



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Health Office & Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

## Weekly Update 17 ~ January 19, 2023

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. JAN 19 6:30 PM Preschool Parent Information Night** (Pre-K Room)
- FR. JAN 20 8:00 AM K-8 Mass** (church)
- SA. JAN 21 9:00 AM First Reconciliation Retreat** (youth room)  
6:00 PM Evening Affirming Life (Doran Hall)
- MO. JAN 23** Out-of-uniform passes can be used -
- WE. JAN 25 6:00 PM Ignite:** 4th-8th grades (youth room)  
7:30 PM **Ablaze:** 8th-12th grades (youth room)
- TH. JAN 26 2:40 PM 4th-8th After School Youth Group** (youth room)
- FR. JAN 27** School not in session: Staff Development Day
- SU. JAN 29 10:00 AM Mass** to start Catholic Schools Week  
11:30 AM until 1:00 PM **Learning Festival and Pancake Breakfast** in the school

### Looking ahead

- SU. JAN 29-SA. FEB 04** Catholic Schools Week
- SA. FEB 04** Liz Hickman/Sue McSherry Basketball Fundraiser Day

Dear St. Charles Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the longer MLK weekend. Martin Luther King Jr. is a hero of mine, not only for the difference he made in how people of different races relate to and treat one another, but also for the tremendous courage and sense of mission with which he led. He stood in the face of no agreement and refused to give up on the dream he had for America. This week our students are learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and his contribution to the civil rights movement.

I know that all of our returning students' parents would like a shot at \$200 off tuition next year. Tomorrow at noon, we will be drawing 3 names of students enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year who will win this \$200 prize! We also have 5 passes to the Eagle's Nest Indoor Playground that we will be giving away to one lucky enrolled student's family. To complete enrollment, check your inbox, and you'll find an email with a link to lead you through this relatively short and painless process. If you have any problems logging in, please call the school office, and we will help you. Our goal is to have 300 new and returning students enrolled by tomorrow at noon. Handling this process early really helps our beloved office staff and the planning process for 2023-24!

It is well known among parents and students that St. Charles is a "No Phone Zone." In the past month, since Christmas, we've noticed that a number of students have acquired "Smart Watches." These devices which can be used for texting and calling (and I'm sure a bunch of other stuff) fall under the "No Phone Zone" policy that we have. We encourage students to leave these at home or keep them in their backpack during the day, only to be used with permission from their teacher for a good reason. Watches that can be used to play video games are also not allowed in our school. I'm sure you understand that we are preserving our learning environment by limiting distractions. We appreciate your attention and support in this matter.

We have 6 buses that drop off our students in the morning. Please leave the bus lane open in front of the school so that our buses can safely drop off our students. Thank you also for your attention and support in this matter.

Tonight is Preschool Parent Information Night at 6:30 PM. If you know someone who is interested and can't make it, have them call me for a tour.

God bless you,  
Danny Kieffer  
St. Charles Principal

## **2023-24 School Enrollment Open**

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

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### **Preschool Information Night for Parents ~ TONIGHT at 6:30 PM**

This is for parents to come and learn about our Preschool Program. Please spread the word. Program starts at 6:30 PM in the pre-K room. To RSVP, call 612-781-2643 or email [stchbs@stchbs.org](mailto:stchbs@stchbs.org).

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### **St. Charles Diaper and Formula Drive through tomorrow**

St. Charles Chargers are invited to participate in the Parish's Annual Formula and Diaper Collection! All donations go to Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis.. Students may bring diaper, wipes, and formula donations to their homerooms. Thank you for your generosity!

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## **K-8 Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 4: See Attached K-8 Schedule**

### **Sunday, January 29, 10:00 Mass 11:30 AM Learning Festival 11:30-1:00**

Savor our students' hard work, enjoy the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast, find a great book at the Book Fair, support life by shopping at the Bake Sale, pick up some uniforms at the Used Uniform Giveaway.

### **Used Uniform Giveaway**

On January 29th, we will be throwing the first ever Used Uniform Giveaway in Doran Hall. From 9AM (after the 8:00 Mass) through the end of the Learning Festival at 1:00 PM, we will be in Doran Hall giving uniform items away....you heard us right, giving away, free of charge! We have been blessed with so

many donations of uniforms, but we don't have enough space to store them all. We desperately need your help to take some uniforms off our hands. Take what you need now and/or what you'll need later!

### **Usborne Books & More Book Fair**

50% of your purchase will be matched with FREE books for the school library!

**See attached K-8 schedule for out-of-uniform days and the overall plan for Catholic Schools Week**

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### **Home & School**

Check out the new Learning Festival volunteer opportunities: [Sign Up Genius](#)

Sign up for a shift at the concession stand: [concessions sign-up](#). If you are new to concessions and would like a quick in-person training, please contact concessions coordinator Kirsten Kavanaugh, [kkavan@comcast.net](mailto:kkavan@comcast.net).

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

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### **2023-24 School Year Aim Higher - 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 Flyer in English](#) (and [in Spanish](#)).

**We encourage you to apply if you already receive financial aid, or think that you may be eligible.**

The deadline is February 22, 2023.

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**All current families receiving an AIM Higher Scholarship for this school year must complete their application by February 22, 2023 in order to be eligible for the scholarship to continue into the next school year.**

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### **Borromeo Bash ~ April 22**

Our school spring fundraiser, the Borromeo Bash, is just around the corner! Save the date: April 22, 2023. The theme is Black Tie (Black and White Apparel only).

Please help us collect auction items! If you or someone you know wants to donate monetarily or with goods, please email [Veronica.Paulson21@gmail.com](mailto:Veronica.Paulson21@gmail.com) or call 612-703-8719. Auction items are vital to the success of the Bash! Click [HERE](#) to view our "Wish List" of auction items. Thank you for ensuring a successful Bash for our school!

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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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### **Parish Corner**

**Youth Ministry Newsletter** and all youth ministry materials: [www.stchb.org/youth](http://www.stchb.org/youth)

### **After School Youth Group**

All 4-8th grade students are invited to the after school youth group on Thursdays from 2:40-4:00 PM! Contact Katie at [kwalker@stchb.org](mailto:kwalker@stchb.org) with any questions! January 26.

### **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](mailto:kwalker@stchb.org)! Next Ignite is January 25.

### **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](mailto:kwalker@stchb.org) with questions! Next Ablaze is January 25.

### **Mark your Calendar: Formation Night— Wednesday, February 1**

Families with kids of all ages are invited Wednesday, February 1 for our next Wednesday Formation! Kids are welcome to go to the talk or to Doran Hall to be with Katie, while parents join Andrew in the Church for the talk in the church at 6:00 PM. The night will wrap up around 7:30 PM. Free family dinner begins at 5:30! Please reach out to Andrew or Katie with any questions! [awagenbach@stchbs.org](mailto:awagenbach@stchbs.org) or [kwalker@stchb.org](mailto:kwalker@stchb.org)

### **Summer Camp Registration Open!!**

Pre-Registration is open for [Extreme Faith Camp](#) (6-8th grade) and [Camp Veritas](#) (8-12th grade)!! EFC is from June 26-30, and Camp Veritas is from July 23-27! We would love to have your student join us! You can find the pre-registration forms online at [this link](#).

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## **Check the links below the Prayer Corner for more information**

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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 former student Vaughn Wolf and for the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For perseverance for Leanna in these difficult days with cancer. She is grandmother to current students Hailey, Grace, and Ava, and former students Braden, Brett, Elena, Tom, Joe, and Peter, and mother to staff member Molly Siroin.
- ❖ For healing for Jauna, grandmother to students Aidan and Adrian.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Beverly Corbett, grandmother to student Holden, and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For healing for Mr. Kenney's cousin Molly who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.
- ❖ For healing for 2 year old Elliot recently diagnosed with cancer. He has a close connection to a former student.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Heidi Keiser and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For Joe, great uncle to students Aleeyah and Alijah, who is going through some health issues

- ❖ For Toni Magee('54), grandma of student Elizabeth M., whose cancer has returned.
- ❖ For healing for Felicia, wife of Ken, our CKG cafeteria manager trainer.
- ❖ 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 staff member Dana Huggar's mother.
- ❖ For the health of all our students, families, and staff.
- ❖ For peace in our families and in our communities.

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### **Additional Links**

St. Charles School 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 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 Spirit Wear ~ [Schoolbelles](#) questions: Mary Urdahl at [urdahl.mary@gmail.com](mailto:urdahl.mary@gmail.com)

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

### **Beyond St Charles**

Shine Your Talent visual arts submissions January 1-31 ~ [shineontalent.org](http://shineontalent.org)

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

2023 St Anthony Boosters Summer Softball Registration. Register by 2/5/23 [register here](#)

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