



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Health Office & Attendance Line: 612-787-1131

Weekly Update 17 ~ January 18, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. JAN 19** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass with music (church)
SA. JAN 20 6:00 PM Evening to Affirm Life (Doran Hall)
MO. JAN 22 **No bus service**
Out-of-uniform passes may be used
TU. JAN 23 **6:30 PM Preschool Parent Information Night**
WE. JAN 24 6:00 PM Ignite: 4th-8th grades (youth room)
TH. JAN 25 **6:00 PM First Reconciliation (church)**
FR. JAN 26 **School not in session - Staff Development**
SU. JAN 28 10:00 AM Mass to start Catholic Schools Week
11:30 until 1:00 PM Learning Festival and Pancake Breakfast in the school

Looking Ahead

- SU. JAN 28-SA. FEB 03** Catholic Schools Week
TU. FEB 06 Cana Dinner
MO. FEB 19 **School not in session - Staff Development**
MO. FEB 19-WE FEB 21 Parish Mission (in AM & PM)
SA. FEB 24 Liz Hickman/Sue McSherry Basketball Fundraiser Day

Dear St. Charles Parents,

We've hit our first cold snap of the year and first week with indoor recesses (so far). Tomorrow is not looking promising, so thankfully, it is only a four-day week. Enrollment 2024-25 school year has been open for 8 days, and we're off to a great start! To date, we have 81% of our current students re-enrolled for next year with 26 applications for new students. Please, make sure that your child is enrolled. The online process to re-enroll students is a very simple process that begins by clicking on the link you received via email. If you are unsure about enrollment for the upcoming year, please be in touch with our school office about this. **The winners of the \$100 tuition voucher for next year are Anna Hills, Steven Clark, and Emma Valle Erazo!** Congratulations to our winners, and thank you for handling enrollment promptly!

I'm very excited to release our new school video that we began working on during the last school year. I encourage you to share the video with friends and family, especially those who may be interested in a Catholic education at St. Charles Borromeo. This video will also go out on Facebook today, so please, share it with your page. We'd like to reach as many potential families and donors as possible. The video is located on our website <https://www.stchbschool.org/>

In the week ahead, we have Preschool Information Night for Parents on Tuesday, January 23rd. Parents have the opportunity to hear from the teachers and me about our program. We hold this evening in room 102, a pre-k room, so they have the chance to be in our preschool rooms and see the environment. Please see the attached flyer and send it to anyone you think would be interested. Please encourage parents to RSVP by calling the office so we're prepared for the group!

Important Reminder: On Monday, January 22nd no school buses will be running to and from St. Charles

On January 26th, we have a Staff Development Day where our staff has the opportunity to meet and accomplish important goals without our students present. This Staff Development Day is also used to prepare for the Learning Festival on January 28th at 11:30 AM. Please join us for the Catholic Schools Week kick-off Mass on the 28th at 10:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo Church and then for pancakes, baked goods, student projects, presentations, and much more.

Catholic Schools Week is on the horizon, and attached you will find a schedule of events and activities. Highlights include grades 6-8 attending the Mass of the Holy Spirit at the Excel Energy Center on Monday, January 29th. There is also a field trip to the Fun Lab for grades K-8 on Tuesday, January 30th. Our preschoolers will be taking a field trip on Wednesday, January 31st. Permission slips have been sent out or are on their way today, so please watch for those. **There will be no school lunch served on Tuesday, January 30th because the K-8th graders will be off-site for lunch. Everyone will need to bring a bagged lunch that day.** We look forward to sharing more in the week ahead!

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

2024-25 New Student Applications Open for the 2024-25 school year!

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

Preschool Information Night for Parents ~ Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 PM

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

tell us you're coming on [Facebook](#). Please see the attached flyer!

K-8 Catholic Schools Week

January 28-February 2: See Attached K-8 Schedule

Sunday, January 28, Mass at 10:00, Learning Festival 11:30-1:00

- Savor our students' hard work,
- Enjoy the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast,
- Find a great book at the Usborne Book Fair: 50% of your purchase will be matched with FREE books for the school library!
- Support life by shopping at the Bake Sale,

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

We Need You!

- Check out the new Learning Festival volunteer opportunities: [SignUpGenius](#)
- Concession stand opportunities: [Concession Stand Signup](#) If you have not helped with concessions before, please note this when signing up so we can make sure someone else is there to assist. Thank you!

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for 8th graders Ella G. and Elijah D. for writing winning essays about their vocations field trip. Congratulations also to runner-up essay writers Stella B. and Nicholas O. Way to go! Thank you to the North Minneapolis Serra Club for hosting the Vocations Field Trip last fall.

Calling All 4th-8th Grade Visual & Graphic Artists ~ by February 5

The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence CSCOE Shine On Showcase of Talent is accepting submissions in visual and graphic arts through February 5. 4th - 8th grade students are eligible. <https://cscoe-mn.org/shine-on/visual-arts/>

2024-25 School Year Aim Higher - Deadline Feb 23

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 23, 2024.

All current families receiving an AIM Higher Scholarship for this school year must complete their application by February 23, 2024, in order to be eligible for the scholarship to continue into the next school year.

2023 Education Tax Information

[2023 tax subtraction info](#)

Borromeo Bash Update!

The 2024 Borromeo Bash planning is well underway!

Please save the date for **April 20th, 2024**. Get your tickets as soon as possible [HERE](#) as we will sell out! Next weekend, we will be collecting monetary donations for the Bash after all masses and during the Learning Festival. Please consider donating to the largest fundraiser for our school whether that be with cash, check, or Venmo! More information to come next week but please have your donations ready!

Please email BorromeoBash@stchbs.org if you have any donation items, would like to sponsor the event, or if you have general questions about the Borromeo Bash. Please check out our donation wish list that contains the items we need most [HERE](#) (<http://tinyurl.com/Borromeo-Bash>)

All items can be dropped off at the St. Charles School office. Thank you for your generosity, gifts, and time!

Parish Corner

Youth Ministry

If you'd like to receive regular updates directly from Katie about youth ministry events, visit www.stchb.org, click on the little sheep in the upper left corner, and sign up for youth ministry Flocknote updates!

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.

Registration is Now Open for Summer Camps!!

[Extreme Faith Camp](#) registration is now open for current 6-8th graders: June 24-28. [Camp Veritas](#) for current 8th -12th graders is now open: July 21-25! We would love to have your student join us!

Evening to Affirm Life - Spaghetti Dinner ~ this Saturday

The Annual Evening to Affirm Life will be held on Saturday, January 20th, starting with Mass at 5:00 PM and a free Spaghetti Dinner to follow. Brother Conrad Richardson from the Franciscan Brothers of Peace

will be giving a talk on their Apostolate. A free-will offering will be taken up for the Brothers during the event. You must have a ticket to attend: [Spaghetti Dinner](#).

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 Conlin at stchbmealtrain@gmail.com.

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 comfort and peace in this time of hospice care for Roberta, grandmother of staff member Dana Huggar.
 - ❖ For Jody, grandma to students Torin and Brody, for a successful recovery from heart surgery.
 - ❖ For healing of cancer for Regun, brother to students Remy and Kahley.
 - ❖ 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. Anthony Boosters Baseball Clinics: [Baseball Clinics & registration](#)

St. Anthony Boosters Softball Clinics: [Softball Clinics & registration](#)

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