

Weekly Update 4 ~ September 30, 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FR.SEP	31	8:00 AM Grades 5-8 Mass (church)
SA.OCT	02	ST. CHARLES SCHOOL MARATHON
MO.OCT	04	NO Extended Day for Preschool Program
		Out-of-uniform passes may be used
TU.OCT	05	7th Grade in-school retreat
WE.OCT	06	POSTPONED by Lifetouch: Picture Day
		8:00 AM grades 2-4 Mass (church)
		6:00 PM Formation Night (church)
TH.OCT	07	NPH Sponsorship \$1 Spirit Wear Day
FR.OCT	80	8:00 AM Grades 5-8 Mass (church)
SA.OCT	09	9:00 AM Parent Retreat - Option 1 (Doran Hall)
SA.OCT	16	9:00 AM Parent Retreat - Option 2 (Doran Hall)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Here we sit on the verge of October. Marathon Day is just 2 days away, and the excitement is growing in our school! Please read the marathon master plan <u>HERE</u> if you have not. There is still time to plan a service project for your kids if they have not done one yet.

Consider picking up sticks in a neighbor's yard who may have a hard time doing it themselves. Small things with great love are a part of our St Charles culture. There is also still time to have your kids call family members and friends to sponsor our school. I'm continually impressed and surprised by how generous people are toward St. Charles. We could get some rain on Marathon Day so please be prepared for weather, whatever it may be. Marathon is a rain or shine event, but it is not a lighting or shine event. Fortunately, lightning is not in the forecast, and a few rain showers won't stop the Chargers.

In the health office I have some good news to share. After working with our district and making some arrangements, we will be able to have Mr. Demerest in the health office 5 full days a week for this year. This is actually really good news; having one full time health aide is going to be important this year.

We are going to be bringing back the COVID tracker in our weekly update next week at St. Charles. We do communicate regularly when there are cases, but I understand how some parents just like the dashboard view. To update you, as it sits today we have had 14 student cases this year. This number may seem high to you, and it is. One consideration is that these cases have come from eight households. This year, we are more frequently seeing the situation of one household member getting it, and then the rest of the members getting it. It is hard to

confirm where transmission took place, but we believe that there have been two transmissions that have taken place in school. That is your COVID update for the week.

We are making our way through MAP testing this week, and although we've had our challenges, we are making good progress with getting all of our fall tests completed. We will be sharing these results with parents at fall conferences.

I'd like to offer three cheers for all of our teachers and Home & School president for getting all of their Parent Information Night videos out earlier this week! I need a little more time to prepare my powerpoint and outlook on this school year. Please look for a video update from me before conferences this October.

God bless you! Danny Kieffer St. Charles Principal

MARATHON is THIS Saturday!

It's almost here!!! The Marathon is this Saturday, October 2, and our weekly prize drawings end this week on Friday, October 1. All names will be included!!!

Schedule for Marathon Day

9:00 Mass 9:45 Rosary on the front lawn

10:00 Marathon walk starts

11:00 Prayer and lunch/snacks

11:30 Assembly and prize drawings

Check out the opportunities for parents and 7th and 8th graders to volunteer on Saturday: SignUpGenius

Spirit wear will be available for purchase. The 6th graders will be sponsoring a coffee booth to support their trip to Wolf Ridge in November.

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: <u>https://stchb.weshareonline.org/</u>. 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.

Last, but certainly not least, we would love to receive your prayer requests to be read during the 9:00am Mass service which will be followed by the rosary (Joyful mysteries!). You can turn in the paper form included with your student's Marathon packet or submit them here: <u>prayer requests</u>.

Can't wait to see everyone there!!!

Spirit Wear for Sale

- Spirit Wear t-shirts are now available at the front office for \$10 each while supplies last. 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: <u>schoolbelles.com</u>. If you have any questions, contact Mary Urdahl at <u>urdahl.mary@gmail.com</u> 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 80% of the sales to help fund their Wolf Ridge adventures?

Picture Day ~ Postponed

Lifetouch needed to postpone Picture Day due to staffing issues. More information to come.

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: <u>elizabethpollard@comcast.net</u>.

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 the repose of the soul of Amy. aunt to students Mae and Elsie and godmother/aunt to John, and sister to parent Kara and for the comfort of her family. Amy died unexpectedly last week.
- Please pray for a quick and complete recovery from cancer surgery for Liz (mother of students Mary, Julia, Ray, and graduate Nathaniel).
- 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 ~ <u>www.stchbschool.org</u>
- St. Charles Google Calendar ~ <u>St. Charles Calendar Link</u>
- St. Charles Lunch Calendar ~ <u>St. Charles Lunch Calendar Link</u>
- St. Charles Google Athletic Calendar ~ St. Charles Athletic Calendar Link
- St Charles Volunteers ~ <u>SignUpGenius St. Charles</u>
- St Charles Facebook ~ <u>https://www.facebook.com/stchbs</u>
- Sterling Karate ~ sterling-karate link

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