



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 29 ~ April 22, 2021

Attendance & Sick Line: 612-787-1131

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. APR 23** 8:00 AM 3rd grade Mass (church)
2:40 PM 5th grade after school youth group (youth room)
- SU. APR 25** Noon First Communion Mass (church)
- MO. APR 26** **Spirit Wear Day**
- TU. APR 27** 1:45 PM Middle School Mass (church)
2:40 PM 7th grade after school youth group (youth room)
6:30 PM School Advisory meeting
- WE. APR 28** 8:00 AM 4th grade Mass (church)
6:30 PM 5th-12th grades youth formation night (church)
- TH. APR 29** 8:00 AM 2nd grade Mass (church)
- FR. APR 30** 8:00 AM 3rd grade Mass (church)
2:40 PM 6th grade after school youth group (youth room)

Looking Ahead

- May 14 ~ School not in session
May 31 ~ School not in session
June 3 ~ Last day of preschool/pre-K
June 4 ~ Last day of school for K-8th (half day)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

We're nearing the end of another very full week, even with a day without students on Tuesday! Looking back, our 8th graders were confirmed at a beautiful Mass last Sunday led by Archbishop Hebda, Fr. Przybilla, and Deacon Najarian. Mr. Hartnett and Mr. Wagenbach did a beautiful job preparing them for the sacrament, and we look forward to their contributions to our local and global church. This Sunday, our 2nd graders will be receiving First Communion at St. Charles Borromeo Church. We are grateful to Mrs. Juntilla and Mrs. Flynn for their efforts in preparing our 2nd graders for this beloved sacrament. Please keep all of our students receiving sacraments and their teachers in your prayers!

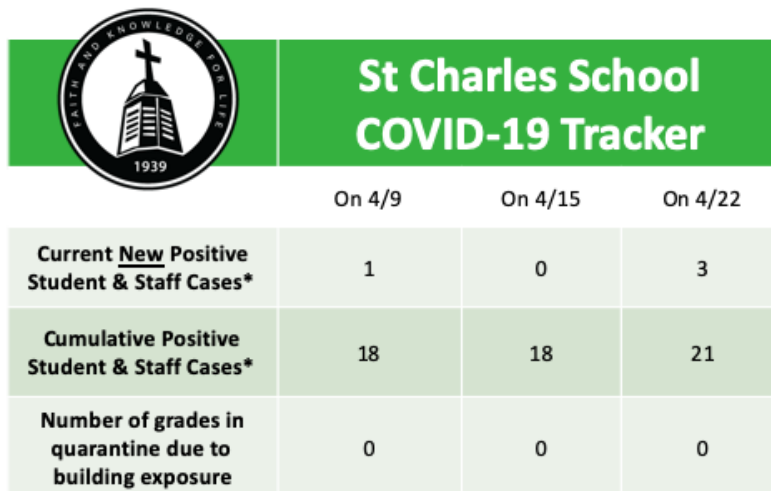
NWEA MAP testing will begin next week and be complete by May 7th. Spring MAP testing is always a sign that the end of the school year is coming soon! Your child(ren)'s teachers will be in touch with you about when this testing will take place. Please do your best to have students in school on time and in attendance every day. We realize that we are in a time that students who have symptoms need to stay out of school. Please continue to honor this. If your child is out with symptoms, an exposure, or positive test, we will work out a way for them to complete the tests. Our students in grade 2-8 take reading, language, and math tests that each take about 1 hour to complete. Our students in K-1 take reading and math tests that each take about one hour to complete. I often receive the question, "Is this the MCA state testing?" The answer is "no, it is not." St. Charles does not

participate in the state testing. We determined some years ago that NWEA is the best and most effective way to assess our students' growth without cutting into too much instructional time.

Last week, I said that we would be surveying our parents and staff about their experiences this year and hopes for the future. I hope to launch these surveys during the first week of May which is right around the corner. There are a few things that I'm giving priority right now, and I believe that the priority is prudent. It is hiring season, and I am pursuing the best candidates to replace St. Charles staff and faculty who are moving on at the end of this year. It is also budget and work agreement season, so we are working on a preliminary budget for the year ahead to be approved by the finance council. In addition, we are also working on the application for our EANS grant from the federal government. This grant was passed down from the federal government to the state providing 41 million dollars for Minnesota non-public schools. At St. Charles, we are applying for this grant that will very likely provide substantial financial relief and support to our school. Finally, as I mention, we're preparing to administer the spring NWEA testing.

I had the chance to speak to a number of parents, and the conversations and feedback have been mostly positive and constructive. I look forward to gaining more perspective during the month of May as we reflect on the year behind us and set our eyes on the year ahead.

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



	On 4/9	On 4/15	On 4/22
Current <u>New</u> Positive Student & Staff Cases*	1	0	3
Cumulative Positive Student & Staff Cases*	18	18	21
Number of grades in quarantine due to building exposure	0	0	0

***COVID-19 cases include all student & staff cases whether or not a member was present in the building while infectious, unless they are working solely from home or were in DL for the trimester.**

St. Charles Baseball and Softball

The athletic calendar is on the school website under the activities tab or you can find it here:.

<https://www.stchbschool.org/activities/athletic-calendar/>

Home and School Corner

Teacher Feature & Staff Spotlights!!

- **MARY WAPPES** is one of our incredible office assistants. This kind woman will happily greet you when we are able to step into the office again. She has been on some amazing vacations with a beautiful photo to prove it here ([Mrs. Wappes](#)). Learn more about her family, her favorite movie and three wishes that I think we can all agree on! Please send Mary a note of thanks!! (mwappes@stchbs.org)

Thank you for helping to honor our teachers and staff!

- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Check out some Home and School roles YOU can help fill for next year. Please sign up here! [St Charles Sign-up](#)
- **Online Spirit Wear Shop:** [Schoolbelles](#). Questions? Contact Mary at urdahl.mary@gmail.com or Kari at karidomeyer@gmail.com

<https://www.stchbschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/wappas-spotlight.pdf>

Summer Camps at St. Charles

Basketball Camp: Wednesday, June 9 - Friday, June 11. For boys & girls currently in 5th-8th grades

Volleyball Camp: Monday, June 14 - Thursday, June 17. For boys & girls currently in 5th-8th grades

Art Camp: Monday, June 14 - Thursday, June 17. For boys & girls currently in K-4th grade.

[2021 Summer Camps](#)

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.

Click [here](#) for more info and to sign up.

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) testing sites:

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

Parish Corner

1st-5th grade Extreme Faith Camp: Family Edition

Calling all current 1st-5th graders for July 6-8 from 2:00-6:30 PM

Details here: [Family Edition Extreme Faith Camp](#)

Grade Level Open Youth Room!

7th and 8th graders will meet on alternating Tuesdays from 2:40-4:00 PM.

5th and 6th graders will meet on alternating Fridays from 2:40-4:00 PM.

Got to stchb.org/youth to find dates and times

5th-12th Grade Wednesday Youth Nights

Our youth minister, Andrew Wagenbach, hosts Wednesday formation nights from 6:30-8:00 PM in the church for all 5th-12th graders. Students will be seated by grade level. More info: [Wednesday Night Flyer](#)

Extreme Faith Camp!! June 21- June 25

Online registration for all 6th-8th graders is now open for Extreme Faith Camp (EFC). The camp will be held at Trout Lake Camp in Pine River, MN June 21-June 25. Sign up now to reserve your spot for the best week of the summer! Find all the information here: <https://www.stchb.org/efc>

Questions? Contact Andrew at awagenbach@stchb.org or 612-787-1163.

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 a quick recovery from heart surgery for Emma, older sister to students Brynn and Aiden.
- ❖ For healing from cancer for student Henry R's great uncle.
- ❖ For a quick and full recovery from surgery for our former teacher Marguerite Keating O'Meara.
- ❖ For Leanna, grandmother to students Braden, Brett, Hailey, Elena, Tom, Joe, Peter, Grace, and Ava, as she battles cancer.
- ❖ For Pat, sister of teacher Mary Hopper, as she faces cancer.
- ❖ 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 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.
- ❖ For peace in our families and in our communities.
- ❖ Humble heart of Jesus, make our hearts like Yours!!
- ❖ [Surrender Novena](#)

Additional Links

St. Charles Athletic Calendar ~ <https://www.stchbschool.org/activities/athletic-calendar/>

Totino-Grade Open House, April 22 ~ <https://www.totinograce.org/>

St. Charles Website ~ <https://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](#)

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