



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

## Weekly Update 15 ~ January 6, 2022

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 (2nd chance on 1/15/22)  
**MO. JAN 10** Out-of-uniform Pass Day  
**WE. JAN 12** **Enrollment opens to the public**  
**WE. JAN 12** 8:00 AM Mass: 2nd grade, rooms 205 & 209  
**WE. JAN 12** 6:00 PM Middle School Ignite (church)  
**TH. JAN 13** **POSTPONED:** Preschool Parent Information Night  
**FR. JAN 14** 8:00 AM Mass: rooms 206 & 208 & grades 5-8 (church)  
**MO. JAN 17** **School not in session (MLK Day)**

Dear St. Charles Parents,

In my more adventurous years, I did some white water rafting, a highlight was the Nile river near its source in Uganda. I remember that a very profound moment would occur right as the raft approached a class 5 rapid. The captain would yell "Paddles in" which meant you were to put your paddle in the raft and grab the rope on the side. At that moment everyone's eyes were set on the tumultuous path ahead. Everyone was silent and no one knew how it was going to go.

The point we are at in the school year right now is much like what I just described. Returning from break this week we've had 50-60 students out every day for various reasons. We've had 3-5 teaching staff members out each day for various reasons.

Our staff is working extremely hard, keeping every classroom covered, working together, and carrying our mission in our hearts. We know that many of our families are working through difficult times with various illnesses and COVID protocols. None of us know how the month ahead is going to go, but we are in need of your support and prayers. We promise to give our best to keep things moving forward with in-person learning. We have weathered the challenges of the pandemic well at St. Charles Borromeo because we're a community that works as a team, as a family. Remember that different viewpoints and disagreement are symptoms of family;-) If we continue to keep our kids and mission as our priority, we will get through this and be an even stronger family united in Christ.

We all need to be prepared for interruptions, adversity, and things not going our way or according to plan. We need to keep perspective on what is really important, remember how blessed we are, and that we are in the hands of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Right now we are focusing on the essentials and day-to-day here at St. Charles. With all that, our staff and families are working through the path of simplicity, and focusing on the parts of our mission makes the most sense. We are postponing our Kindergarten Round Up and Preschool Parent Night next week. If you have passed the word on to anyone about these events, please let them know we will be holding them at a later still to be determined date. We are considering dates in February right now.

Below is a note from our Health Aide Keith Demarest. Mr. Demarest will be moving on to a new opportunity, and his last day with us will be Monday, January 17th. Mr. Demerest has done an excellent job as our health aide during a very challenging period of time. We are grateful for the service he has provided to our students, and we wish him the best in his new ventures.

*To the staff and parents of Saint Charles,*

*With a heavy heart, I would like to share with you that January 17th will be my last day here at Saint Charles. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have been able to have served our students alongside you all during these tumultuous times. I wish you all good health and good luck in the future.*

With Mr. Demarest moving on we are working with our district on solutions for staffing our school health office.

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 year is underway as of yesterday for current families and parishioners. I'm happy to say that about half of the students in our school eligible to return next year have already completed the enrollment process just 24 hours after enrollment opened! Priority enrollment is open to current families and parishioners through January 11th. Please take advantage of this opportunity; the process of registering is very simple for returning students.

God bless you,  
Danny Kieffer  
St. Charles Principal

### **2022-23 School Enrollment Now Open for Current Families** - thru Tuesday, January 11

Online enrollment for current families (current students & new students), and parishioners goes through Tuesday, January 11. Please take advantage of this time period to enroll your child for the 2022-23 school year.

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**School Is not in Session Monday, January 17, for Martin Luther King Day**

**School Is not in Session Monday, January 28, for Staff Development Day**

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### **Intramural Basketball Schedule and Details**

The 2nd and 3rd grade intramural basketball season starts on January 7, 2022. Practices and games are limited to Friday nights. Please see the attached schedule for all the details.

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## Aim Higher Scholarships for the 2022-23 school year - Deadline Feb 22

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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## 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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## Parish Youth Activities

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and we are looking forward to seeing you again! We have a few opportunities we want to make you aware of:

**Parent Retreat:** Any and all parents (or grandparents) in the school/parish are invited to join us on January 8 OR 15th from 8-12pm to focus on keeping ourselves free to worship the Lord. NOTE: We ask that all 2nd grade parents attend one of these two options **with** their second grader (or child who will be making their first reconciliation/communion this year).

**Ignite:** All 5-12th grade students are invited to join us on Wednesday, January 12 for our first Ignite of the year! This will run from 6-7:30pm in the Youth Room.

Please reach out to Katie or Andrew with any questions!

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## Women's Council

Please join us for another **Beloved** event on January 18th at 7:00pm (Rosary will begin at 6:40pm) in Doran Hall. It's cold, it's dark, it's January in Minnesota, but come this month to be invigorated and

inspired by the Saints and other amazing Catholic women! Clarey McInerny, Theology Chair from Totino Grace will be speaking about St. Therese of Lisieux and Dorothy Day.

This event is for all WOMEN to enjoy food, prayer, and fellowship with their sisters in Christ-- so don't keep such a wonderful thing to yourself! Share the love and bring a friend or a relative too!

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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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## **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 soul of Henry R's Great Uncle Ken, who passed away and for all his loved ones.
- ❖ 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 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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**★Weekly Update article deadline: Wednesday 9:00 AM - Send submissions to  
mwappes@stchbs.org.★**