



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

## Weekly Update 12 ~ December 2, 2021

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. DEC 03** 8:00 AM Mass: rooms 206 & 208 & grades 5-8 (church)  
Report cards go home with students  
Audrey Puchtel Basketball Night
- MO. DEC 06** Out-of-uniform passes may be used
- TU. DEC 07** 3rd grade in-school retreat
- WE. DEC 08** 10:00 AM all-school Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Family & Youth Social following 7:00 PM Mass (Doran Hall)
- TH. DEC 09** **NPH Sponsorship Day: wear spirit wear or orange for \$1 (or more)**  
**6:30 PM K-4 Advent Service Program** (church)
- FR. DEC 10** 8:00 AM Mass: rooms 206 & 208 & grades 5-8 (church)  
Trimester 1 middle school honors following 8:00 Mass (church)
- SA. DEC 11** 10:00 AM Penance Service (church)

### Looking Ahead

- TH. DEC 16** Middle School Band & Choir Concert (gym)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Report cards from the first trimester are coming home tomorrow in backpacks! Please expect them and look for them. Report card conversations are important "parent to child moments;" make sure you don't miss out on these talks with your child(ren)! Part of our mission is striving for excellence, and our mission comes through best when it is reinforced at home. The words, "I'm proud of you," mean the world to children when they hear those words from their parents. Go ahead and point them toward opportunities for improvement too ;-)

As we turn our attention to the season of Advent, I am reminded why this is the best time of year in Catholic schools! I look forward to it each year, and this year we are able to return to celebrating Advent with our PreK-8th grade programs. This was a big missing piece last year! We look forward to celebrating this year, candle by candle, focused on what the waiting and excitement are about. Two thousand years ago on a silent night, a child was born who would change everything for all of us.

This Wednesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We have an all school Mass at 10:00 AM that we are blessed to be all together for.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers from home. We are making this year great, together, because of the community cooperation and support that we have.

God bless you,  
Danny Kieffer  
St. Charles Principal



## St Charles School COVID-19 Tracker

11/11 – 11/17

11/18 – 12/2

New positive student & staff cases during time period	6	6
Number of households with <b>new</b> lab-confirmed cases during time period	5	5
Cumulative positive student & staff cases	49	55

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### 4th Grade Food Drive ~ last day is tomorrow

The St. Charles School Food Drive ends tomorrow December 3. The donated food goes to the Missionaries of Charity in Minneapolis and the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in St. Paul.

**God bless your generosity to our neighbors in need!**

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### St Charles basketball updates

**4th-8th grade December basketball schedule is attached or check the website:**

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

### 25th Annual Audrey Puchtel Basketball Event

Audrey, a long-time St. Charles parishioner who worked in the school office for more than 20 years passed away in 1984 after a courageous battle against cancer. Her children and grandchildren attended St. Charles School. Audrey generously supported our athletic program through her years at St Charles. In her honor, we host an annual basketball event to raise funds for Audrey and Ted Puchtel's favorite charities - Our Lady of Peace Hospice and the Gary G. Wilmer Scholarship Fund.

#### **Friday, Dec. 3: The 25th Annual Audrey Puchtel Basketball Night**

Girls Varsity vs. ICS 6:00 PM

Boys Varsity vs. ICS 7:15 PM

Please continue to follow our Gym policies for Covid.

**2nd & 3rd grade basketball opportunity!!!**

In-house Intramural Basketball for our 2nd & 3rd graders will begin after the new year! Please see the information flier and consent form attached. Contact Mr. Carpenter with any questions: [tcarpenter@stchbs.org](mailto:tcarpenter@stchbs.org)

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## Home & School Corner

### A message from H&S president:

Can you believe it's Advent already? It's the most wonderful time of year, and we certainly have a lot to be thankful for! The exceptional teachers and staff at St. Charles Borromeo School are committed to serve our students and families. If you are wondering how you can show your appreciation this year, please consider a voluntary donation, in any amount, to the Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund. All collected funds will be distributed among the entire staff (teachers, assistants, office personnel, maintenance crew, and administration). What a wonderful gift! There are 2 ways you can contribute.

1. You can donate through TADS. Please email Angela Bollensen ([abollensen@stchbs.org](mailto:abollensen@stchbs.org)) with the dollar amount you'd like to donate and the names of your children.
2. Send a check (made payable to St. Charles School) in an envelope marked, "Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund" along with your student to school or turn directly into the school office.

Please contribute by Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

### Volunteers Needed

To check out the volunteer opportunities this month and to sign up: [SignupGenius](#) Volunteers are needed to help with the Advent Service and the Teacher & Staff Christmas Lunch. Questions? [klstein@mmm.com](mailto:klstein@mmm.com) or 612-807-5599. THANK YOU!!

### Spirit Wear

\$10 youth t-shirts (all sizes) are now available for purchase in the school office. We also have adult medium, large, & XL t-shirts as well. Items featuring our Chargers logo are available for purchase online year-round at [schoolbelles.com](http://schoolbelles.com) and will be shipped directly to you. Questions? Contact Mary at [urdahl.mary@gmail.com](mailto:urdahl.mary@gmail.com) or Kari at [karidomeyer@gmail.com](mailto:karidomeyer@gmail.com).

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### Picture Day ~ online orders

If your student had their picture taken, but you have not ordered photos, you may go to [my.lifetouch.com](http://my.lifetouch.com) and use code: EVTZH4K97. Retake day is December 15.

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### Advent Sock & Mitten Collection: through December 17

The annual Advent collection for new warm gloves, mittens, and socks is just around the corner. These items will be donated to Catholic Charities where they will be distributed to the homeless in the community and to the children at St. Joseph's Home for Children. Students should bring their donations to their homeroom, where the items will be collected by the 8th grade Charge to Serve students. Thank you for your generosity!

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### Wolf Ridge calendars make great gifts!

Wolf Ridge calendars are still available for purchase for \$17. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

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### **Math Corps ~ tutors needed**

Math Corps Tutors are wanted for 35, 25, or 18 hours a week starting in January for 4th-8th grade students who need additional skill-building in math. No experience is needed! Minnesota Math Corps tutors earn a stipend every two weeks, receive up to an additional \$2417.14 for tuition or student loans, and gain experience working in a school environment. Here are two ways you can help:

1. Become a tutor. 2. Help get the word out, to ensure our students have the extra help they need to be successful.

For more information contact Sarah Loquasto at 952-960-4901 or [sarah.loquasto@servetogrow.org](mailto:sarah.loquasto@servetogrow.org). Apply at: [St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School Math Tutor Application](#).

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### **Calling 4th-8th Graders ~ Shine Your Talent!!**

The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) is hosting a talent show in March. Performing arts virtual auditions need to be submitted by December 5. Visual arts submissions are due January 1-30.

Click here for more information: <https://www.cscoe-mn.org/shine-on/>

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### **Parish Youth Activities**

Wednesday, December 8, join us after 7:00 PM Mass for our Youth and Family Social in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We would love to see your family there! Please reach out to [Andrew](#) or [Katie](#) if you have any questions. [awagenbach@stchb.org](mailto:awagenbach@stchb.org) or [kwalker@stchb.org](mailto:kwalker@stchb.org)

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### **The Meal Train Ministry**

Would you like to help provide meals for a person or family in their time of need?

OR do you or someone you know have a short-term need (due to a birth, surgery, illness, etc.) for meals to be delivered to your home? Contact Beth at 612-384-2384 or email [elizabethpollard@comcast.net](mailto:elizabethpollard@comcast.net).

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### **Check the links below the Prayer Corner for more information**

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#### **Prayer Corner**

If you would like to add someone to our prayer corner, please email the information to Danny Kieffer at [dkieffer@stchbs.org](mailto:dkieffer@stchbs.org)

- ❖ For a full recovery for Grandma Nancy from covid (grandma to students Cecilia, Paul, and Stella) and in thanksgiving for her being able to go home from the hospital.
- ❖ For a complete recovery from a stroke for Ben, father of students Brooks and Luke.
- ❖ For student JJ's great-uncle, who is in the hospital recovering from a stem-cell transplant; for continued healing and his ability to return home soon.
- ❖ For a successful course of radiation treatments for Liz, mother to students Mary, Julia, Ray, and graduate Nathaniel.

- ❖ 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, and for peace in our families and communities.
  - ❖ Humble heart of Jesus, make our hearts like Yours!!
  - ❖ [Surrender Novena](#)
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### **Additional Links**

St. Charles Website ~ [www.stchbschool.org](http://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 Tuesday After School Program ~ [SterlingKarate.com/about-us](http://SterlingKarate.com/about-us)

NEW: TG Youth Wrestling Club: [Totino-Grace Youth Wrestling Club](#)

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