



# SAINT CHARLES

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

### Weekly Update 17 ~ January 20, 2022

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. JAN 20** 2:40 PM 5th & 6th grade After School Youth Group (youth room)  
**FR. JAN 21** 8:00 AM Mass: rooms 206 & 208 & grades 5-8 (church)  
**MO. JAN 24** Out-of-uniform pass day  
**TU. JAN 25** 6:00 PM First Reconciliation (church)  
**WE. JAN 26** 8:00 AM Mass: 2nd grade, rooms 205 & 209  
6:00 PM Middle School & High School Ignite (church)  
**TH. JAN 27** 2:40 PM 5th & 6th grade After School Youth Group (youth room)  
**FR. JAN 28** **School not in session - Staff Development Day**  
**SU. JAN 30** **Learning Festival moved to Sunday, February 6**  
**MO. JAN 31** **NO Bus service available 1/31/22**  
Catholic Schools Week begins - Details to come!!

Dear St. Charles Parents,

With a large number of staff and students out and returning it sorta feels like we are sometimes running on three wheels. As it turns out, we only need three. I'd like to begin with an important announcement. We will be moving our Catholic Schools Week Mass and Learning Festival to Sunday, February 6. The Mass is at 10:00 AM, and the Learning Festival will immediately follow. This will allow for a little more time on Learning Festival projects at the end of a month to offset the many interruptions and absences. We are also hoping more staff, students, and parents will be able to attend.

Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers; they will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 25. They have been preparing for this since the beginning of the school year, and it is a special night for them. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for First Communion this spring!

As you are aware, our health office is going through a staffing transition. I feel very good about the new team. Maggie Slattery will be in the health office two days a week. Maggie is no stranger to St. Charles. She was our health aid for three years before Mr. Demarest became our health aid. Edith Cross is going to be working in our health office three days per week. She has experience as a PCA (personal care attendant) and is in the process of pursuing a degree in sociology. Edith is also the sister of one of our parents, Lacee Outlaw. Lacee will be supporting our health office, mostly offsite, by overseeing the health office, tracking COVID cases, and communicating with parents about return dates and what to do if a child tests positive or has an exposure. Lacee is a licensed RN and mother of 4 boys, three of whom attend St. Charles. I am very confident in this team, and it is a blessing to have them come together at a time of need.

I'd like to send a shout out to Amy Cameron and the team of angels that have been helping our staff during lunch and recess. This has provided some additional time for our teachers who are very stretched for time right now. The teachers are working very hard to make sure we have all classes covered, giving of their prep time to cover classes for teachers who are out, handle all of their normal duties, and send work home for students who are out.

There has been no shortage of challenges since we returned from break, but there has also been no shortage of beauty, grace, and charity in the ways that so many have come together to keep us moving forward as a school. Since break, we had Andrew Wagenbach, Katie Walker and Fr. Przybilla cover classes when we were in a pinch. Our substitute teachers have been fabulous and there has been support from so many different directions. I'm very grateful for the St. Charles family.

I am sad to share with you that Mrs. Heather Olson is going to be moving on to another position after the 27th of January. Mrs. Olson teaches technology to our K-3 students, and she also works with our English Language Learners. Heather has worked as a substitute teacher in the past, and this year when needed ;-). We will miss her here, but we also wish her the best on her new path. Please see the note from Heather Olson below.

I'd like to close by thanking you, our parents, for your support, understanding, and patience. There have been many school interruptions and students at home this month. Know that we want your kids in school, and we understand the hardships it presents for your routines when they are not in school.

God bless you,  
Danny Kieffer  
St. Charles Principal

Dear Saint Charles Parents,

My three years here at St. Charles have been pure joy. My family moved from out of state, and we felt at home once we entered the halls of Saint Charles. I'm writing to say thank you for the opportunity to teach and care for each student the last few years. I have subbed, assisted teachers, taught Technology and assisted EL learners.

I have felt the call to take a 2nd grade teaching job at Hope Academy. I'm sad to leave Saint Charles, but excited to fulfill what God has next for me.

My children will remain at St. Charles. I look forward to seeing each of you at school events, sports events, etc.

Thank you and may the Lord continue to bless each of you as you follow Him.

God Bless,  
Heather Olson

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

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# COVID Tracker

Dates	Jan 6 - 12	Jan 13 - 19
Cases in the building with school exposures	15	7

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

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

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## Intramural Basketball is ON for this Friday!!! (tomorrow January 21)

Please follow the original schedule dates and times (looking at January 21 this week).

1/21/22 **Green & Yellow** Practice: 6:00-6:30 Game: 6:30

**Red & Gray** Practice: 7:00-7:30 Game: 7:30

**Blue & White** Practice: 8:00-8:30 Game: 8:30

We hope to make up the first two weeks at the end of the season.

See you tomorrow night!

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## Diaper and Formula Drive - this week

Remember to send in your donations this week of formula and diapers for Sharing and Caring Hands.

Thank you for your generosity!

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## Home & School Corner

The support for recess duty has been tremendous!! WOW!!! Thank you so much to those who have signed up to help cover recess duty in the days to come. There are still a few spots open: [SignUpGenius](#)

Questions? Contact Amy Cameron: [birdieboyandthespruceduce@gmail.com](mailto:birdieboyandthespruceduce@gmail.com). \*Volunteers will need to be up to date with their Virtus Essential 3 requirements. ([www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org))

The two shifts needing coverage:

K-3 lunch/recess duty 11:40 AM-12:40 PM

4-8<sup>th</sup> lunch/recess duty 11 AM-12:10 PM

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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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Upcoming Parent Webinar hosted by CSCOE for our Spanish-speaking families

### **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>

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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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### **2021 Education Tax Information**

[2021 tax subtraction credit info.pdf](#)

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### **Parish Youth Activities**

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

Katie Walker, coordinator of youth ministry, hosts an after school youth group on Thursdays from 2:40-4:00 PM. A time to pray, have snacks, and play games together! The 5th and 6th graders come one week, the 7th and 8th graders come the following week!

Katie meets students in the hallway by Middle School Commons at 2:40 PM and walks 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 the youth group, please let Katie know. For questions: [kwalker@stchb.org](mailto:kwalker@stchb.org) or T: 651-900-3310

January 20: 5th & 6th graders  
January 27: 7th & 8th graders  
February 3: 5 & 6th 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](mailto:awagenbach@stchbs.org) or [kwalker@stchb.org](mailto:kwalker@stchb.org)

### **Important dates for summer youth opportunities**

6/2-6/24 Extreme Faith Camp for current 6th-8th graders  
7/24/7/28 Camp Veritas for current 8th-12th graders  
Details: <https://www.stchb.org/youth>

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### **St Helena's Sacred Art Workshop for grade school & high school students**

Check out this opportunity for 2nd graders and older [HERE](#) and look for the section: February 1-4, 2022

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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 the repose of the soul of Nancy Hogan, paternal grandmother of student Lovena, and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For recovery and healing for Tom Sazama, maternal grandfather of student Lovena.
- ❖ For Roger, husband of piano teacher Mary Ann, for recovery and healing from surgery for a 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](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)

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

NEW: St Anthony Summer Soccer programs <https://www.saboosters.org/programregistration>

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