



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Health Office & Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

Weekly Update 12 ~ December 2, 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. DEC 02** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
Report cards will be sent home
- MO. DEC 05** Out-of-uniform passes may be used
- TU. DEC 06** **Christmas Sweater Day** (or **RED & GREEN** Day)
- WE. DEC 07** 3rd-4th grades Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30 PM School Advisory Meeting (room 104)
- TH. DEC 08** K-8 Mass with music for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- FR. DEC 09** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
Trimester 1 middle school honors following 8:00 Mass (church)
Friday Night Live for 5th-8th grades (gym)
- SA. DEC 10** 10:00 AM Penance Service (church)

Looking ahead

- TU. Dec 13** 6:30 PM K-4th Advent Service Program
- TH. DEC 15** Middle School Band & Choir Concert
- MO. DEC 19** Christmas Break begins - school not in session
- TU. JAN 03** School Resumes

Dear St. Charles Families,

I have a lot to say with some time constraints today, so I'll leave the dad jokes out this week.

Report cards are came home in backpacks today, so if they haven't been handed to you, please hunt for them! Report card conversations are important "parent to child moments;" make sure you don't miss out on these talks with your child(ren)! Part of our mission is striving for excellence, and our mission comes through best when it is reinforced at home. The words, "I'm proud of you," mean the world to children when they hear those words from their parents. Go ahead and point them toward opportunities for improvement too ;-)

We will be going to Mass on December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a parish Mass that parents are welcome to attend as well. God gave us the gift of Jesus Christ and that began by making his mother special, pure, and yet, completely human. What a gift!

The smell of popcorn makes me think of basketball season at St. Charles. Speaking of which, we are in great need of parent volunteers to show up and run the concession stand! There is no experience needed. Home & School will provide direction, and we're all trying to be extra good with Christmas coming. If you can make a bag of popcorn and charge \$1 for it, you have the skills to work concessions. Please go to this link to sign up for games! [signupgenius](#)

Tuesday, December 6th, is the Feast of St. Nicolas, and to celebrate the kids will get a mini candy cane! Don't tell them it's not from St. Nick. Charge to Serve and Mrs. Wysopal will be leading this celebration. Students may also come to school in their best/worst Christmas sweater. If they don't have one yet, you can either stop at the Goodwill, or they can dress in red and green.

Please note that our K-4 Advent Prayer Service will be at 6:30 PM on December 13th this year in the church. The Middle School Christmas Band and Choir Concert will begin at 6:00 PM! Please note that the choir will perform at 6:00 PM, and the band will perform at 7:00 PM. We invite parents and middle school students to attend both concerts. Students are required to attend the concert they participate in. I will be looking for some audience participation to assist with the taking down of risers after the choir concert to clear the stage for the band to play!

The Catholic School Center of Excellence puts on a talent show called, "Shine On," each year. The auditions are open right now, and they are virtual auditions. If you are interested in having your child audition or would like more information, please visit this link: [shineontalent.org](#). They are looking for performing artists and graphic artists – singers, dancers, actors, instrumentalists, visual artists, and graphic artists.

As the first week of Advent nears the end, I want to wish all of you a very blessed Advent season. Thank you for your partnership and for trusting us with the formation and education of your most precious children. The staff and I look forward to the special events coming up where we get to celebrate Advent and our children together.

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Sock and Mitten Tree ~ Dec. 5-16

The 7th & 8th grade members of *Charge To Serve*, the student leadership group, will be collecting new, warm socks, mittens, and gloves. These donations will be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to those in need. Students may bring donations to their homeroom. Thank you for your generosity!

Home & School

A message from our Home & School president:

It's the most wonderful time of year, and we certainly have a lot to be thankful for! The exceptional teachers and staff at St. Charles Borromeo School are committed to serve our students and families. If you are wondering how you can show your appreciation this year, please consider a voluntary donation, in any amount, to the Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund. All collected funds will be distributed among the

entire staff (teachers, assistants, office personnel, maintenance crew, and administration). What a wonderful gift! There are 2 ways you can contribute.

1. You can donate through TADS. Please email Angela Bollensen (abollensen@stchbs.org) to arrange.
2. Send a check (made payable to St. Charles School) in an envelope marked, "Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund" with your student to school or turn directly into the school office.

Please contribute by Tuesday, December 13, 2021. Thank you for your generosity!!

AmazonSmiles

Time to start shopping or get those last minute gifts! Make sure to login into AmazonSmiles and pick St. Charles of Borromeo as your charity to get a percentage of their profits back to us!!

Home & School Wants You!!

Check out the latest volunteer opportunities: [Sign Up Genius](#)

Concession Stand Volunteers Needed for Basketball Season!

Home games have begun! Please consider signing up for a volunteer shift at the concession stand: [concessions sign-up](#) This is a great opportunity to meet other St. Charles families. Concessions are always popular at games and a great fundraiser for the Home and School Council, but we need your help. If you are new to concessions and would like a quick in-person training, please contact concessions coordinator Kirsten Kavanaugh, kkavan@comcast.net.

****REMINDER****7th and 8th grade students get service hours for volunteering with an adult.

Spirit Wear

Online Spirit Wear shop hosted by [Schoolbelles](#).

T-shirts may be purchased at the front office for \$13 each.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Urdahl at urdahl.mary@gmail.com or Kari Domeyer at karidomeyer@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity!!

The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a smashing success - thanks to *YOU!* Together, in a few short weeks, our school sent over 2,500 food and hygiene items to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in St. Paul and to the Missionaries of Charity in Minneapolis!! We also sent some food to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf in Mounds View! Our MN brothers and sisters will be far less in need this winter because of your extreme generosity. May God kindly bless you for performing this beautiful Corporal Work of Mercy of feeding the hungry. A big THANK YOU to all parents and families - and especially to those that took the time to drive the food to our charity sites. THANK YOU ALL!

Wolf Ridge calendars make great gifts!

The last 6 Wolf Ridge calendars are available for purchase for \$17. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Mark Your Calendars for the 4th Annual Borromeo Bash ~ April 22

What? The Borromeo Bash is an important school fundraiser to help raise money for various school needs and causes.

Who? This is an adult-only night intended for parents, parishioners, and the community - please help us spread the word!

2023 Theme: Black Tie (Black and White apparel only) so come dressed to impress!

Needs: We are looking for committee members and volunteers! Please reach out to Veronica Paulson (612-703-8719) by 12/9 if you are interested in joining our team.

We are also starting to collect *Auction Items* which are crucial to the success of the Bash! If you are aware of someone who wants to donate or would like to yourself, please email

Veronica.Paulson21@gmail.com or call 612-703-8719. Thank you and let's make this the most successful Bash yet!

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.

Parish Corner

Youth Ministry Newsletter and all youth ministry materials: www.stchb.org/youth

New: Friday Night Live ~ December 9

All 5-8 grade students are invited to join us in the gym for Friday Night Live on Friday, December 9, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM! We'll be playing Real-Life Clue, dodgeball, and more!

We are in need of help from some parents (who are E3 certified!) to chaperone the event! Please reach out to Katie if you are able to help! kwalker@stchb.org

After School Youth Group ~ December 15

All 4-8th grade students are invited to join us on Thursdays for after school youth group from 2:40-4:00 PM! Contact Katie at kwalker@stchb.org with any questions! Next opportunity: December 15

Ignite

All 4-8th grade students are invited to attend Ignite on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 PM in the youth room. This is a great opportunity for fun, fellowship, formation, and snacks! Please reach out to Katie with any questions at kwalker@stchb.org!

Ablaze

8th grade students are also invited to attend Ablaze on Wednesdays from 7:30-9 PM in the youth room! This is our high school youth group, and the 8th graders may attend this instead of Ignite if they would prefer! Please reach out to Katie at kwalker@stchb.org with questions!

Check the links below the Prayer Corner for more information

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 Toni Magee, grandma of Elizabeth M., whose cancer has returned.
- ❖ For healing for Felicia, wife of Ken, our CKG cafeteria manager.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Peter, son of staff member Sharon Rice, and for the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For Ruby S, teenage cousin to student Kinley, as Ruby battles her 3rd round of cancer in 2 years.
- ❖ For St. Charles student Jasper and his family as they navigate some new health challenges.
- ❖ For healing for Blanca, grandmother to student Camila.
- ❖ For a complete recovery for staff member Cindy Brown-Kasel.
- ❖ For successful cancer treatment for Jody, grandmother to students Torin and Brody, and mother to staff member Dayton Goodmanson.
- ❖ For healing of cancer for Bobbie, great aunt to students Lilly and Leo, and aunt to staff member Sharon McHale.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ For peace in our families and in our communities.

Additional Links

St. Charles School Website ~ www.stchbschool.org

St. Charles Google Calendar ~ [St. Charles Calendar Link](#)

St. Charles Lunch Calendar ~ [St. Charles Lunch Calendar Link](#)

St Charles Wellness Policy ~ [School-Wellness-Policy](#)

St. Charles Google Athletic Calendar ~ [St. Charles Athletic Calendar Link](#)

St Charles Volunteers ~ [Sign Up Genius](#)

Concession Stand Sign-up ~ [concession stand sign-up](#)

St Charles Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/stchbs>

St. Charles Borromeo: [St Charles Church](#)

Beyond St Charles

T-G Youth Wrestling Youth Club ~ [Flier](#) & [Sign Up Here](#)

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