



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

Weekly Update 12 ~ November 22, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WE . NOV 23 SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION ~ Thanksgiving Break
TH . NOV 24 SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION ~ Thanksgiving Break
FR . NOV 25 SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION ~ Thanksgiving Break
MO . NOV 28 Out-of-Uniform Pass Day
TU . NOV 29 Reconciliation for Grades 5-8
WE . NOV 30 Reconciliation for Grades 3-4
FR . DEC 02 8:00 AM All-School Mass

Dear St. Charles Families,

As many of you have noticed the groundwork for our new sign is being completed! I appreciate your patience while we jumped through hoops, red tape, permits, permissions, proxies, and a few other things I have mercifully forgot. We're projecting completion in mid-December, in time to wish the neighborhood a Merry Christmas!

Thanks to the generous families who participated in Give to the Max Day we were able to raise about \$2,500 for our Annual Fund! This kicks off this year's Annual Fund, there will be more information about it in the near future.

God bless your families over Thanksgiving break and I wish you a joyful beginning of this Advent Season.

Signing off for this Liturgical Year,
Danny Kieffer
Principal of St. Charles

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive/Turkey Raffle Report

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Food Drive this year. **We were able to donate over 2,000 items of food to those in need.** We would also like to thank our 4th grade parent volunteers: Shelly Craemer, Kathy Derr, David Kaisaki, Carol Ludowese, Sue Nelson, Beth Pollard, Carey Thuente and Liz York for being our drivers. Our two grand prize winners were Alyssa M. and Natalie T., along with many other classroom winners. The class that brought in the most food was Mrs. Flynn's second grade. Thank you again for helping with this Corporal Work of Mercy. Through our efforts we were able to help many people in need.

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION ~ Wednesday, November 23 - Friday, November 25

School is not in session on these days for Thanksgiving break. Please note, we have an additional day off compared with the St. Anthony School District calendar.

Spirit Wear Sales Open Until Sunday, November 27

Need gift ideas for Christmas? Search no more, the spirit wear store is now open! The store will be open until Sunday, November 27th. **Check out our new items!** Orders should be available by Christmas unless otherwise noted on the website.

http://davessportshop.net/St-Charles-Spirit-Wear-_c_223.html

Intramural Basketball Registration (2nd and 3rd grades) ~ Due Monday, November 30

The purpose of this school sponsored program is to teach the 2nd and 3rd grade students basic basketball skills. It will allow them the opportunity to have some fun, be active, and compete with their peers in an atmosphere where sportsmanship will be emphasized. This experience will allow them to develop solid fundamentals and learn what it means to be part of a team. If you would be interested in coaching or co-coaching a team, please indicate that in the appropriate space provided. If you have any further questions, please contact Tony Carpenter at 612-787-1145 or tcarpenter@stchbs.org. [Registration Form & More Information Here](#)

Grades 6th - 8th Register Now for Open Youth Room ~ OYR Starts Thursday, December 1

Middle School Open Youth Room takes place on certain Thursdays during the school year from 2:40—4:30 PM and is open to 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students from St. Charles and others who are members of the parish. We meet in the Youth Room that is located in the basement of the church. Open Youth Room is simply a place where students can come hang out/play games/do homework together in a safe and positive environment. Open Youth Room will be supervised by St. Charles' Director of Youth and Young Adults, Rachel Houglum. Fill out the permission agreement at the link below to participate!

A few other things to note:

- Students who have sports practice may feel free to come after they are finished.
- Students must be picked up at 4:30 by a parent, guardian, or other pre-arranged ride at the Church
- Students are expected to respect both the chaperone and one another

[Open Youth Room Permission Agreement](#)

Report Cards ~ Tuesday, December 6

Report cards will be sent home with the students on Tuesday, December 6. **Please remember report card envelopes should be signed and returned to school at your earliest convenience.** Elementary students should return the envelopes to their teacher and middle school students should return the envelopes to the school office.

Honor Roll Assembly for Trimester 1 ~ Friday, December 9

Following 8:00AM Mass on Friday, December 9, 5th-8th grade students who received honors in the first trimester of the last school year will be acknowledged. Come to Mass and stay to acknowledge their accomplishments.

Chess Championship Tournament ~ Saturday, December 10

On Saturday, December 10, St. Charles School will host its first annual Chess Championship Tournament.

[Tournament and registration information available here.](#)

Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund:

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 every teacher and staff member will receive an appreciation gift for the holidays! 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 as all who contribute will 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 Christmas season! **Please return contributions to the school office no later than December 16, 2016.**

Help Raise Money for St. Charles!

'Tis the season for giving! Did you know there are 4 EASY ways to give back to St. Charles School with products that you already buy?

1. Designate the "Church and School of St. Charles Borromeo" as your charity on AmazonSmile and they will donate 0.5% of qualifying purchases to the school. Our first check this year was \$23.99. We can do better than that!
2. Download the Shoparoo app and snap pictures of your shopping receipts. St. Charles School earns points and those points earn dollars! Our annual check last year was \$70.94 with only 19 supporters. Imagine what it will be in 2017 if the whole school participates!
3. Continue neatly clipping Box Tops on hundreds of products and turn them into the school to be redeemed for money. We sent in 5,867 box tops in November for \$586.70. Let's double that for the spring shipment!
4. Drop off used ink and toner cartridges - big or small - bring them ALL! The school earns money for every cartridge we recycle. See the attachment for details. All funds raised for Home and School are used to support the students and staff at St. Charles.

[More details about these programs can be found here.](#)

Home and School Council is looking for a Fundraising Coordinator or committee. What could be more rewarding than helping raise funds that support and enhance our students' experience at St. Charles School! We are open to new ideas and also have some ideas ready to explore. No experience necessary. Work from home via phone and e-mail!

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 continued prayers for Charles Seashore who died this past summer — father of 1st grade teacher, Marilyn Seashore — and for the comfort of his family
 - ❖ Marilyn Keating — mother of former teacher Marguerite — full recovery from a broken hip
 - ❖ Roberta Michalek — mother of Siddalee — full recovery from surgery for an ovarian cyst & for benign results
 - ❖ Cathy Quandt, our K & Pre-K aide — full recovery from a 2nd surgery & speedy return to St. Charles!!!
 - ❖ Lily Cartier — '16 alumna — battling lupus
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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 amagee@stchbs.org.★