



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 17 ~ January 21, 2021

Attendance & Sick Line: 612-787-1131

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. JAN 22 8:00 AM **Middle School out-of-uniform passes may be used**
8:00 AM 3rd grade Mass (church)
- MO. JAN 25 **Spirit Wear Day**
- TU. JAN 26 1:45 PM Middle School Mass (church)
6:30 PM First Reconciliation (church)
- WE. JAN 27 8:00 AM 4th grade Mass (church)
6:30 PM 5th-12th grade youth formation night (church)
- TH. JAN 28 8:00 AM 2nd grade Mass (church)
- FR. JAN 29 School not in session - staff development
- SU. JAN 31-SU. FEB 07 **Catholic Schools Week!**
- SU. JAN 31 10:00 AM Mass ~ Opening of Catholic Schools Week (church)
- MO. FEB 01 Out-of Uniform Day - Thanksgiving Food Drive prize
- SA. FEB 06 Liz Hickman/Sue McSherry Day
- SU. FEB 07 **Virtual Learning Festival** — Going out via email

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Next week our 2nd graders receive the first of two sacraments this year! Please keep them in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This sacrament is a big step on their path to First Communion in the spring!

In the world of 2021-22 enrollment, we released our kindergarten and preschool virtual events earlier this week. The response has been fantastic! If you know anyone who is interested in St. Charles for the 2021-2022 school year, please encourage them to act soon as space in our school is filling up quickly. Here are the links if you would like to pass them on: [preschool virtual open house](#) & [kindergarten virtual open house](#).

Our return from Christmas break has been a smooth one, and we have been able to work effectively with families returning from travels. If your family is planning a trip during time off this year, please be in touch with our school health office. We will work with you on a safe return date for your children that depends on the destination of your trip and the mode of transportation. The school year is going quite well, and we're committed to continue working in partnership with our parents to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our building.

On Friday, January 29, we have a staff development day, and there will be no school for students on that day. Time to work together without our beloved students is so rare this year; we look forward to reconnecting as a staff. Our school's strategic plan for improvement has been significantly disrupted by the pandemic. We will be

looking at the initiatives and the supporting professional development opportunities that we will be resuming in the year ahead.

Catholic Schools Week is coming up soon, and we're still in the process of planning fun and safe activities for the week of February 1-5. Our Catholic Schools Week will kick off with the 10:00 Mass on January 31. We will be releasing plans for the rest of the week early next week.

Please continue to keep our school in your prayers, and thank you for choosing St. Charles for your children.

Danny Kieffer
Principal of St. Charles School

Thank You! Thank You!

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

Do you still have a Chromebook at home from January distance learning?

If your student used a school Chromebook for temporary distance learning, please return it with the cord as soon as possible. Also, some Chromebooks came back to school without their cords. Please check at home for any missing cords. Thank you!!

Home and School Corner

- **TEACHER FEATURE/ STAFF SPOTLIGHT:** We all may have interacted with **KEITH DEMAREST** this year. Get to know this amazing health aide a little better, including his childhood activities, cooking talents, and favorite cartoon character. Like all of our teachers and staff, Keith is working extra hard this year: [Mr. Demarest](#) Please send him a note of thanks! (kdemarest@stchbs.org) Thank you for helping to honor our amazing teachers and staff!
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Sign up to take on a teacher feature, concession or marathon co-chair position for 2021-2022 school year. Please sign up here! [St Charles Sign-up](#)
- **Online Spirit Wear Shop:** [Schoolbelles](#). If you have any questions, contact Mary at urdahl.mary@gmail.com or Kari at karidomeyer@gmail.com
- Home and School received a check in the amount of \$43.40 from Box Tops for Education. Thanks for turning in those box tops!

24th Annual Audrey Puchtel Day ~ Thank You!

Thank you very much to everyone who helped make last Friday's 24th Annual Audrey Puchtel Day such a success. We raised \$1820 for the Our Lady of Peace Hospice Home in St. Paul. Thanks to the 8th graders who participated in skills contests that afternoon. Thanks to Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Hartnett for helping oversee the event.

School Is Not in Session Friday, January 29, for Staff Development

Aim Higher Scholarships for the 2021/22 School Year ~ Deadline February 20

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.

Free Lunch Program for Distance Learners

The Roseville Nutrition Program offers weekly meal bundles for our distance learners. 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](#). 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.

Positive Discipline and Parenting in Times of Stress (webinar hosted by CSCOE)

Parents ask about discipline more frequently than any other topic. At the **Jan 28, 6:00 PM**, session parents will learn how to employ proven techniques with love and patience to guide our children while maintaining our relationship. Sign up here:

<https://calendly.com/drjulesnolan/positive-discipline-and-parenting-during-stressful-time>

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The Liz Hickman & Sue McSherry Basketball Blast

The Liz Hickman (16th annual) & Sue McSherry Day is February 6. Save the date for a fun-filled day of virtual basketball and a silent auction. Funds go to support Make-A-Wish Foundation or the Sue McSherry Scholarship Fund.

We are accepting gift baskets or other items for our virtual auction at the front door of school between 8:30 and 3:30 on school days through February 5. In addition, you may drop off auction items at Doran Hall from 5:00 - 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 3, or Friday, February 5. For all the details see the attached flyer or check out our FB page: [Liz/Sue Day](#).

2021-22 School Enrollment Now Open to the Public

Admissions for the 2021-22 school year are now open to the public. Please let your family, friends, and neighbors know. They can start by signing up for a tour here: [Tour & Information Request Link](#).

All applications are completed online at this site: [Admissions](#) Find tuition information here: [2021-22 Tuition](#).

There is a non-refundable tuition deposit of \$60 per child with a cap of \$180 per family required for enrollment. Please note this is a deposit that will go toward tuition and not a fee. There is also a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$30 per student for all students enrolling before March 1st. The enrollment fee will increase to \$60 per student on March 1st, \$90 per student on April 1st, and \$200 per student on May 1st. Please note that the fee is charged at the time you enroll your child but could increase if all paperwork is not submitted by the end of that fee period.

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) testing sites:

<https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/testing-locations/community-testing.jsp>

2020 Education Tax Information

https://www.stchbschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/tax_subtraction_credit_info.pdf

Parish Corner

5th-12th Grade January Formation Nights ~ Wednesdays

All 5th-12th graders are invited to learn more about the Holy Family during the month of January on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 PM. The evening schedule includes 6:30-7:00 talk, 7:00-7:30 Adoration, 7:30-8:00 small groups by grade. Students will be seated by grade level. More information: <https://stchb.org/upcoming-events>.

Formula & Diaper Drive this weekend

The Respect Life Group is collecting formula, diapers, and wipes in the atrium this weekend for Mary's Place/ Sharing and Caring Hands in downtown Minneapolis.

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 students Naomi and Adella's great grandmother Renee Hillock who passed away over Christmas break. For the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of John Angell, grandpa of students Cecilia A. and Ed L, and for the comfort of his family.
- ❖ 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 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.

- ❖ 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 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 - Homewww.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.★**