



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

## Weekly Update 19 ~ January 18, 2018

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>TH. JAN 18</b>	<b>6:30 PM 2018-2019 Preschool Parent Night</b> 6:30 PM Catholic Watchmen (Doran Hall)
<b>FR. JAN 19</b>	8:00 AM School Mass
<b>SA. JAN 20</b>	6:00 PM Respect Life Dinner (Doran Hall)
<b>MO. JAN 22</b>	Out-of-Uniform Pass Day
<b>TU. JAN 23</b>	7:00 PM First Reconciliation
<b>TH. JAN 25</b>	<b>6:30 PM Kindergarten Round-Up</b> (School Auditorium)
<b>FR. JAN 26</b>	<b>No School - Staff Development Day</b>
<b>SU. JAN 27</b>	<b>10:00 AM Mass to Kick-off Catholic Schools Week</b> <b>11:00 AM Learning Festival and Pancake Breakfast in the School</b>

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Our enrollment for the upcoming year is off to a great start. I request that if you have not handled enrollment for next year that you do that as soon as possible. It's a much faster process this year. After year one of having a 3 and 4-year-old preschool with full and half-day options, we anticipated high demand for the upcoming school year. This anticipation included conversation with school advisory, staff, and, of course, our pastor. We made plans to have the option to open an additional 4-year-old preschool room for the 2018-19 school year.

Today, I'm excited to announce the additional 4-year-old room is open and being filled. Plans that involve the location of the room, staffing, and resources will be communicated later this year. We received a very generous grant from the Catholic Schools Center for Excellence in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase resources for the new room. We are very grateful for the boost. Our objective in this venture is to maximize the number of pre-kindergarteners we can enroll to feed the rest of our K-8 School. This year we have a kindergarten class of 35 which is the largest class in 10 years. Continuing this pattern of enrollment will lead us to our goal of 320 by 2020. Thank you for your support and prayers with this venture.

With Preschool Parent Night this evening, I'm excited to share the news of more preschool spots with parents. Please continue to spread the good word with anyone you know that might be looking for a solid Catholic preschool-8th grade experience. Kindergarten Round-Up is Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 PM in the school dining hall.

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. This year they have invited everyone in our diocese to apply for Aim Higher

Scholarships through TADS. Below you will find a flier that includes details about how to receive these scholarships. I really do encourage you to apply if you receive financial aid, or think that you may be eligible for it.

First Reconciliation for our 2nd grade is Tuesday, January 23. Please keep them in your prayers.

Make sure the Learning Festival is on your calendar for January 28. Please join us for the 10:00 AM Mass. St. Charles students will be participating in the music and liturgy. After Mass come to the school to see the projects the kids have been working so hard on, and to enjoy the pancake breakfast the Knights are hosting. If that is not enough to get you there, I contacted the NFL and asked that no football games that matter be scheduled that day. They agreed to honor our request with the mutual understanding that the Pro-Bowl does not really matter and does not start until 2:00PM.

God bless you,  
Danny Kieffer

## **2018-19 School Enrollment Now Open to the Public ~**

Admissions for the 2018-19 school year are now open to the public. Please let your family, friends and neighbors know. All applications are completed online at this site:

<http://mytads.com/a/stcharlesborromeostanthony>

[Tuition Information for 2018-19](#) is posted on our website.

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## **2018-19 Preschool Parent Night - TONIGHT!**

Join us for a Preschool Parent Night tonight at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Learn about our 3-Year-Old and 4-Year-Old Programs. The evening is for prospective parents as well as parents who have registered their children and want to know more. [Preschool Parent Night](#)

This night is designed for adults only. We hope you can join us!

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## **2018-19 Kindergarten Round-Up! Thursday, January 25**

Invite everyone you know who will have a kindergartener next year to bring their child to join us for our Kindergarten Round-Up at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 25. This is a time to meet the teachers, tour the school, and learn more about the St. Charles kindergarten experience. Your invitation is the best way to get the word out about our school! We offer the choice of full and half-day kindergarten programs. To learn more, join us for [Kindergarten Round Up](#).

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**Art Club Registration Open for Grade K-2 ~ Sign up now (Art Club starts Wednesday, February 7, and runs through Wednesday, March 14)**

Art Club for grades K-2 will take place on six Wednesdays from 2:45 - 4:00 PM. The cost is \$35. Please note: There is a 20 student limit for this session. If we have enough interest, a second session will be opened on Thursdays. Registrations are due in the office by February 2. For more information and the sign-up form go to: [Art Club](#)

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## **Used Uniform Collection & Sale**

Have your children grown out of their uniform already? If you have uniforms in good used condition that your children have outgrown, please consider donating them for the Used Uniform Sale that will take place at the Learning Festival on January 28. There is a collection bin in the school office. Uniforms can be dropped off anytime during the school day before January 26. Some Spirit Wear will be available for sale at the Learning Festival as well.

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## **Learning Festival**

Mark your calendars for the St. Charles Learning Festival on Sunday, January 28, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Start the day with 10:00 AM Mass and then head to the school for a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus (proceeds will go to NPH Honduras) and a chance to check out all the amazing study projects.

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## **Jump Rope for Heart**

Jump Rope for Heart is coming. Check this link for all the details: [Jump Rope for Heart](#)  
You may contact Mr. Carpenter with questions at [tcarpenter@stchbs.org](mailto:tcarpenter@stchbs.org).

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## **St. Charles Annual Fund**

Will you help us meet our \$10,000 dollar-for-dollar match by responding to our St. Charles Annual Fund?  
**[St. Charles Annual Fund](#)**

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## **Choosing a Catholic High School**

The Cardinal Newman Society is hosting "Choosing a Catholic High School: The Beauty of an Authentic Catholic Education" on February 1 at 6:30 PM at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton. Find out more information and how to register here: **[Choosing a Catholic High School](#)**

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## **Calling all Men ~ Tonight!**

You are invited to the next Catholic Watchmen event, to be held Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 PM in Doran Hall. The Catholic Watchmen is a movement of Catholic men committed to growing closer to Jesus Christ, and focused on fostering male spirituality and fraternity. The evening includes a manly meal and

beverages, lively discussion, and opportunities for adoration and confession. No tickets or reservations needed – a freewill offering is requested to cover the cost of the meal/beverages. It's a men's movement of faith, food and fellowship – please come join us!

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## **Diaper and Formula Drive ~ January 20-21**

January 22nd marks the 45th anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*. Our Diaper and Formula drive gives us an opportunity to support those who have said “yes” to life despite difficult situations. Please bring your diaper and formula donations to Mass the weekend of January 20/21. Collection sites will be at the church entrances. The St. Charles Respect Life Group thanks you for your generosity!

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## **Scholarship Opportunity**

The Aim Higher Foundation provides two scholarships for students to attend a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The application period for scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year opens December 1, 2017, and closes February 15, 2018. We aim to award the scholarships and notify families and schools by March 6, 2018. More details at: [Scholarship](#)

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## **Dodgeball Tournament**

Save the date and start picking your team!! The St. Charles Women's Council is sponsoring a Family Dodgeball tournament Saturday, Feb. 24, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM in the St. Charles gym. Teams should be 6-8 players and can be made up of moms, dads, brothers, sisters, cousins, friends, etc. Be creative and have fun coming up with a theme for your team!! More details and sign-up links coming soon!!

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## **2017 Education Tax Information**

The 2017 Education Subtraction and Credit Form can be found at this link:

[http://stchbschool.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2017/01/tax\\_subtraction\\_credit\\_info.pdf](http://stchbschool.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2017/01/tax_subtraction_credit_info.pdf)

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## **Elementary Concert Field Trip on February 1, 2018**

For permission forms and more information:

<http://stchbschool.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2018/01/K-4Concertform.pdf>

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*Do you know a family who may be interested in learning about St. Charles School?  
Simply have them contact Danny Kieffer at 612-787-1140 for information and a tour or sign up  
on our website: [Tour & Information Request Link](#)*

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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 Samantha V's younger brother who is in the hospital with a serious condition
  - ❖ For healing for Mark Mayer, father of former students Mary, class of 2010, and Christopher, class of 2011
  - ❖ For the repose of the soul of Danny Pleau, brother-in-law of Mark Jones, and for the comfort of his family.
  - ❖ For healing and successful treatment for Glenn Kaslow's brother Gerald Kaslow as he goes through chemotherapy
  - ❖ For our NPH brothers and sisters.
  - ❖ For Bonnie Hegg (grandmother of students Veronica, Makenna, and Michael) as she recovers from surgery.
  - ❖ 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 Arden, a friend of the St. Charles community, who is suffering with asthma complications.
  - ❖ 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>

[St. Anthony Boosters Baseball](#)

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