



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 3 ~ September 23, 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. SEP 23** CANCELED: Parent Information Night (see info on revised format)
- FR. SEP 24** 8:00 AM Grades 5-8 Mass (church)
- MO. SEP 27** Out-of-uniform passes may be used
NWEA testing begins
Parent Information Night Videos Emailed Out
- TU. SEP 28** 6:00 PM Wolf Ridge 6th grade parent meeting (msc)
- WE. SEP 29** 8:00 AM grades 2-4 Mass (church)
6:00 PM Ignite for middle school & high school youth
- TH. SEP 30** **Bonus Spirit Wear/Green & White Day for Marathon**
- FR. SEP 31** 8:00 AM Grades 5-8 Mass (church)
- SA. OCT 02** **ST. CHARLES SCHOOL MARATHON**

Dear St. Charles Parents,

As a reminder, there is no Parent Information Night this evening. We will be sending out Parent Information videos on Monday evening at 6:30 PM.

One week from tomorrow is our school Marathon - a great day for our community to gather to celebrate our faith and Catholic school. [Here](#) is the plan for Marathon day. Please look through it today. Our goal is to have as many participants present for as much of the morning as possible. Tomorrow will be the first day we begin prize drawings for the Marathon. This always sparks some excitement! This weekend will be a great time to have your children contact relatives, friends, neighbors, people that owe you money, or all of the above, to sponsor your child(ren) for the Marathon. If you haven't selected a service project yet, please consider doing that to share with the people you contact about sponsorship. Even if the service project takes place after the Marathon, it still counts! Last year my kids and I made 50 bag lunches at home and went downtown to Catholic Charities to hand them out. That day created a great memory that my kids still talk about and ask when we can do it again.

NWEA MAP testing begins next week. Please make an extra effort to have your children have a good breakfast and to be in school on time. This testing goes on for 2 weeks; each child in grades K-1 takes 2 tests that take approximately 50 minutes each, and each 2nd-8th grader takes 3 tests that take about the same period of time. These are not state tests like the MCA. The student data is private and used by our teachers to identify the strengths and weaknesses in our students and grade levels. It is also used to help us when we are evaluating curriculum. These fall tests will be shared with parents at conference time.

The beginning of this school year has been extremely challenging, and I know that challenges will continue to arise through the school year. I realize that the options regarding household exposures that we sent out are confusing to read. I don't know that there is a way to articulate them that is not confusing. I also know that the MDH exposure quarantine letter with options is confusing to read. We will go to work on simplifying it and making it clearer so that families know what is expected.

I want to be transparent and say that this year we started the year less prepared than last year. Then, we ended up with a bunch of covid cases during the 2nd week of school making that painfully obvious. One of the reasons for this is that until late July, we really didn't see this type of year coming. We received guidance from the diocese in the early weeks of August and then began writing plans and protocols for this year. Because guidance from our diocese and the public health organizations had changed quite a bit, we ended up rewriting the entire plan for this year instead of trying to alter last year's plan. It is also worth mentioning that we were doing other things to prepare for the year too ;-). I'm not saying that these circumstances excuse the lack of preparedness, but I want to share this perspective with parents.

During the creation of our new preparedness plan, we relied on a group of faculty members and our school advisory council. We are very grateful for their input. As we move forward this year, we will continue to evaluate and develop our plans. As I said from the beginning, be prepared for changes, and don't be surprised if things change. I know that there will be many decisions to be made during the year, and we will use the good plan along with good judgement to navigate the wide variety of situations that lie ahead.

We are a community of many viewpoints about the pandemic and how we should be doing things at St. Charles School. Let us not forget that we are here for our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ who strive for excellence in faith, virtue, service, and academics. Our focus on prayer, faith, and mission will guide us through this year like it has for the past 83.

God bless you!

Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

It's MARATHON time! ~ Saturday, October 2

Get your sneakers on and start training for the big day! The marathon is coming up on Saturday, October 2nd!!! This important fundraiser is vital to our school operations. Please contact Angela (abollensen@stchbs.org) if you would like to donate through your school TADS account. You can also donate online at: <https://stchb.weshareonline.org/>. Please share this link with your family and friends - be sure to place your student's name in the comments section! Many companies have matching gift programs that also help us reach our goal!!! Thank-you for your generosity. All marathon information can be found on our school website: <https://www.stchbschool.org/activities/school-events/>

Spirit Wear for Sale

- Spirit Wear t-shirts are now available at the front office for \$10 each. T-shirts will also be sold at the Marathon on October 2.

- Items featuring our Chargers logo are available for purchase year-round and will be shipped directly to families. Check out the baseball hats, slouch beanies, sweatshirts, and more. Items available for the entire family! To order online, go to our St. Charles Spirit Wear shop hosted by Schoolbelles: schoolbelles.com. If you have any questions, contact Mary Urdahl at urdahl.mary@gmail.com or Kari Domeyer at karidomeyer@gmail.com.

Wolf Ridge Calendars for Sale

Support our 6th graders as they get ready to go to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in November. Purchase a beautiful \$17 Wolf Ridge calendar - available directly from a 6th grader or through the school office. Did you know that Wolf Ridge provides these calendars so that students receive 70% of the sales to help fund their Wolf Ridge adventures?

Picture Day is coming ~ Wednesday, October 6

More information next week!

The Meal Train Ministry

This group is a group of people who make and deliver meals to the home of a person or family during their time of need. An online collaboration site is used to organize the meal calendar and preferences around what works for the person or family receiving the meals. Let us know if you have a short-term need (due to a birth, surgery, illness, etc.) to receive meals delivered to your home, or that you know someone who does, or **if you would like to become a part of the group who provides meals**, please contact Beth Pollard at 612-384-2384 or email: elizabethpollard@comcast.net.

Prayer Corner

If you would like to add someone to our prayer corner, please email the information to Danny Kieffer at dkieffer@stchbs.org

- ❖ Please pray for a successful cancer surgery this week for Liz (mother of students Mary, Julia, Ray, and graduate Nathaniel) and for her quick and complete recovery.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Robert Polgreen, uncle to staff member Chiara Millikan and great uncle to student Helena
- ❖ For Henry R's Great Uncle Ken who is battling stage 4 cancer and his Great Aunt Eleda who cares for him.
- ❖ For healing for staff member Glenn Kaslow's nephew Todd.
- ❖ For healing from cancer treatment complications for Dana Huggar's mother.
- ❖ For Leanna, grandmother to students Braden ('21), Brett, Hailey, Elena, Tom, Joe, Peter, Grace, and Ava, as she battles cancer.
- ❖ 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 Website ~ www.stchbschool.org

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

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

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

St Charles Volunteers ~ [SignUpGenius - St. Charles](#)

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

Sterling Karate ~ [sterling-karate link](#)

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mwappes@stchbs.org.★**