



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

Weekly Update 1 ~ September 6, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TH. SEP 06** Online Spirit Wear Store open through September 25.
- FR. SEP 07** 8:00 AM School Mass (Church)
Following Mass 2017-18 Trimester 3 Honor Roll Assembly (Church)
- MO. SEP 10** Out-of-Uniform Pass Day
Archdiocesan High Schools Visit Grades 7 & 8
- TU. SEP 11** 7:00 PM Home & School Mtg (Room 104)
7:00 PM Women's Council Meeting (Doran Hall)
- WE. SEP 12** NPH Sponsorship Day
Band Lessons Begin (Remember your instruments)
First Day of K-4 Running Club
- TH. SEP 13** New this year: Band Lessons Day 2 (Bring those instruments again)
10:30 AM Marathon Pep Fest (Gym)
6:00 PM 5th Grade Parent Wolf Ridge Mtg (MSC)
- FR. SEP 14** 8:00 AM School Mass (Church)
- WE. SEP 19** 6:30 PM 2nd Grade Parents Holy Family Info Mtg
- TH. SEP 27** 6:30 PM K-8 Parent Information Night
- SA. OCT 06** **ST. CHARLES SCHOOL MARATHON & Parish Fall Festival**

Dear Charger Parents,

The 2018-19 school year is off to a great start!

During workshop week, our staff came up with a theme for this school year. The theme is "Do small things with great love." This quote has been associated with St. Therese of Lisieux, and more recently, with Mother Teresa who chose her name because of St. Therese of Lisieux. This theme reminds us that we are doing GREAT things when we do them with Love, even if we see them as small things. We'll be referring to our theme through the year to keep this simple wisdom present in our school.

In order to recognize some of these acts of love or other positive behaviors, our K-4 and middle school teams are working on a system for recognizing and acknowledging the good works that our students do each day. I think we've done a good job recognizing our students' greatness in the past, but having a system for it will make it

easier and more frequent. Part of this system will include something that the kids bring home. It will give a brief description of the good that they have done, so you can give them a hug and say, "good job!"

Peacemaker Award

I'm proud to announce that St. Charles will be receiving a "Commitment to Excellence," award from Peacemaker Minnesota on September 9 at Target Field at 12:50pm before the 1:10pm Twins game. This award is being given for improvements in our school climate as noted by the Olweus Survey, which our students take each spring. St. Charles improved on 8 of the 10 indicators last year. We, the students and staff of St. Charles, are humbled and appreciative of this honor from Peacemaker Minnesota.

Peacemaker Minnesota pays the bill for this survey, and they have helped us with the purchase and implementation of our Social Emotional Learning Curriculum, "Second Step."

Looking forward to the best year ever,

Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Remember to check your Back to School Packet for your school handbook, Marathon information, and end of the day pick-up signs for the visor of your car!

It's MARATHON time!

Mark your calendars for the Annual St. Charles Marathon on October 6 and start fundraising now! We hope you found your Marathon packet and sponsor log in your Back-to-School packet. This week we are officially kicking off Marathon season by visiting each classroom and telling our students about the Marathon, and how they can win some cool prizes!

The Marathon is our school's community-building event and helps raise awareness of non-public education. It's also the most important school fundraising event of the year. Donations raised through the Marathon go directly to our school to support many programs and are a part of our operating budget. This year our overall school fundraising goal is \$43,000. Last year, our students surpassed their goal – we are hoping to do the same this year!

All students in Preschool through 8th grade and their families are invited to participate in the Marathon. Each student in Kindergarten through 8th grade is asked to meet a minimum fundraising goal of \$185 to help us meet our school goal. Students may find people to sponsor them for participating in the Marathon, or families may choose to make the fair share payment of \$185 per student.

In addition to supporting our school through fundraising, students have an opportunity to earn LOTS of prizes. New this year - our Grand Prize winners will be randomly selected and include more than 15 prizes such as ripsticks, Drones, and an iPad!

For more details, click here: [Marathon](#)

The weather is still nice, so we hope our students will be able to get out to neighbors and friends soon!

Matching Fund Programs offered by many companies can help us reach our goal. Please check with your employer to see if your company or organization has a matching fund program for educational institutions. Some companies we have received matching funds from are: Ameriprise, Blue Cross Blue Shield, General Mills, McKesson, Medtronic, Reuters, Securian, United Way, Wachovia, and Wells Fargo.

Soccer and Volleyball Registration for Grades 4-8 ~ Due Friday, September 7

It's not too late to sign up your 4th - 8th grade student for soccer or volleyball! Registration forms available in the office. **Please return forms tomorrow.**

Honor Roll Assembly for 2017-18 Trimester 3 ~ Friday, September 7

Following 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, September 7, the current 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who received honors and high honors in the final trimester of the last school year will be acknowledged. Come to Mass and stay to applaud their accomplishments.

ALL PARENTS INVITED ~ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Come Tuesday to see what our Home and School Council is all about. This is the parent/school organization that serves and supports our school community in amazing ways. The meeting is at 7:00 PM in Room 104.

Calling All Women ~ Tuesday, September 11

Please join us for the Women's Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 11, at 7 PM in Doran Hall. If it works for you, come early to pray the Rosary at 6:40 PM in the atrium. Our parish staff will be speaking about the programs they are working on. In addition, we will hear about a new program called "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." Come join us and bring a friend! To sign up for our monthly newsletters go to the parish website and sign up for the Women's Council flocknotes. <http://www.stchb.org/> If you are looking for an opportunity to become more connected with other women in serving others and growing in faith please contact Donna at 612-716-5630 dmengelmeyer@gmail.com.

Band Program for 5th - 8th Grade Students ~ Wednesday, September 12

There is still time to sign up for the band program this year. The first lesson is Wednesday, September 12. See the link below for more details. [TG Fine Arts Academy](#)

5th Grade Parents Wolf Ridge Trip Meeting ~ Thursday, September 13

The 5th grade students will be heading to Wolf Ridge Environmental Camp in about nine weeks. All parents of 5th grade students are encouraged to attend the meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 13, at 6:00 PM in the Middle School Commons (MSC) to get more information, pick up forms, find out how you can be a part of this momentous week, purchase Wolf Ridge calendars to help get the fundraising started (bring your checkbook), and more. **Forms are due Thursday, September 27.**

Interested in Karate?

Karate begins on Tuesday, September 18. Check out this link to learn more about Karate opportunities at St. Charles School. [Sterling Karate](#)

Holy Family Info Meeting for Parents of 2nd Grade Students ~ Wed, September 19

The Holy Family Information Meeting for parents of second grade students preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Wednesday, September 19, at 6:30 PM.

School Picture Day ~ Wednesday, September 26

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 26. This is an out-of-uniform day. (Please refer to page 9 of the Parent & Student Handbook for more details on the out-of-uniform dress code). More details will be available soon about picture orders.

Coming for Lunch with Your Student - order by 9:30AM!

We are happy to have parents or other guests join their student for lunch. The cost of a hot lunch for each guest is \$4.00 and cannot be taken out of the student's lunch account. Please reserve your lunch through the school office by **9:30AM** at 612-781-2643.

School Year Reminders

- **Please send a note to school if there is a change in your child's end of the day routine.**

- Please remember that there is **NO PARKING** on Stinson Boulevard in front of the parking lot and school area.
 - All children waiting for rides after 3:00PM will be sent to the St. Charles After School Care for safety reasons.
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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

- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Gen Lane, grandmother of students Lucia and Josephine, and for the comfort of Gen's family/
 - ❖ 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>

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