



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

## Weekly Update 14 ~ December 16, 2021

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. DEC 16 6:00PM Middle School Christmas Choir Concert** (Gym)
- TH. DEC 16 7:00PM Middle School Christmas Band Concert** (Gym)
- FR. DEC 17** 8:00 AM Mass: rooms 206 & 208 & grades 5-8 (church)  
6:00 PM Friday Night Live for 5th & 6th grades  
7:30 PM Friday Night Live for 7th & 8th grades
- MO. DEC 20** School Not in Session ~ Christmas Break
- MO. JAN 03** School Resumes  
Out-of-uniform Pass Day
- WE. JAN 05 2021/22 Enrollment Begins for Current Families and Parishioners**  
8:00 AM Mass: 2nd grade, rooms 205 & 209  
6:00 PM Faith Formation Night for all families (church)
- TH. JAN 06 NPH Sponsorship Day** for \$1 donation students may spirit wear (or orange)
- FR. JAN 07** 8:00 AM Mass: rooms 206 & 208 & grades 5-8 (church)
- SA. JAN 08** 8:00 AM Retreat for all parents and First Reconciliation students (another opportunity on 1/15/22)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

There is a lot to say since I didn't say much last week, and there is a lot happening here at the school we love so well. Last week, we had the return of our K-4 Advent program which was beautiful, just like it is every year. I would call it a shot in the arm for our community – a shot full of joy, hope, and the Holy Spirit. Mr. Vanderwall (our K-4 music teacher) along with our 4th grade teachers Mrs. Gasik and Ms. Bauer (who handled production of the service for their first time) did a magnificent job. We were able to show off our talented staff by having Mrs. Manciu, Mrs. Seashore, and Ms. Kolasa helping to lead the music. Of course, every parent swelled with pride for their child that evening. From where I sat, every child felt like a star and performed like one.

The staff at St. Charles enjoyed a festive and delicious lunch spread last Friday. They actually sat down for a full 45 minute lunch during a school day! This was made possible by parents who came in to volunteer as playground supervisors, parents who came in to set up the lunch, parents who served the lunch, and parents who cleaned up when all was said and done. Thank you Home & School and so many St. Charles parents who gave their time so our staff could have something special this Advent season.

Tonight is our Christmas Band and Choir Concert that will be taking place in the gymnasium this year. Choir will begin performing at 6:00PM, and the band goes on at 7:00 PM. There will be about 15 minutes between performances for the choir parents to depart, band parents to arrive, and for our crew to reset the stage area. In

the gym you'll see about 100 chairs on the floor and the bleachers will be out as well. Please be aware that there will be some grandparents and more senior audience members attending who will need to sit in the floor section; bleachers can be a hardship for most honored guests. The kids have been rehearsing since September, and the show is a sure hit! Be sure to enjoy the artwork in the corridor on your way to the gym!

When we return from Christmas break, we will hit enrollment season for 2022-2023 right away. Priority enrollment for parishioners and current families will begin on January 5 and go through January 11. **Please take time to handle your enrollment for the 2022-23 school year during this priority time set aside just for you.** Information about tuition for next year will go out next week along with reminders about Preschool Parent Information Night and Kindergarten Round-Up. Kindergarten Round-Up is Tuesday, January 11, and Preschool Parent Information Night is Thursday, January 13.

Here at St. Charles, our enrollment has gone up each year for the last 6 years. We still have room in our classrooms at every grade level to expand our family. Over the holiday season I invite you to reflect on what you love about St. Charles and share that with family or friends who are considering where they will send their children next year. There is no better recruiting tool than the word of our parents. If you inspire them to contact us, we'll take it from there.

I'd like to close by thanking you for choosing St. Charles Borromeo School for your children. The staff and I feel blessed to have each and every one of them. On behalf of the St. Charles staff, may the remainder of your Advent season be blessed, may your Christmas be merry, may your new year be happy, and may the Lord hold you in the palm of his hand until we meet again next year.

God bless you,  
Danny Kieffer  
St. Charles Principal

## **ZERO** new COVID cases to report this week!

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### **The Mitten and Sock Drive ends tomorrow, Friday, December 17**

This is the last call to donate mittens, gloves, and socks for those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

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### **Parish middle school activities Friday night**

Friday, December 17, middle schoolers are invited to a Nerf War and pizza in the school!

- **5th & 6th grades - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**
- **7th & 8th grades - 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**
- Go to <https://www.stchb.org/youth> and click on "Nerf Wars" to sign up (reservations are not required but helpful!)

- 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)

There will not be any other middle school youth activities until after Christmas break. No middle school Ignite on Wednesday, December 22.

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### **Please return your student's report card envelope**

Just a reminder to sign your student's report card envelope and return the empty envelope to school with your student before Christmas vacation.

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### **Aim Higher Scholarships for the 2022-23 school year**

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 22, 2022.

**All current families receiving an AIM Higher Scholarship for this school year must complete their application by February 22, 2022 in order to be eligible for the scholarship to continue into the next school year.**

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### **Audrey Puchtel Day**

Thanks to everyone who made the 25th Annual Audrey Puchtel Day such a success. We raised \$1005.00 for the Our Lady of Peace Hospice Home and the Gary Wilmer Scholarship Fund. We are very grateful to be part of such a giving community.

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### **Home & School Corner**

Volunteer opportunities: [SignupGenius](#)

#### **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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### **Middle School Academic Honors**

Congratulations to the middle school students who received academic honors for the first trimester of the 2021-22 school year!

#### **5th Grade Honor Students**

Robert C, Soren C, Andrew C, Grace H, Hunter L, Elias M, Adam M, Lilly Rae M, Olwyn N, Elise P, Amelia S, Noah S, Sabina T, Anthony W.

**5th Grade High Honor Students**

Ella B, Paige C, Max C, Damian E, Owen H, Adeline J, Clara K, Louis N, Michael P, Asher S, Sadie S, Elena V, Raymond Y.

**6th Grade Honor Students**

Angelo C, Oliver F, Warren G, Dylan K, Jude K, Miles N, Qolbe O, Nicholas O, Melissa P, Jack R, Camila R, Thomas S, Nerea T, Jack V.

**6th Grade High Honor Students**

Hannah A, Stella B, Elijah D, Ella G, Annabelle H, Lucia H, Stella J, Eleni K, Johnathan K, Mateo M, Hailey S, Malia S, James T, Mason U.

**7th Grade Honor Students**

Lovena H, Miles K, Isaiah N, Jane O, Adelai R, Makenna S, Grant U.

**7th Grade High Honor Students**

Anthony B, Kate D, Isabella F, Annika G, Lucia J, Kaleb P, Danielle S, Anna T, Calvin U, Mary Y.

**8th Grade Honor Students**

Gunnar C, Emmett G, Isabel M, Alfa M, Michael S, Brett S, Clare S, Malachi T.

**8th Grade High Honor Students**

Elena D, Raymond H, Alexandros K, Victoria K, Molly M, Eliana M, Atreyu S, Arianna S, Maya T, Tessa T, Peter V.

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**St. Charles Annual Fund**

The Annual Fund is an opportunity for you to invest in the future of St. Charles School. Your donation is a gift of Faith and Knowledge for Life! You can help support our school through the Annual Fund, which helps maintain and continually redefine excellence while keeping tuition manageable for our current and future families. Please consider a gift and help us reach our goal of \$60,000 to continue building on this tradition. Click [here to donate online!](#)

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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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**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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## 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 from cardiac arrest for Pam, grandmother to students Dalton, Liam, and Isaac.
- ❖ For Henry R's Great Uncle Ken who is now in hospice and for Great Aunt Eleda who cares for him.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of James Miller, father-in-law of staff member Jane Malone-Miller and for the comfort of his family
- ❖ For staff member Kim: for the repose of the soul of her father and for the comfort of all the family.
- ❖ For a complete recovery from a stroke for Ben, father of students Brooks and Luke, and for his family during this recovery time.
- ❖ For a full and speedy recovery from knee surgery for St. Charles student Ray.
- ❖ 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 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 continued healing for Liz, mother to students Mary, Julia, Ray, and graduate Nathaniel.
- ❖ 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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