



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

Weekly Update 21 ~ February 1, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. FEB 02** 8:00 AM All School Mass
Crazy Socks and Hat Day
K-2 Art Club permissions due
- MO. FEB 05** Out-of-Uniform Pass Day
- WE. FEB 07** NPH Sponsorship Donation & Spirit Wear Day
- TH. FEB 08** Middle School Field Trip
- FR. FEB 09** Middle School Evening Valentine Celebration
- SA. FEB 10** Liz Hickman Athletic Day

Dear St. Charles Parents,

What a week it's been, and we're not even to the end! Last week we only had 3 "school days." This week, with the addition of Learning Festival last Sunday, it feels like 6 days. With all the activity going on it seems like 12! This is a big week. We really are having great times together. This week could be likened to a family vacation. The kids are wound up and having lots of fun, the adults are also having fun, but it is truly exhausting. By Thursday afternoon I'm threatening, "I'll turn this car around if you don't knock that off!" ;-)

These celebrations of our Catholic School, these good times, they require a lot from my staff, but they do it because they love your kids, and it brings us together to bond...just like a family vacation. Hug your local Charger staff members; they've just worked a 12 day week in 6 days.

In the world of preschool, one thing that we are moving away from is enrolling students into our 3-year-old preschool class before they are 3 years old. We have found that even if a child is a month or so short of the deadline, a month is a big deal at that point in their life! It also means that they are a month younger than the youngest of their peers. Starting preschool early also puts them on a track to either begin kindergarten early or repeat a year of preschool, neither of which are ideal. We're moving in this direction from what we've learned in the last couple years, and please understand that it is what we feel is best for most kids.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Presentation, and we will begin 8:00 AM Mass with a procession through the church. We hope that you can join us for this Mass that leads us into the last day of Catholic Schools Week. Please check out our Facebook page for highlights and pictures from the week. It is a great opportunity to "like" our page and receive updates about what is happening in your child's school. We are fortunate to have many grandparents of students who like to follow the school, so please pass it on to them as well.

Registration season is off to a great start! If you have not registered yet, please get online and do it before the dreaded registration fees start to show up!

God bless you,

Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Father Dosh went home to the Lord this afternoon.

We are so grateful to have been blessed by his wise and holy presence in our lives.

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

[Father Dosh photos](#)

Why My Kids Go to Catholic School

This week we are celebrating Catholic schools and what makes us unique. Why do you send your child to a Catholic school? Check out the article at the link below to read one perspective about what makes Catholic education different:

"You see, our Catholic school is more than just a school, it is a deeply invested community. A community. And in a world grown increasingly cold and harsh, a community of faith and warmth is an immeasurably important springboard in these young kids lives."

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/acatholicthinker/2016/01/why-my-kids-go-to-catholic-school-2/#8XYLwXGRAwEYTKWT.99>

Catholic Schools Week Continues through Tomorrow!

Update: You still have time to send in your donations for Feed My Starving Children.

We will be collecting FMSC donations through tomorrow. Thank you for your generosity! Our middle schoolers packed 178 boxes at FMSC today. This will feed 105 children for a year! Our K-4 students warmed the hearts of the residents at River Village on this cold January morning.

Friday's celebrations include **Crazy Socks and Hats** (hats can be worn after Mass, all school bingo, and human bowling!

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/stcharlesborromeostanthy>

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

Art Club Registration Open for Grade K-2 ~ Sign up by tomorrow

Art Club for grades K-2 will take place on six Wednesdays and six Thursdays from 2:45 - 4:00 PM. The cost is \$35. Registrations are due in the office by February 2. For more information and the sign-up form go to: [Art Club](#)

Middle School Valentine Celebration

The St. Charles' **Charged to Serve** team is hosting an evening of fun, food, and dance for all students in grades 5-8! The event will take place on Friday, February 9th. Grades 5 & 6 can attend from 5:00-7:30 and grades 7 & 8 from 6:30 - 9:00. The fee to attend this event is \$5. Permission forms are due in the school office by Tuesday, February 6. For more details and the permission form: [MS Valentine Celebration](#)

13th Annual Liz Hickman Athletic Day ~ Saturday, February 10

Our dear Liz Hickman battled brain cancer for many years while a student at St. Charles. She inspired countless souls during those years through the grace and courage with which she faced her cancer. The first Liz Hickman Day was held in February 2005, three months after her passing. Since that time, \$54,111 has been raised for Make-A-Wish of MN and The Gary Wilmer Scholarship Fund at St. Charles. Please join us on Saturday, February 10, for a day of basketball, food, and fundraising. All the of the seven St. Charles teams will play during the day. The day begins at 9:30 and ends after the 5:45 game. Admission for the last 2 games is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for those under 17. For the schedule of the day, please refer to the St. Charles Athletic Calendar for Feb.10: [Athletic Calendar](#)

Dodgeball Tournament ~ Saturday, February 24

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!! Find details and sign-up links here: stchbschool.org/2018/01/23/dodgeball/ or go to stchbschool.org - see "Latest News" at the bottom of the page.

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](#)

Choosing a Catholic High School ~ Tonight

The Cardinal Newman Society is hosting "Choosing a Catholic High School: The Beauty of an Authentic Catholic Education" tonight 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](#)**

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](#)

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

*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](#)*

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 a full recovery for staff member Amy Krieger's mother-in-law who is recuperating after being hospitalized.
 - ❖ For complete healing for Samantha V's younger brother.
 - ❖ 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 staff member Glenn Kaslow's brother Gerald as he goes through chemotherapy
 - ❖ 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 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

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](#)

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mwappes@stchbs.org.★