



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Health Office & Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

Weekly Update 13 ~ December 7, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. DEC 08** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (w/music)
- MO. DEC 11** Out-of-uniform passes may be used
- TU. DEC 12** **6:30 PM K-4th Advent Service Program** (church)
- WE. DEC 13** 6:00 PM 4th-8th youth group (youth room)
- TH. DEC 14** \$1 (or more) Jeans Pass for Charity: Our Lady of Peace Hospice
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
9:15 AM Preschool Concert (cafeteria)
10:15 AM Pre-K Concert (Doran Hall)
- WE. DEC 20** **Christmas Break begins - school not in session**

Looking Ahead

- WE. JAN 03** **School Resumes**
- WE. JAN 10** **2023-24 Enrollment Opens for Current Families & Parishioners**

Dear St. Charles Parents,

The December illness kick is definitely kickin! Take your vitamin C and wash hands frequently.

Tomorrow, we'll be celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception as a school with a special Mass with many of the sacred Marian hymns. Parents are more than welcome to join us for 8:00 AM Mass; it is a holy day of obligation.

After Mass on December 15th, we will have the first trimester middle school honor ceremony in the church. We welcome parents to attend Mass and stay for the honor ceremony where we recognize the first trimester achievements of our 5th - 8th graders.

Of course, the students and staff have been putting great effort into preparing for the Advent Service and the Band & Choir Christmas Concert next week on the 12th and 14th respectively. The students performing should arrive at 6:00 for the 6:30 performances. We have a lot of new families at St. Charles this year. I am especially excited for you because you get to see how we do Christmas here for the first time. I promise you will be in the spirit by the end of next week if you are not already. Our staff and students sing, play, and act beautifully. I'm so proud of how we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Thank you for your generosity!!

The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a success - thanks to YOU! Our school sent over 2,100 food and personal care items to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in St. Paul, the Missionaries of Charity in Minneapolis, and Ralph Reeder in Mounds View. May God 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 who took the time to drive the food to our charity sites. THANK YOU ALL!

Please return your student's report card envelope

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

Home & School

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

Home & School Wants You!!

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

Concession Opportunities

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.

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 next week after the Advent Program in the church atrium and in 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!

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

7:00 PM Boys Varsity vs. Immaculate Conception

8:00 PM Girls 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.

Looking for Gift Ideas

- Wolf Ridge calendars make great gifts and still help out our 6th graders - calendars are 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.

Catholic Schools have TALENT! Calling All 4th-8th Graders

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

Youth Ministry

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 quick and complete healing for staff member Donna G. as she deals with 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.
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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.★**