



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**Weekly Update 14 ~ December 7, 2017**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- MO. DEC 11** Out-of-uniform Pass Day
- TU. DEC 12** 7:00 PM Home & School Meeting (Room 104)
- WE. DEC 13** SCRIP Orders due  
1:45 PM Band & Choir Concert Preview
- TH. DEC 14** **Spirit Wear Day**
- TH. DEC 14** **7:00 PM Middle School Christmas Band and Choir Concert**
- FR. DEC 15** 8:00 AM All School Mass
- MO. DEC 18** Out-of-uniform Pass Day
- TU. DEC 19** Audrey Puchtel Tournament
- WE. DEC 20** International Christmas Festival  
6:30 PM School Advisory Meeting (Room 104)
- TH. DEC 21** School Not in Session ~ Christmas Break
- TU. JAN 02** School Resumes

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Once again, an amazing Advent Service took place at St. Charles Borromeo. I want to acknowledge our students and their teachers one more time for the great work they did to honor the birth of our Lord. We all look forward to the Band and Choir Concert coming up on the 14th, fanning the flames of the Christmas spirit at St. Charles.

Our Home and School found an amazing way to raise money for the multitude of things they do for our school. It is called Scrip, and most of you have heard of it. You can purchase e-cards for places that you know you will spend money for the rest of your life, and a percentage goes back to the school. Two Home and School chairpeople have been using it consistently for a couple of weeks, and those two families alone have raised over \$100 for the school by simply re-thinking the way they shop! Please read below to learn more about how you can participate, and please do support our Home and School; the Lord knows they support us.

On the other side of Christmas break, we are going to start a pop-tab drive with the Knights of Columbus and NPH will be the beneficiary. Please start collecting those many holiday pop-tabs! It doesn't cost anything, and research has proven that kids love to collect stuff!

After a long night of entertaining us on the 14th, the 5th-8th graders will have an amazing Friday with NET Ministries. Our entire middle school has never had a NET Retreat before, and this is something I am thrilled and proud to bring to St. Charles. This team of young adults is on fire for their faith, and the theme of the retreat is "Fully Alive." Our 5th-8th graders are in for a wake up that will impact their Advent Season and life. Parents, get ready for a kickstart because I guarantee that it is contagious, and the "wake-up call" will reach us through the students! Thank you to all of you who generously offered to host. We ended up with more than enough homes for the team.

Thank you for choosing St. Charles for your children,

Danny Kieffer  
St. Charles Principal

## **Trimester 1 Honor Roll Assembly ~ Tomorrow, Friday, December 8**

Following the Feast of the Immaculate Conception 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.

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### **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
- 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.

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### **Advent Service**

Thank you to the students and staff who worked so hard to remind us what Christmas is really about. Click on this link [Advent Service](#) to see the photos on Facebook.

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## **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.

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## **A Gentle Reminder to Remember to Return those Report Card Envelopes**

Report card were sent home with the students on Tuesday, December 6. **Please sign the report card envelope and return it to school at your earliest convenience.** Students should return the envelopes to their homeroom teacher.

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## **SCRIP: A No-Selling Fundraiser ~ Order by December 13**

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 18<sup>th</sup>.** Rethink the way you shop while supporting St. Charles School!! To get all the details and print out order forms go to: [SCRIP](#)

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## **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!

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## **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](http://smile.amazon.com) and selecting St. Charles as your charity of choice. See how to sign up [HERE](#)

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## **Youth Group Nut Sale**

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

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## **Help the St. Anthony Fire Department collect for Toys for Tots**

See Santa on the fire truck in St. Anthony Village December 10 - December 13. For information check out this link: [Santa on the fire truck](#)

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## **Influence of the Media on Marriage and Family**

Media can easily connect us with friends and family, and it can put information instantly at our fingertips. But what can we do to counteract its secular influences in our lives and our children's lives? Come hear media personality Kalley Yanta address this topic on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 in Doran Hall.

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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](mailto:dkieffer@stchbs.org)

- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Bob Bachmeier, brother-in-law of Cathy and Mark Kenney, and for the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For our NPH brothers and sisters.
- ❖ 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 is 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

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## Additional Links

St. Charles Website ~ [www.stchbschool.org](http://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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