



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Health Office & Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

Weekly Update 14 ~ December 14, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. DEC 14 6:30 PM Middle School Band & Choir Concert** (gym)
- FR. DEC 15** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
Trimester 1 Middle School Honors following 8:00 Mass (church)
7:00 PM Audrey Puchtel Charity Basketball Night
- SA. DEC 16** 10:00 AM Advent Penance Service (church)
- MO. DEC 18** Out-of-uniform passes may be used
- TU. DEC 19** Out-of-uniform day: **Christmas Sweater Day**
International Christmas Festival for K-8 students
9:00 AM Preschool Program (cafeteria)
10:00 AM Pre-K Program (Doran Hall)
- WE. DEC 20** **Christmas Break begins - school not in session**
4:30-6:00 PM 4th-8th grade youth group Nerf Games (school)
- WE. JAN 03** **School resumes**
6:00 PM Family Formation Night (church) 5:15 PM dinner (Doran Hall)
- TH. JAN 04** **NPH Sponsorship Day** - for \$1 or more, students may wear spirit wear or orange
- FR. JAN 05** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
Intramural basketball begins (gym)

Looking Ahead

- WE. JAN 10** **2023-24 Enrollment Opens for Current Families & Parishioners**
- MO. JAN 15** Martin Luther King Day - school not in session
- TU. JAN 16** 6:30 PM Kindergarten Round-Up
- TU. JAN 23** 6:30 PM Preschool Parent Information Night

Dear St. Charles Parents,

I'd like to begin by thanking our Home & School Association for providing and serving our staff Christmas lunch on Tuesday. It was delicious, and Doran Hall was beautifully decorated. The staff was able to really enjoy a lunch together. Thank you to all of the parents who made this possible!

The Advent program was fantastic, and honestly, when has it not been? I would like to acknowledge the fine work our faculty did to pull the performance together. Our students did a great job singing, acting, and filling the adults' tanks with hope, love, and a reminder of why we chose Catholic education.

Tonight is our Band and Choir Concert in the gymnasium. I was just listening to rehearsal, and they are hitting the notes! The concert begins at 6:30 PM this evening. Please drop band students off in the cafeteria and choir students in the middle school commons at 6:00 PM. Door 1 (front door) along with doors 2 & 3 (by the lower lot and gymnasium door) will be open for them. Please come in door 3 (the gym doors) for the concert. There will be seating on the gym floor in folding chairs, and we anticipate final bows being taken around 7:45 PM.

Keep your eye on January 10th, this is the date that registration opens for the 2024-2025 school year. The first week of registration is reserved for current student families (including any new students in your family) and parishioners, and we'll probably do a few drawings to encourage our current families to re-enroll right away (this always includes everyone who has enrolled to that point, so you don't have to wait for the announcement). Knowing our enrollment numbers early helps tremendously with preparation for the new school year. Yes, that means this year is not new anymore, hard to believe! Other important dates include January 16th, Kindergarten Round-Up, and January 23rd, Preschool Information Night for Parents. If you know anyone interested in a top-notch Catholic education, you should let them know about these nights!

I'd like to close by thanking you for choosing St. Charles Borromeo School for your children. The staff and I feel blessed to have each and every one of them.

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Trimester 1 Honor Roll Assembly ~ tomorrow, Friday, December 15

Following the 8:00 AM Mass tomorrow, the 5th-8th grade students who received honors in the first trimester will be recognized. Come to Mass and stay to acknowledge them for their accomplishments.

Home & School

EXTENDED to Monday: Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund

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 Monday, December 19, 2023. Thank you for your generosity!!

Looking to Volunteer?

- Check out the latest volunteer opportunities: [SignUpGenius](#)
- Try a volunteer shift at the concession stand: [Concession Stand signup](#) (7th and 8th grade students get service hours for volunteering with an adult at concessions).

Charger Mugs for Sale

Support St. Charles Home & School Council by buying a quality custom Charger mug for your loved one this Christmas. Mugs will be available tonight at the concession stand after the Middle School Choir & Band Concert. Mugs are \$25 and proceeds go to St. Charles Home & School Council. Supply is limited, so don't delay! See the [link](#) for available colors and styles. Thank you!

Please return your student's report card envelope before Christmas break

Just a reminder to sign your student's report card envelope and return the empty envelope to school with your student this week.

27th Annual Audrey Puchtel Basketball Night ~ Friday, December 15, 2023

Please note the updated times:

7:00 PM Girls Varsity vs. Immaculate Conception

8:00 PM Boys Varsity vs. Immaculate Conception

Admission Fee \$3.00 Adults / \$1.00 Students

Please join us as we remember a beloved front office staff member who passed away from cancer in the mid 1990's. All proceeds will go to the Our Lady of Peace Hospice Home in St. Paul - a favorite charity of Audrey's.

Intramural Basketball Schedule

Intramural basketball begins on January 5, 2023. Check [here](#) for practice and game times.

Catholic Schools have TALENT! Calling All 4th-8th Graders ~ by December 15

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 Borrromeo 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 BorrromeoBash@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

Youth Ministry

Nerf Games: 4th-8th graders ~ Wednesday, December 20, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

All 4th-8th graders are invited to Nerf Games in the school. Please meet in the gym. Students should come in Christmas Spirit Wear - Christmas sweaters, hats, etc. if possible.

Parents, please come into the gym to drop off and pick up your students.

"Holy Spirit Revival" Formation Night ~ Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Adults, Kids, Parents, Grandparents...all are invited to come for Formation Night on January 3!!!

Childcare, activities for all age kids, and formation for adults will be at 6:00 PM. Fr. Becker will be speaking to the adults on "Holy Spirit Revival." Dinner is provided at 5:15...this month cooked and served by Home and School. It will be spaghetti, salad, and bread (gluten-free options available). The night will wrap up around 7:30 PM. Please reach out to Andrew Wagenbach with questions:

awagenbach@stchbs.org (Please RSVP for dinner through the [Google form](#))

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 Joan at stchbmealtrain@gmail.com.

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 Jeri Stans, grandmother of students Noah and Alice, and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For quick and complete healing for staff member Donna G. as she recovers from some serious health challenges.
- ❖ 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](#)

St. Thomas Academy winter break events: <https://www.cadets.com/who-we-are/events/winter-break-camp>

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