



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Weekly Update 13 ~ November 30, 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. NOV 30 Report Cards come home with students today
- FR. DEC 01 8:00 AM School Mass
- SA. DEC 02 Women's Advent Retreat (Doran Hall)
- MO. DEC 04 Out-of Uniform Pass Day
- TU. DEC 05 9:00 Reconciliation for Grades 5-8
7:00 K-4 Advent Service (Church)
- WE. DEC 06 Memorial of St. Nicholas
NPH Sponsorship and Spirit Wear Day
9:00 Reconciliation for Grades 3 & 4
- FR. DEC 08 8:00 AM All-School Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception followed by the Middle School Honor Assembly for Trimester 1
- WE. DEC 13 SCRIP Orders due
- TH. DEC 14 **7:00 PM Middle School Christmas Band and Choir Concert**
- FR. DEC 15 7:00 PM Advent Penance Service

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Please check backpacks tonight for report cards! Also, please sign the envelope and return it; this lets us know that you received the card and allows us to reuse the envelope.

Next week our students in grades 3-8 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What a great way to kick off the Advent Season. Speaking of kicking off Advent, prepare for another packed church this Tuesday December 5th. It is the St. Charles Advent Program during the very first week of Advent, what a thrill! I know that this will help focus my mind on the coming of Christ right off the bat.

History has proven that the 3 weeks ahead of us will be intense, heart-lifting, and fast. It is a time where I always feel the closeness of our community and inspired by our work here at St. Charles. When I say "our work" I am including parents, support staff, teachers, and me too! This is our work, and these kids are our future.

I'm still looking for a couple more homes where we can place members of the NET team for the night of December 14. Please consider this, especially if you live close and have no students in grades 5-8 (they have their band and choir concert on the 14th)! The details are below, and I promise that welcoming the NET team members into your home will bring grace into your life, at least for one night.

To be a host, you have to be willing to take at least two team members. They come equipped with sleeping bags so a couch, bed, or air mattress would be great. They need access to bathroom, showers, and a couple meals. The rough schedule would require picking them up on December 14 in the afternoon (at St. Charles), providing dinner that night and breakfast the following morning, and dropping them off at St. Charles on the 15th at 7:30 AM. The team supervisors receive the list of hosts when they arrive, and they place the team members based on how many can be accommodated at each site, allergies, and gender preferences (you can request male or female guests -- guests will all be either male or female). Please email me if you would like to host NET team members!

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Finally, with the season's change, I want us to be prepared for the potential of snow days. As a refresher, we always follow the decision of School District 282 St. Anthony/New Brighton because we share transportation with them. If you see that district 282 is closed, that means we are also closed. I will post St. Charles closings on WCCO, so that is the channel to tune into on those snowy mornings.

Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Report Cards ~ Today

Report cards are coming home with the students today. Please remember report card envelopes need to be signed and returned to school at your earliest convenience. Students should return the envelopes to their homeroom teacher.

Educate Alert Testing Message Coming Tomorrow

Please check how your notifications are set up to make sure it is set up the way that is most useful to you. We will be sending out a test message tomorrow. Please refer to the email that was sent out on 11/28/17 for information on how to manage your alert notifications.

Advent Season

- School Masses ~ Everyone is invited to join us for 8:00 AM School Mass during Advent on Fridays, December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception), and December 15 at 8:00 AM
- K - 4th Advent Program ~ Tuesday, December 5— Everyone is invited to join us for the Real Story of Christmas, as depicted by the students in Kindergarten through fourth grade at 7:00 PM in the church. K-4 families, click [Advent Service Info](#) for more information about specific details for when and where your student needs to arrive that night.
- Middle School Band & Choir Concert ~ Thursday, December 14— Everyone is invited to the St. Charles Band & Choir Concert at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. Come enjoy the Christmas spirit.
- Parish Advent Penance Service ~ Friday, December 15 — Everyone is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent. On Friday, Dec. 15, at 7:00 PM there will be several confessors present for the Parish Penance Service.

Honor Roll Assembly for Trimester 1 ~ Friday, December 8

Following the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8:00AM Mass on Friday, December 8, 5th-8th grade students who received honors in the first trimester will be acknowledged. Come to Mass and stay to acknowledge their accomplishments.

Spirit Wear for NPH ~ Wednesday, December 6

Wednesday is our Nuestrros Peqenos Hermanos Sponsorship Day. If students bring in a \$1 for NPH, they come dressed in spirit wear or orange for NPH.

Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund ~ Now through Friday, December 15

The Christmas season is rapidly approaching! The Home and School Council would like you to please consider contributing to the St. Charles Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund. This gift opportunity is voluntary and the amount is at your discretion. All money contributed is distributed throughout the entire staff, so every teacher and staff member will receive an appreciation gift for Christmas. What better way to show our appreciation to our wonderful staff! If you would like to contribute, please send contributions to the school office (checks made payable to St. Charles School) in an envelope marked: "Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund." Please include your child's name as all who contribute will be listed on the card accompanying the gift. Thank you for your generous support of the St. Charles School Staff. We wish you a very blessed Advent and Christmas season! Please return contributions to the school office no later than December 15, 2017.

SCRIP: A No-Selling Fundraiser ~ You now have until December 13 to Order

Scrip Fundraising is a no-selling program that allows our families to raise money for St. Charles School. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, or credit cards. **For every gift card you purchase at face value, St. Charles receives instant cash!** Close to 200 options of well-known retail, dining, grocery, gas, etc. gift cards!! **Please turn in your orders by Wednesday, December 13, with delivery or pick-up on Monday, December 18th.** Rethink the way you shop while supporting St. Charles School!! To get all the details and print out order forms go to: [SCRIP](#)

Mitten and Sock Tree

Once again the St. Charles community will be collecting new mittens, gloves, and warm socks for those in need. This year the St. Charles School *Charge to Serve Group* (formerly Student Council) is joining with the Women's Council to make this happen. The collection will take place from now through December 20. Children and adult sizes are needed. Thank you for participating!

Do You Shop on Amazon?

If you like to avoid the checkout lanes and shop online through websites like Amazon, please support St. Charles by selecting us as your charity of choice. What a perfect way to support St. Charles while also getting some holiday shopping done! If you use Amazon Smile for making all your Amazon purchases, they will donate 0.5% of your purchase back to St. Charles. This is all made possible by shopping on smile.amazon.com and selecting St. Charles as your charity of choice. See how to sign up [HERE](#)

Youth Group Nut Sale

The St. Charles Youth Group will be selling nuts and other treats after all weekend Masses this weekend and next weekend. A great chance to pick up gifts or get set for holiday baking.

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 Lori Mayer, mother of former students Mary, class of 2010 and Christopher, class of 2011, and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For Ryan (Hannah and Whitney's uncle) who had a heart attack and is now recovering from quadruple bypass surgery.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Cody Lampi, class of 2005, and for the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For prayers to help manage the complications of diabetes for Don Krieger, grandfather of Jake K., and father-in-law of staff member Amy Krieger.
- ❖ For Arden, a friend of the St. Charles community, who is suffering with asthma complications and who has now back in the hospital due to serious complications.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Lawrence Anderson, parent of staff member Teri Wysopal and grandfather of Sophia, and for the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Patricia Candos, mother of student Melissa P., and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ For staff member Kelly Beasley for complete healing for her back.
- ❖ 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>

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