



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 2 ~ September 17, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TH. SEP 17	Band Lessons Begin 7:00PM 5th Grade Parent Wolf Ridge Mtg (MSC)
FR. SEP 18	8:00AM School Mass (Church)
MO. SEP 21	Out of Uniform Pass Day NWEA Map Testing - Grades K -8 Begins (through FR.OCT 9)
TU. SEP 22	1:45PM Marathon Pep Fest (Front Lawn, Weather Permitting) Marathon \$ Collection Day 6:30PM Parent Information Night (Start in the Cafeteria)
TH. SEP 24	Spirit Wear Day Archdiocesan High School Visits Wolf Ridge Forms Due
FR. SEP 25	8:00 AM School Mass Spirit Wear Ordering Deadline (Online)
MO. SEP 28	Out of Uniform Pass Day
TU. SEP 29	Marathon \$ Collection Day
WE. SEP 30	School Picture Day for Grades Pre-K through 8
TH. OCT 01	Green & White Day for Marathon
SA. OCT 03	9:30AM ST. CHARLES SCHOOL MARATHON (FRONT LAWN)
SA. OCT 03	4:00PM ST. CHARLES PARISH FALL FESTIVAL (FRONT LAWN)

St. Charles September and October Volunteer Calendar

HELP!! We are looking for many volunteers for the upcoming school pictures, Marathon, and vision/hearing screening. We are still looking for a few chair or co-chair persons and several Family Mentors. Chairpersons/Family Mentor commitment is for one school year.*

Sign up early...sign up often! Bookmark this link! It will remain the same all year. Click on the link to view the events, dates and times and to SIGN UP!

*For more information about chairperson positions listed please contact Linda Abel at matlin.abel@usfamily.net

St Charles Volunteers: [SignUpGenius - St. Charles](#)

Middle School Academic Honors (see attached list of students receiving academic honors)

Congratulations to all of the middle school students who received academic honors for trimester 3 of the 2014-15 school year!

Prayer Corner ~ If you would like to add someone to our prayer corner, please email the information to Danny Kieffer at dkieffer@stchbs.org.

- ❖ Randy Horak — father Jenna & Tommy — having eye surgery this week
- ❖ Andrea “Annie” Mangan (‘92) — battling a very aggressive form of non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
- ❖ Preston Brandes (‘09) — deployment to Syria with the Marines
- ❖ Don Krieger — grandfather of Jackie & Jake & father-in-law of staff Amy Krieger — recovering from surgery
- ❖ Stas Thibault — younger brother of Maggie — battling leukemia
- ❖ Abby Rodin — older sister of Victoria K — battling Susac syndrome

St. Charles Google Calendar ~ Bookmark it!

<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=9tqosc8cstddnho4bifh03gv6c%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

Dear St. Charles Parents,

So little to say and so much space, or maybe it is the other way around. Our students visited the computer lab this week to get a sense of what MAP testing will involve next week. This is a new test for our students, and we're doing our best to straighten the learning curve. Look for an additional communication about testing in the upcoming weeks.

Fr. Przybilla has been officially initiated as a Charger and is a full-fledged participant in the St. Charles Borromeo School Marathon coming up on October 3. We have a friendly competition going to make the Marathon a little more interesting once again. Fr. Przybilla and I have teamed up and challenged the 8th grade class to see who can raise the most money for our beloved school. In the slim scenario that the 8th graders defeat us, we have agreed to walk them to the Dairy Queen for an ice cream cone. If Fr. Przybilla and I win, the 8th graders will wash both of our cars with baby wipes while smiling and singing church hymns of our choosing. Dear parents, please come to our aid in this time of need. Please be generous by supporting Fr. Przybilla in taking the 8th graders "to school" in this contest. We hope to see a bunch of parents at our school pep rally this Tuesday, September 22 at 1:45PM for cheers performed by each grade and all sorts of excitement worth your time. We hope to be on the front lawn, otherwise, see you in the gym.

Look for an additional communication today about uniforms and electronics in school.

Parents Night is September 22 at 6:30PM in the cafeteria. I'm on the lineup as the opening act, so I'm really hoping to see each and every one of you there on time! We have a ton going on this year, it's all good stuff, and I am looking forward to sharing it with you. After my headline keynote speech, you can go see the teachers; they're kind of a big deal, too. There will be three rotations of middle school and elementary presentations to give everyone an opportunity to see every teacher. This night is designed for parents so please make arrangements.

We are blessed to have a guidance counselor in our building this year! This service was made available through state funding. Thank you for signing the paperwork on Back to School Night to make this possible. I worked with Joy Wedan at St. Pius X, and I'm excited about having her here. She also currently works at Frassati Catholic Academy in White Bear Lake. Last Tuesday, September 15, Joy visited classrooms to meet the kids and go through a basic lesson on friendship. Ms. Wedan will be a valuable asset in working toward improved relationships and positive resolutions. Please see her introduction below.

God bless you,

Danny Kieffer, Principal of St. Charles School

Hello! My name is Joy Wedan and I am excited to be serving St. Charles as the Guidance Counselor this year! I have been working with the Phoenix School Counseling group for ten years. We provide counseling and assessment services to many private schools (mostly Catholic) throughout the metro. For more information, you can go to www.drstevekahn.com.

My role as a guidance counselor is to help all students in the areas of academic achievement and personal/social development. A common misconception is that I am a therapist. While I do have emphasized training in mental health issues, I am actually licensed through the Minnesota Department of Education, and view my primary role as an educator. Students will get to know me through classroom lessons on topics such as being a good friend, problem-solving, and respect. With parent/guardian consent, I also work with small groups or individuals, always with a goal of students having a successful school experience.

I am at St. Charles on Tuesdays. I can also be contacted via email at joywedan@gmail.com. If you would prefer a phone conversation, you can send your phone number in an email or through your student's teacher, and I will call you.

Joy Wedan

Parent Information Night - Tuesday, September 22

All parents are invited to come and meet teachers, visit classrooms, and learn about your child's school day. The event begins at 6:30PM in the cafeteria. This is a parent only event and will give you an overview of what is happening in the classroom this year. Specific questions about your student can be addressed by making an appointment with your child's teacher for another day. Come learn more about the exciting plans for the year ahead.

September Spirit Wear Day, Thursday September 24

Our first Spirit Wear Day is Thursday, September 24. The new policy from the Parent & Student Handbook for *Spirit Wear Day* follows:

One Thursday a month and some additional special dates are designated as "***Spirit Wear Day***." Students may wear clothing that displays the St. Charles logo. This includes sweatshirts, t-shirts, kindergarten t-shirt, sports jerseys, sweatpants, and nylon gym pants. **St. Charles logo pajama pants are not allowed in school.** Students may wear jeans, sweat pants, running pants, shorts or skirts along with their Spirit Wear top on Spirit Wear Days. These items must meet the out of uniform guidelines. If a student is not wearing Spirit Wear they are to be in uniform. (Page 12 of the Handbook has more details on what can be worn.)

Catholic High School Visit, Thursday, September 24

Catholic high school representatives are coming to visit the eighth grade students on Thursday in the MSC. Representatives from Cretin-Derham Hall, DeLaSalle, Providence Academy, St. Agnes, St. Thomas, Totino Grace, and Visitation will take turns addressing the group starting at 8:40AM.

Spirit Wear Order - 7 DAYS LEFT! Friday, September 25 (Attached flyer w/ ordering instructions)

From now through September 25, Spirit Wear is on sale at www.DavesSportShop.net. **Don't miss your chance to order St. Charles items for the entire family!** Online you will find t-shirt and sweatshirt options featuring our new athletic logo. Sample items are available in the school office so you can try things on before ordering. Please contact Maura Kalaitzakis (612-860-4710) with any questions.

St. Charles Spirit Wear: www.DavesSportShop.net

School Picture Day - Wednesday, September 30. (See attached flyer)

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 30. This is an out of uniform day. (Please refer to page 12 of the Parent & Student Handbook for more details on the out of uniform dress code). More details will be available soon about picture orders.

Marathon Collection Time!

Get your donations in early and often this year. We are encouraging everyone to turn in their donation collections as they get them. Students who turn in their fair-share amount of \$175 by September 22 will be entered into the first drawing on October 1 (and, if not drawn, will be eligible for each additional drawing).

For every \$50 turned in above the fair-share amount your child's name will be entered an additional time in the drawings. This year's seven prizes for the prize drawing are Zero Gravity Passes, Nickelodeon Universe, MN Zoo, 2 Cinema Grill packages, Shoreview Community Center, and the Science Museum.

Mark the Marathon Pep Fest on Your Calendar - Tuesday, September 22

We will be gathering on the front lawn at 1:45PM (weather permitting). Come see each grade perform their Marathon cheer. All half day kindergartens are invited to come back and participate.

Piano Lessons

Mary Ann Zabinski has openings for piano lessons taught at St. Charles School. If you are interested in piano for your child, please contact Mrs. Zabinski at 612-781-6340 or makzabinski@gmail.com.

★**Weekly Update article deadline: Tuesday 2:00PM - Send submissions to amagee@stchbs.org.**★