailbox for information about our Annual Fund. This year we have gifted each family a car cling/sticker so you can help spread the good news about St. Charles School. If you are making your year-end giving plans, please remember to include St. Charles School by sending back the envelope included in the mailing or giving online at www.stchbschool.org/give

The Annual Fund is an opportunity for you to invest in the future of St. Charles School. Your donation is a gift of Faith and Knowledge for Life. The Annual Fund helps maintain and continually redefine excellence while keeping tuition manageable for our current and future families. You can make a one-time or recurring gift to help us reach our goal of \$80,000 to continue building on this tradition. [Click here to donate online!](#)

*Do you know a family who may be interested in learning about St. Charles School?
Simply have them sign up for a tour on our website: [Tour & Information Request Link](#)*

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 Leanna, grandmother to students Braden, Brett, Hailey, Elena, Tom, Joe, Peter, Grace, and Ava, as she battles cancer.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Philip, grandfather to student Cecilia J, and for the comfort of his

family.

- ❖ For John Angell, grandpa of students Cecilia A. and Ed L, who recently entered hospice care.
- ❖ For the repose of the souls of student Aria's aunt and grandma who recently passed away and for the comfort of their families. And for the continued recovery of Aria's grandmother Darlene.
- ❖ For Pat, sister of teacher Mary Hopper, as she faces cancer.
- ❖ For the continued 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](#)

Additional Links

St. Charles Website ~ 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://wSt Charles Borromeo School - Minneapolis - Homeww.stchb.org/>

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

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