



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Weekly Update 15 ~ December 14, 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. DEC 14 7:00 PM Middle School Christmas Band and Choir Concert Tonight**
- FR. DEC 15** 8:00 AM All School Mass
7:00 PM Parish Reconciliation Service in the Church
- SU. DEC 17** Donut Sunday in Doran Hall after Masses
- MO. DEC 18** Out-of-uniform Pass Day
- TU. DEC 19** **Christmas Sweater Day**
Audrey Puchtel Tournament
- WE. DEC 20** 8:00 AM All School Mass
International Christmas Festival
Preschool Christmas Program
PreK Christmas Program
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,

I'm guessing the teachers and students have been having a grand old time all week because I've been out of the building. I ended up in the hospital Monday morning with what was identified as a "kink" or "twist" in my small intestine -- I know that is a lot of information for a Weekly Update. I had surgery on Tuesday, and they released me last night. Regretfully, I will not make the Band and Choir Concert tonight. I'm trying to follow directions to stay home, so I don't end up back in the hospital. I've really missed being at school this week and am anxious to return.

In the coming week, we will have Christmas Sweater Day on Tuesday, Dec. 19. If your children are not old enough for that, they can just dress Christmassy. On Wednesday, we will be back in uniform, we'll go to Mass together, and then the International Day of Christmas begins! Five different countries will be visited. Our students will learn about the culture and customs of Christmas in each country.

Home and School will be putting on a special lunch for our staff on the 19th. I know that we are all looking forward to it! It will involve some volunteers to help manage lunch and recess, so thank you to Home & School and the supporting volunteers!

Have a blessed Gaudete Sunday,

Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Advent Season

- School Masses ~ Everyone is invited to join us for 8:00 AM School Mass during Advent on Friday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 20 at 8:00 AM
- Middle School Band & Choir Concert ~ TONIGHT— 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 ~ tomorrow night, December 15 at 7:00 PM — Everyone is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent. Several visiting priests will be present to hear confessions. What a great opportunity to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Middle School Academic Honors

Congratulations to all of the middle school students who received academic honors for the first trimester of the 2017-18 school year! Please see the list of students receiving academic honors below.

Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund ~ Now through tomorrow, 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 that 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 so that all who contribute can 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.

Mitten and Sock Tree

Once again the St. Charles community is collecting new mittens, gloves, and warm socks for those in need. This year the St. Charles School *Charge to Serve Group* (formerly Student Council) joined 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!

21st Annual Audrey Puchtel Classic Tuesday, Dec. 19

Audrey was a longtime member of St. Charles Parish and worked in the school office for more than 20 years. Her children and grandchildren also attended St. Charles School. Audrey was a generous person and always supportive of the Athletic Program. She passed away in 1994 after a courageous battle against cancer.

The 21st Annual Audrey Puchtel Classic will take place Tuesday, December 19. Our two Varsity Basketball teams will compete that evening.

6:30 PM St. Rose vs. St. Charles Girls Varsity

7:35 PM Ascension vs. St. Charles Boys Varsity

There is a \$2 admission charge for adults and \$1 for those 17 and under.

Lego League

Our first year of Lego League was successful with one team of ten St. Charles students. This team met weekly to work on their Lego board and robot. They completed the year by competing with a number of other schools. They performed their personal best at the competition, ending the year on a high. Thank you to all of the students and parents who participated and, of course, thank you to the organizer and head coach, Ted Magee.

HOW TO PREVENT TECHNOLOGY FROM TEARING YOUR FAMILY APART

Does your family struggle with overuse or misuse of the internet and social media?

Are you concerned about today's easy access to pornography and its impact on kids AND adults?

Is technology use a constant source of conflict in your home?

Kalley Yanta, former local news anchor and Relevant Radio guest host, will address this topic at 7:30 pm on January 9 in Doran Hall. A wife and mother of six, Kalley will share her insights on this struggle, from the perspective of media professional... and mom. Refreshments of root beer floats and salty snacks will be served. All adults are invited to attend.

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 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.
- ❖ 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>

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

2017-18 First Trimester High Honors

Monica B.	Ian B.	Elsa C.	Amy K.	Rita M.	Caroline P.
Braden A.	Arman S.	Jacob V.	Thomas V.	Nathaniel Y.	
Faith B.	Alannah C.	Gianna C.	Samantha M.	Gabriel O.	
Mitchell S.	William V.	Ben W.	Anna A.	Madelon P.	
Ella R.	Kane S.	Janina T.	Natalie B.	Lauren D.	
Keely M.	Natalie T.	Samuel W.			

2017-18 First Trimester Honors

Max B.	Joshua C.	Henry D.	Sophia D.	Henry E.
Clare H.	Thomas H.	Sally I.	Alyssa M.	
Christian P.	Joshua T.	Joseph V.	Andrew D.	Clayton D.
Lilyan J.	Riley M.	Norah T.	Charlee C.	
Nicholas C.	Thomas K.	Jacob K.	Gabriella L.	Christopher L.
Erin O.	Lucas O.	Carter P.	Patrick S.	
Grace A.	Jennifer H.	Jacqueline H.	Anthony M.	Kasia S.
Maria V.	Sophia W.			