



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

Weekly Update 2 ~ September 14, 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. SEP 14** 2:45 PM Lego League
- FR. SEP 15** 8:00 AM School Mass (Church)
1:45 PM Marathon Pep Fest (Front Lawn)
- SU. SEP 17** Donut Sunday (Church and Doran Hall)
- MO. SEP 18** Out-of-Uniform Pass Day
NWEA Testing Begins
- TU. SEP 19** Marathon \$ Collection Day
5th Grade Wolf Ridge Paperwork Due
3:00 PM Sterling Karate Begins
6:30 PM School Advisory Council (Rm 104)
- WE. SEP 20** 7:00 PM 2nd Grade Holy Family Info Mtg (School Auditorium)
Art Club Begins (6th-8th grades)
- TH. SEP 21** Spirit Wear Day
6:30 Catholic Watchmen (Doran Hall)
- FR. SEP 22** 8:00 AM School Mass (Church)
1st Marathon Prize Drawing
- TH. SEP 28** **6:30 PM K - 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**
- TU. OCT 03** 7:00 PM Living Rosary (Doran Hall)
- SA. OCT 07** **ST. CHARLES SCHOOL MARATHON & PARISH FALL FEST**
- WE. OCT 25** **6:00 PM VIRTUS Training Session** (Doran Hall)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

It was great to see marathon sponsorship already rolling in! This Friday is our Pep Fest on the front lawn, and we'll be having a little cheering contest along with some rah-rah and maybe a couple early prizes. Parents are welcome to join us on the front lawn for the fun at 1:45 PM. The first official turn-in pledge day is Tuesday, September 19, with the first, official round of prizes given out on Friday, September 22.

Next week we will begin our fall NWEA MAP testing. This testing will last for 2 weeks with grades 5-8 doing most of their testing September 18 - 22, and K-4 doing most of their testing September 25 -29. Please make sure that your children are in attendance every day, on time, and have a good breakfast. Of course, we like to see this all the time, but during testing it is especially important to make for a smooth process and accurate measurement.

Parent Information Night for all K - 8 parents is Thursday, September 28. Please mark your calendar for this night. It is a really important night for building a solid foundation of partnership and communication for the year ahead between parents and the school. We're changing the format of the evening slightly this year; I'm confident

that you will see it as an improvement. Look for separate communication next week detailing the order of the evening. Home and School will be throwing another volunteer blitz, so bring your schedule and go home a hero with out-of-uniform passes in hand for signing up to volunteer for events throughout the year.

Thank you for choosing St. Charles for your children,

Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Remember to check your Back to School Packet for your school calendar, handbook, Marathon information, and end of the day pick-up signs for the visor of your car!

It's MARATHON time!

The St. Charles Annual School Marathon is HERE, and our students will be shouting about it at the Marathon Pep Fest on Friday!

We hope you will mark your calendar for this family-fun event on Saturday, October 7. Fundraising for the Marathon is in full swing, and there have been a few students who have already handed in their donations. We hope everyone will work hard to reach their goal.

The Marathon packet and sponsor log was given at Back to School night, but you can also find all the information online here: <http://stchbschool.org/activities/school-events/>.

This is the most important school fundraising event of the year! Please remind donors that ALL donations raised through the marathon go directly to our school to support many programs and are a part of our operating budget.

This year our overall school fundraising goal is \$43,000. Each student in kindergarten through 8th grade is asked to meet a minimum fundraising goal of \$185 to help us meet our school goal. Students who meet this goal will be awarded a prize, an out-of-uniform pass, and a chance to win one of our Grand Prizes.

Remember to check with your employer to see if they have a Matching Fund Program. This is a great way to help us reach our goal. Thank you!

Soccer and Volleyball Update

The soccer and volleyball seasons are in full swing. Our athletic calendar on our school website is the best way to keep up to date on practices and games. <http://stchbschool.org/activities/athletic-calendar/>

The **volleyball** coaches are still waiting to receive a finalized game schedule that they can post on the athletic calendar. In the meantime, keep an eye on your email in case there are any changes to the partial schedule that is posted on the website.

For **soccer** communication, the students receive paper copies of the schedule, which should match the

online athletic calendar. (If something doesn't match up, contact the coach. If that is not possible, give priority to the online schedule.) Schedule changes (rainouts, etc.) will be handled through the Google groups for each team.

Thank you for your patience as we get the schedules set for the season.

5th Grade Wolf Ridge Paperwork ~ Due September 19

Just a reminder that the Wolf Ridge forms for both the students and the chaperones are due Tuesday, September 19.

Interested in Karate?

Karate starts on Tuesday, September 19. Check out this link to learn more about karate opportunities at St. Charles. [Sterling Karate](#)

Holy Family Info Meeting for All Parents of 2nd Grade Students ~ Wed, Sept. 20

The Holy Family Information Meeting for all parents of second grade students preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is Wednesday, September 20, at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

Band Program for 5th - 8th Grade Students

There is still time to sign up for the 2017-18 band program. The first lesson was Wednesday, September 13, but there is always room for another band member! See the link below for more details.

[Band Registration Information Link](#)

Art Club (6th - 8th Grades) ~ Wednesday, September 20

Art Club for 6th - 8th graders will begin on Wednesday, September 20. The Club will run for six Wednesdays from 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM. To print out a registration form go to: [ArtClub](#)

Piano Lessons

Mrs. Mary Ann Zabinski has a few openings at school for piano students . Please contact her if you are interested at (612) 781-6340 or makzabinski@gmail.com. Piano lessons begin next week.

Calling All Men ~ Thursday, September 21

Attend the first Catholic Watchmen Night of the season for FREE! The 2017-18 CW season kicks off on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 PM. Events are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month during the school year, 6:30-9 PM (sharp) in Doran Hall. These men-only monthly events feature social time, a fine "manly" meal and beverages, a short presentation, group discussion, and time for confession and adoration. Each

evening is a stand-alone event—no long-term financial or time commitment, no “group” to join. This year’s kickoff features a special new mystery dish, local brews, and FREE admission (waived \$10 suggested donation)! Now is the time to check it out and bring a son, father, brother, or pal! See www.stchb.org/CatholicWatchmen for full details and materials from past events.

Online Spirit Wear Orders ~ Until Monday, September 25

From now through Monday, September 25th Spirit Wear is on sale. Don’t miss your chance to order St. Charles items for the entire family! Online you will find t-shirts, sweatshirt, short, sweat pant, and fleece options featuring our Chargers logo. Sample items are available in the school office for sizing. Ordering instructions and a link to the online store can be found on our website at <http://stchbschool.org/for-parents/related-links/>. Please contact Maura Kalaitzakis (612-860-4710) with any questions.

School Picture Day ~ Wednesday, September 27

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 27. This is an out-of-uniform day. (Please refer to page 9 of the Parent & Student Handbook for more details on the out-of-uniform dress code). More details will be available soon about picture orders.

Living Rosary ~ Tuesday, October 3

The St. Charles Women’s Council cordially invites you to participate in a Living Rosary. Moms, dads, children, grandparents, neighbors. Everyone is invited. What is a Living Rosary? It is a rosary prayed together where the people present make up the beads of the rosary. Each person will lead one of the prayers that represents the bead where they are sitting. They will light a candle when it is their bead. Copies of the prayers will be provided. When we are finished we will have lit candles in the shape of the rosary.

Please plan to come to Doran Hall on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 PM. The evening will begin with Deacon Peter Ly, our summer deacon, providing a short explanation of what the rosary is, and why it is important to pray it. We will then pray together. The rosary will be followed by light refreshments. For safety reasons we will be using “candles” with batteries.

This is a special way to pray and reflect on the rosary in this 100th year since the apparitions at Fatima. For questions contact Katie 612-789-0172

Virtus Training Opportunity for New Volunteers

If you are new to volunteering at St. Charles and would like to volunteer in the classroom, chaperone a field trip or the 5th grade Wolf Ridge Trip, help out at concessions, etc, please sign up for your required VIRTUS training session. **St. Charles will host one VIRTUS Training session on Wednesday, October 25th from 6 - 9 PM.** (Other sessions are held throughout the diocese)

There are other volunteer requirements, but this is the only one that cannot be completed online. **Please see the attached instructions for registration and other requirement details.**

Only one live training session is required and will cover your requirement anywhere in this Archdiocese and in most dioceses in the United States.

If you have already completed a live VIRTUS training, you will not need to attend another. All of the volunteer requirements need to be updated online every three years. Please contact Angela Bollensen if you have questions (abollensen@stchbs.org).

Advanced registration is required for the VIRTUS Training sessions at www.virtus.org.

Thanks for your service to St. Charles School!

Consider Hosting an Exchange Student from Guatemala

FRIENDLY EXCHANGE 2017! For 35 years our program has been dedicated to promoting and encouraging learning, sharing, and expanding the worldview of many American families through hosting a Guatemalan student.

For 11 weeks, you could host a Guatemalan STUDENT, (11-16 years old) as a member of your family; which means he/she will join in your daily activities and go to school. Through him/her, you can learn about a new country and culture, while you experience firsthand the beauty of diversity as seen from a child's eyes. The group arrives September 22 and returns December 9. If you would like to know more, contact us to find out the location and time of the next meeting near your area, or if you prefer, to set up a personal visit at a convenient time. Please also share with your friends or relatives that might be interested in this fabulous experience! Teresita Pawlyshyn (651) 283-3451

friendlyexchangemn@feexchange.com or info@feexchange.com or www.feexchange.com

Coming for Lunch with Your Student - order by 9:30 AM!

We are happy to have parents or other guests join their student for lunch. The cost of a hot lunch for each guests is \$4.00. Just so you are aware, at this time, your family lunch account cannot be used for this cost. Please reserve your lunch through the school office by **9:30 AM** at 612-781-2643.

School Year Reminders

- **Please send a note to school if there is a change in your child's end of the day routine.**
 - Please remember that there is **NO PARKING** on Stinson Boulevard in front of the parking lot and school area.
 - For safety reasons, all children waiting for rides after 3:00 PM will be sent to the St. Charles After School Care Program until their ride arrives.
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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

- ❖ Lawrence and Valerie Anderson, parents of staff member Teri Wysopal and grandfather of Sophia, for healing after various health complications
- ❖ For Frankie F., little brother of Dominic, for quick healing of his broken leg.
- ❖ For staff member Kelly Beasley for complete healing for her back.
- ❖ For healing for student Melissa P's mother
- ❖ For all St. Charles families, new and old, that they may be strengthened by their faith and sheltered in God's loving mercy

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

St Charles Volunteers ~ [SignUpGenius - St. Charles](#)

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

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