

Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

#### Weekly Update 21 ~ February 17, 2022

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

TH.FEB	17	6:30 PM Kindergarten Round-Up	
FR.FEB	18	8:00 AM Mass: 5th - 8th grades, rooms 206, & 208	
MO.FEB	21	SCHOOL IS NOT IS SESSION for President's Day	
WE.FEB	23	8:00 AM Mass: 2nd grade, rooms 205 & 209	
		6:00 PM Ignite for middle school & high school youth (church)	
TH.FEB	24	2:40 PM 7th & 8th grade After School Youth Group (youth room)	
		6:30 PM Preschool Parent Information Night	
FR.FEB	25	8:00 AM Mass: 5th - 8th grades, rooms 206 & 208	
MO.FEB	28	Out-of-uniform passes may be used	

#### **Looking Ahead**

we.mar 02 Ash Wednesday
FR.mar 11 End of 2nd Trimester

we.mar 14-18 Spring Break

Dear St. Charles Parents.

It is Thursday once again, and after today, there is but one Thursday left in the month of February. To me this means that spring is coming, but it is not here yet. I always find that this is a difficult time of year for people. We have had it with winter, we see no sign of spring yet, and it just adds to whatever else we may be dealing with. The Lord said, "Be still and know that I am God." Our God loves us and is here with us every step.

Tonight we have Kindergarten Round-Up in the cafeteria. Doors will open at 6:15 PM, and we'll begin at 6:30 PM. Our incoming Kindergarten students are invited to attend this event along with their parents. They have the opportunity to spend time in the rooms and meet the teachers. The parents attend a presentation about our school and hear from the teachers, current parents, and me. A week from today, our Preschool Parent Information Night will be held in the cafeteria at 6:30 PM. This event is only for the parents.

In the week ahead, there will be a couple of parent surveys going out. One of them is about COVID protocols, and the other one is about homework at St. Charles. Both of these surveys are brief, and we are hoping for everyone's participation. For the survey on COVID protocols, we are asking <u>each parent</u> to fill out the survey. For the homework survey we are asking that a parent fill out <u>one survey per child</u>.

This morning we ran the drawing for the three \$200 tuition vouchers. All current families who had completed enrollment for next year were included. I would like to congratulate our winners: June Cameron, Nia Roberts, and Aleeyah Dehler! Each will receive a \$200 reduction in their tuition for the 2022-2023 school year.

We had an interesting end of the week last week with our water main breaking. Fortunately, this was outside of the building. Unfortunately it was on our property and our responsibility to repair. Thank you for your patience with the cancellation of after school activities. The issue has been resolved.

God bless you, Danny Kieffer St. Charles Principal

#### **COVID Tracker**

Dates	Feb 3 - 9	Feb 10 - 16
Cases in the building with school exposures	2	2

## **2022-23 Kindergarten Round-Up ~** TONIGHT

Invite everyone you know who will have a kindergartener next year to bring their child to join us for our Kindergarten Round-Up at 6:30 PM TONIGHT. This is a time to meet the teachers, tour the school, and learn more about the St. Charles kindergarten experience. Your invitation is the best way to get the word out about our school! RSVP to 612-781-2643 or <a href="mailto:stchbs.org">stchbs@stchbs.org</a>. Thank you!

## Preschool Parent Information Night Thursday, February 24

Join us for a Preschool Parent Night on Thursday, February 24 at 6:30 PM in the St. Charles School cafeteria. Learn about our 3-Year-Old and 4-Year-Old Programs. This evening is for prospective parents as well as parents who have registered their children and want to know more.

Our Preschool Program offers

- Classes for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds
- Full-day and half-day options
- Early start and extended day
- Committed, faith-filled staff members
- Flexible offerings and more!

Come to our Parent Night to discover the difference of a faith-based preschool program! Our preschool offers a warm and caring environment with a full range of learning experiences including art, music, physical education, and faith-based stories. This night is designed for adults only. We hope you can join us! RSVP: 612-781-2643 or stchbs@stchbs.org

### 17th Annual Liz Sue Day ~ March 5

The day remembering/honoring Liz Hickman and Sue McSherry is Saturday, March 5, from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Elizabeth Hickman, a St. Charles student who lost her life to brain cancer at the age of 14, lived

her life with faith, courage, and joyfulness. Sue McSherry, alum, parent, and staff member, was an inspiration to all who were graced to know her or blessed to cross her path. She lost her battle with cancer in October 2019. Her faith, compassion, and kindness touched the heart of each person she encountered, even during her illness. On this day, we raise money for Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Sue McSherry Scholarship Fund (to support St. Charles students in need of tuition assistance). Please come and enjoy a day of basketball, food, fundraising, and fellowship! Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Game times will be posted next week..

Please see the attached flyer for all the ways you can donate and support this event.

## For His Glory (4HG)

Our school participates in 4HG (For His Glory), a movement to create a healthy sports culture in our Catholic schools. To learn more about 4HG and its essential mission, please sign up for their quarterly newsletter by visiting <a href="https://www.4HG.co/in-the-news">www.4HG.co/in-the-news</a>.

## Order your 2021-22 Yearbook ~ Now through April 8

Yearbooks may be ordered now through Friday, April 8. This is the only time to reserve a copy of our 2021-22 yearbook. All yearbooks need to be pre-ordered online. The price is \$20. The yearbook covers preschool through 8th grade. To order your yearbook go to:

https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/order/LookupJob?jobNumber=1260922. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted. More details here:

https://www.stchbschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/yearbook-2022.pdf

# Aim Higher Scholarships for the 2022-23 school year Deadline extended - March 1

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 flyer 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 March 1, 2022.

All current families receiving an AIM Higher Scholarship for this school year must complete their application by March 1, 2022 in order to be eligible for the scholarship to continue into the next school year.

#### **Home & School Corner**

Amazon Smile is an easy way to help support our school throughout the year. Click to search for "Church and School of St. Charles Borromeo."

Interested in a rewarding volunteer position with Home & School? We are looking for the next chairperson for the 2022-2023 school year! Share your talents, lean in, and sign up today!! 

<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afad29abfb6-20212022">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afad29abfb6-20212022</a>

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

Word! start your application here

Do you know a family who may be interested in learning about St. Charles School? Encourage them to sign up for a tour on our website: **Tour & Information Request Link** 

#### 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!

#### 2021 Education Tax Information

2021 tax subtraction credit info.pdf

## Parish Youth & Family Activities

#### Ignite - Wednesday, February 23:

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@stchb.org or kwalker@stchb.org

#### Middle School After School Youth Group on Thursdays 2:40-4:00 PM

A time to pray, have snacks, and play games together! 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 or T: 651-900-3310

February 24: 7th & 8th graders March 3: 5th & 6th Graders March 10: 7th & 8th Graders

#### **Summer Youth Opportunities**

There is still time to register for Extreme Faith Camp and Camp Veritas! Please reach out to Katie at <a href="kwalker@stchb.org">kwalker@stchb.org</a> ASAP to let us know if your child would like to attend or if you have any questions!! 6/20-6/24 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

#### Women of St Charles: Save the Date

All women are cordially invited to the Women's Council Lenten Morning of Reflection *Unleashing the Strength of the Holy Spirit: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me"* Saturday, March 5, 9:00-11:30 AM. Reservations can be made starting this weekend. Sign up after the weekend Masses, reserve your spot through the parish website, or call the parish office

## **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 <a href="mailto:elizabethpollard@comcast.net">elizabethpollard@comcast.net</a>.

#### **Prayer Corner**

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

- A message from the family of our student Louis who we were praying for last week: Dear St Charles staff, students, and families, Please know how deeply our family appreciates your prayers for our son Louis. God is so good and has revealed to us what an amazing place we have found here at St. Charles. He has also brought quick healing for Louis, and he is home and well again!! Sending you all gratitude and blessings.
- For the repose of the soul of Richard Jones, father to former staff member Mark Jones, and for the comfort of his family.
- For Roger, husband of piano teacher Mary Ann, for recovery and healing from surgery for a brain tumor.
- 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 continued healing for Liz, mother to students Mary, Julia, Ray, and graduate Nathaniel.
- 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

### **Links for St. Charles**

- 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 ~ <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stchbs">https://www.facebook.com/stchbs</a>

# **Links for Outside Activities and Opportunities**

Sterling Karate Tuesday After School Program ~ <u>SterlingKarate.com/about-us</u>

TG Youth Wrestling Club: Totino-Grace Youth Wrestling Club

St Anthony Summer Soccer programs <a href="https://www.saboosters.org/programregistration">https://www.saboosters.org/programregistration</a>

St Anthony baseball: <u>saboosters.baseball-and-clinic-registration</u>

NEW: St Thomas Academy Crack Drill Squad performances: <a href="mailto:cadets.com/drillevents">cadets.com/drillevents</a>

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