



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

Weekly Update 16 ~ January 13, 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. JAN 13** **POSTPONED:** Preschool Parent Information Night
- FR. JAN 14** 8:00 AM Mass: rooms 206 & 208 & grades 5-8 (church)
- SA. JAN 15** 8:00 AM Retreat for ALL parents and First Reconciliation students (church)
- MO. JAN 17** **School not in session (MLK Day)**
- TU. JAN 18** 6:30 PM School Advisory Meeting
7:00 PM Women's Council Beloved (Doran Hall)
- WE. JAN 19** 8:00 AM Mass: 2nd grade, rooms 205 & 209
6:00 PM Middle School & High School Ignite (church)
- TH. JAN 20** **Spirit Wear Day**
2:40 PM 5th & 6th grade After School Youth Goup (youth room)
- FR. JAN 21** 8:00 AM Mass: rooms 206 & 208 & grades 5-8 (church)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Thank you for your prayers and the positive support you have been sending to my staff and to me this week. We all really appreciate the encouragement! This week has been very difficult with students and staff members being out. Next week looks like it could be equally difficult. We continue to do our best to have your kids in school. We have run into staffing shortages, and we need parents to be prepared for the case where a classroom or grade level has to close temporarily. We do understand that this is a hardship for our families. We are moving through a time of hardship together.

A few parents have asked about the COVID tracker in the Weekly Update, and why it was not there after break. You'll find it below in a different format. We will be reporting the number of positive cases we have had in the building for the prior two 1-week periods. I made this change because I feel like it is pertinent information that parents should have on a weekly basis. We no longer have cumulative cases as a category because it is really not pertinent to what is currently going on in our building. It also leads to comparing this year with last year, and since we are dealing with very different variants this year, it's not a helpful comparison.

Earlier this week our Catholic Schools received guidance from our Archdiocese to move toward adopting shorter quarantine times. We do plan to follow the guidance that comes from the CDC, MDH, and our diocese as we have in most cases along this path. Look for an announcement with language regarding requirements for shorter quarantine time in the near future. There are some details we are working out, but it could be very soon.

I mentioned a parent survey in the month of January in earlier communications. With the way January is going, it may have to wait until early February.

Please keep our students, staff, and parents in your daily prayers.

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

COVID Tracker

Dates	Return from break Jan 3 - 5	Jan 6 - 12
Cases in building	7	15

2022-23 School Enrollment Now Open for New and Returning Families

<https://www.stchbschool.org/admissions/apply-now/>

School is not in session Monday, January 17, for Martin Luther King Day

School is not in session Friday, January 28, for Staff Development Day

Thank YOU for your generosity!

Please see the attached thank you message from the staff and faculty.

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!](#)

Intramural Basketball Postponed

Message from Coach Carpenter: *Due to the increasing numbers of confirmed COVID cases in the program (players and coaches), the start of the IM bball season has been delayed for a couple of weeks. We will send another message once we know when we will resume. Thank you for your support and understanding,*

Parent Retreat ~ this Saturday

All school and parish parents (and grandparents) are invited to a retreat this Saturday, January 15, from 8:00 AM-noon to focus on keeping ourselves free to worship the Lord. SPECIAL NOTE: We ask that all 2nd grade parents attend the retreat **with** their second grader who will be making their first reconciliation/communion this year. (This retreat is the same retreat that was held last Saturday, so if you attended last week, there is no need to attend again!)

Upcoming Parenting Webinars hosted by CSCOE

Parenting Exceptional Children - January 19, 7:00 PM

Parenting children with educational and behavioral differences can be rewarding AND challenging. Even children who are gifted and talented present special challenges in parenting. In this session we will discuss parenting children who have diverse needs because of educational, behavioral, and mental health challenges, as well as those who may need more enrichment.

<https://calendly.com/drjulesnolan/parenting-exceptional-children>

And for our Spanish Speaking families, there will be a "Technology and Parenting" session:

January 25, 7:00 PM ~ Tecnología, redes sociales, tiempo frente a pantallas y crianza de los hijos

El uso de las redes sociales y la tecnología es una de las áreas de preocupación más populares para los padres de niños y adolescentes.

- ¿Cuánto es demasiado?
- ¿Cómo mantenemos a nuestros hijos seguros en línea?
- ¿Qué pasa con las constantes comparaciones sociales?

Este taller se centrará en las últimas investigaciones sobre el uso de las redes sociales y la tecnología. También nos ayudará a comprender la relación entre el desarrollo del cerebro y lo que impulsa la necesidad de sentirnos conectados en línea. Veremos temas de gran preocupación como la pornografía, el ciberacoso y los algoritmos que se centran en las vulnerabilidades de los adolescentes. También se ofrecerán consejos para los padres. <https://calendly.com/drjulesnolan/tecnologia-redes-sociales>

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.

Home & School Corner ~ Special Request below

St. Charles teachers give so much time, love, and energy to our students...let's give some back! With the recent surge in sickness impacting our community, our teachers are taking on extra duties to make sure our children's time at school moves smoothly. To give them a little break during the school day, we are organizing lunch and recess coverage for the next three weeks. If you can work it into your schedule, please consider signing up for a couple shifts so we have complete coverage through Catholic Schools week. We will be requesting two volunteers for each shift for the following dates: January 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, February 1, 2, 3, 4. Please contact Amy Cameron if you have any questions birdieboyandthespruceduce@gmail.com. *Volunteers will need to be up to date with their Virtus Essential 3 requirements. (www.virtusonline.org)

The two shifts needing coverage:

K-3 lunch/recess duty 11:40am-12:40pm

4-8th lunch/recess duty 11am-12:10pm **Sign up here: [SignUpGenius](#)**

Parish Youth Activities

After School Youth Group for 5th & 6th and 7th & 8th graders:

Katie Walker, coordinator of youth ministry, will be hosting an after school youth group on Thursdays from 2:40-4:00 PM. This is an opportunity for middle school students to come to the parish youth room to pray together, have snacks, and play games! The 5th and 6th graders come one week, the 7th and 8th graders come the following week!

Katie will meet students in the hallway by Middle School Commons at 2:40 PM and walk with them to the youth room. Parents, please pick your students up in the circle by the Atrium at 4:00 PM. If your student will be walking home after youth group, please let Katie know. For questions: kwalker@stchb.org or T: 651-900-3310

January 20: 5th & 6th graders

January 27: 7th & 8th graders

Ignite: All 5-12th grade students are invited to attend Ignite on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 PM in the youth room. Please reach out to Katie or Andrew with any questions! awagenbach@stchbs.org or kwalker@stchb.org

All Women

Please join Women's Council for another **Beloved** event on January 18 at 7:00 PM (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 McNerny, 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. Share the love and bring a friend or a relative too!

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.

Prayer Corner

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

- ❖ For Roger, husband of our piano teacher Mary Ann, as he has surgery next week for a recently diagnosed brain tumor.
 - ❖ For the repose of the soul of Deniece Seawell, maternal grandmother of students Anna and Matthew, and for the comfort of her family.
 - ❖ For a full recovery from cardiac arrest for Pam, grandmother to students Dalton, Liam, and Isaac.
 - ❖ For a complete recovery from a stroke for Ben, father of students Brooks and Luke, and for his family during this recovery time.
 - ❖ 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
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
NEW: TG Youth Wrestling Club: [Totino-Grace Youth Wrestling Club](#)

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