



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Health Office & Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

Weekly Update 12 ~ November 30, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. DEC 01** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass with music (church)
Report cards will be sent home with students
- SU. DEC 03** 1st Sunday of Advent
Advent Family Event following the 10 AM Mass (Doran Hall)
- MO. DEC 04** Out-of-uniform passes may be used
- TU. DEC 05** Grades 5-8: Sacrament of Reconciliation (church)
- WE. DEC 06** Picture Retake Day
Grades 3-4: Sacrament of Reconciliation (church)
6:00 PM **Family Formation Night** (church) 5:15 PM Dinner (Doran Hall - RSVP for dinner)
- TH. DEC 07** **Spirit Wear Day**
- FR. DEC 08** K-8 Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (w/music)

Looking Ahead

- TU. DEC 12** 6:30 PM K-4th Advent Service Program
- TH. DEC 14** Middle School Band & Choir Concert
- WE. DEC 20** Christmas Break begins - school not in session
- WE. JAN 03** School Resumes

Dear St. Charles Parents,

The revamped, improved, and new report cards are coming home in backpacks tomorrow. Hopefully, your child will walk through the door smiling and hand you an unopened report card envelope with great anticipation. But, if that doesn't happen, check the backpack. 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 you.

We will be going to Mass on December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It will be on Friday at 8:00 AM, the normal time for school Mass. 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 School. 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](#)

If we don't have volunteers to staff the concession stand, the concession stand will be closed.

Tuesday, December 6th, is the Feast of St. Nicholas, 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.

Please note that our K-4 Advent Prayer Service will be at 6:30 PM on December 12th this year in the church. The Middle School Christmas Band and Choir Concert is on December 14th and will begin at 6:30 PM in the school gymnasium! Being in the gymnasium means we have one big concert instead of two separate concerts. This concert is an important part of your student's band or choir grade. We hope to see all parents and plenty of grandparents. Please have plans for young children during the show and don't let them run amok in the gym entry corridor and concession area (or in the gym please). I will be looking for some audience participation to assist with the taking down of the risers after the choir concert to clear the stage for the band to play!

The Catholic School Center of Excellence (CSCOE) 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.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent! In the weeks ahead, our kids will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation with our pastor Fr. Przybilla, and other priests from surrounding parishes. Their religion teacher will help them prepare for the sacrament. Students who are not Catholic do not participate in the sacrament but are invited to meet with one of the priests if they so choose. This is for grades 3-8.

This has been a sad week in the St. Charles community with the funeral of community member Jen Messing on Tuesday, and the funeral of St. Charles parent Aaron Koelman this Friday.

Jen was a substitute teacher at St. Charles who also gave her time to teach Theology of the Body in our school. She was a lifelong parishioner, alumni, and champion of the faith who is greatly missed by her friends and family.

Aaron Koelman was the father of 2nd grader Aleric. The 2nd graders will be attending the funeral tomorrow in support of their classmate. As you can imagine this is a heartbreaking loss for Aleric and his family. We as a staff have been praying for healing and comfort for the families and friends of these dear souls. We ask you to join us in prayer for their souls and for their grieving loved ones.

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Calling All 2nd & 3rd Graders ~ Registration Due Tomorrow - December 1

All 2nd and 3rd graders are invited to participate in the intramural basketball program that starts in January. Please click [here](#) for the registration forms. Registration forms are **due TOMORROW** Friday,

December 1.

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 serving 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 school staff (teachers, assistants, office personnel, 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 it in directly to the school office.

Please contribute by Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Thank you for your generosity!!

Home & School Wants You!!

Check out the latest volunteer opportunities: [SignUpGenius](#)

Volunteers Wanted for Concessions

Home games have begun! Please consider signing up for a volunteer shift at the concession stand: [Concession Stand signup](#) 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. We are encouraging each student-athlete parent/guardian to please volunteer for one concession shift to help, and once you do it, you'll want to sign up more often!

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

Looking for Gift Ideas

- Wolf Ridge calendars make great gifts and still help out our 6th graders - calendars available in the school office.
- [Schoolbelles](#) offers Charger items for purchase, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, hats, and more! Orders are shipped directly to families.

Picture Retake Day ~ December 6

Picture retake day is scheduled for December 6. Last Thursday, November 9, all families should have received an email from hello@slowroadphoto.com with a personalized link to your student's images. If you have any questions or didn't receive the email, please reach out to Slow Road Photography at hello@slowroadphoto.com or 612-293-6327.

Catholic Schools have TALENT!

The CSCOE- Shine On Showcase of Talent Performing Arts Auditions are OPEN!
All 4th through 8th grade students in Minnesota are invited to submit an audition tape from now until December 15th. <https://cscoe-mn.org/shine-on/>

Borromeo Bash

Mark your calendars for the 2024 Borromeo Bash: **April 20th, 2024**. We are starting to collect donation items for both the silent and live auction. Keep the Bash in mind as you shop. We need everything from gift cards, tickets to events, tech items, libations, toys, games, sponsorships, and more! Please email BorromeoBash@stchbs.org if you have any donations, sponsorships, or just general questions about the Bash. All items can be dropped off at the St. Charles School office. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Corner

Advent Family Event ~ Sunday, December 3

Come to Doran Hall after 10:00 Mass on Sunday for the Advent Family Event. Games, donuts, Advent kits. A great way to start Advent!

Family Formation Night ~ Wednesday, December 6

Family Formation Night on Dec. 6th. (5:15 Food 6pm Formation) and RSVP for food. See attached flyer for details and to RSVP for dinner.

Youth Ministry

Ignite ~ Family Formation this week instead of 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!

Learn about what our Youth Ministry has to offer - calendar of events, sign up for youth updates, save the dates, and more! Bookmark the site at: www.stchb.org/youth.

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 the repose of the soul of Aaron, father of student Aleric, and the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Jeff Jorgenson, great grandfather to students Dalton, Liam, and Isaac, and the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Jen Messing and the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For Jody, grandma to students Torin and Brody, for a successful recovery from heart surgery.
- ❖ For Regun, brother to students Remy and Kahley, as he begins cancer treatment.
- ❖ For healing of cancer for Roger Zabinski, husband of piano teacher Mary Ann.

- ❖ For Kathy, aunt of the Towle family, as she battles cancer.
- ❖ For Theresa, great-grandma of the Towles as she struggles with depression.
- ❖ For a healthy pregnancy for Leah, mother of students Bo, Eleanor, and Theo.

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

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

St Charles Volunteers ~ [SignUpGenius](#)

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

St Charles Spirit Wear ~ [Schoolbelles](#) questions: Josie at jasalzbrun@gmail.com

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

T-G theatrical mentorship 10 minute plays (7th & 8th graders) [audition info](#), [register here](#)

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

