



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Weekly Update 21 ~ February 2, 2017

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. FEB 03** 8:00 AM School Mass & Throat Blessing  
**SA. FEB 04** 9:00 AM 7th & 8th Grade STEM Club First Meeting  
**MO. FEB 06** Out-of-Uniform Pass Day  
**TU. FEB 07** 6:00 PM Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Retreat (Doran Hall)  
7:00 PM Home & School Council Mtg (room 104)  
**SA. FEB 11** Liz Hickman Day

Dear St. Charles Families,

I'm sitting on a plane ready to take off for Atlanta and then onto Tegucigalpa, Honduras. It's 5:20 AM on a Wednesday morning and although I have not missed anything yet, I'm facing the reality of being away from my family and school for a spell.

It's especially hard leaving during Catholic Schools Week. The first couple days were certainly a good start to celebrating as a school family. I feel blessed to have a staff that I know will keep all the moving parts under control, roll with the schedule changes, and all the while enjoy some extra playful times with the students.

I've traveled to developing countries before, and one thing I know I'm in for is a change in perspective. Within minutes of being in the midst poverty my normal concerns and anxieties go away, and I'm faced with some guilt. The guilt is temporary, but it's part of the process of realizing the disparity between what I usually see as stressful, sad, or unfortunate vs. people living in poverty. By the time you read this, my view of the world will have transformed.

The funny thing is, I know that it will not take long for my perspective to shrink back to normal size once I return. I know I'll start to worry and complain about meaningless things again, like the engine light in my car. So, how do I prevent this? How do I have this experience make a lasting difference for St. Charles and for me? Fr. Pryzbilla certainly did not ask me to take this trip so I could have a "nice time."

Please know that I'll be looking for answers to these questions, and of course, St. Charles is in my thoughts and prayers. Please keep us in your prayers.

God bless you,  
Danny Kieffer  
St. Charles Principal

### **Eighth Grade Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors Retreat - Tuesday, February 7**

On Tuesday, February 7th, at 6:00 PM an Evening of Reflection for eighth grade confirmands and their sponsors will be held in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. Please meet in Doran Hall.

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## Next Parkway Pizza Fundraising Night is Tuesday, February 21

Need a night off from cooking? Help support St. Charles School by Dining Out for schools with Parkway Pizza in NE Minneapolis! St. Charles School receives 5% of Parkway's total sales the 3rd Tuesday of each month now through May 2017. ALL orders qualify: dine in, pick up and delivery! And you do not need to mention St. Charles School - the proceeds are based on their TOTAL sales. Take advantage of this delicious deal and help support St. Charles School! [Parkway Pizza Fundraising Calendar and Menu](#)

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## Save the date for a FREE concert! ~ Sunday, February 26

Bring your family and enjoy a **FREE concert by Grammy Award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers!** St. Charles School is thrilled to be hosting this fun community event on Sunday, February 26, at 2:30 PM. The Okee Dokee Brothers perform American Folk music focused on families and the great outdoors. They inspire children to get out and get creative through their music believing they can motivate kids to gain a greater respect for both their communities and themselves. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend, so please help us spread the word and invite your neighbors, friends and family! More details to come.

[Okee Dokee Brothers Flyer](#)

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## CSCOE Event: Keeping Your Kids Safe Online ~ Attend 1 of 3 Seminars in Early March

As a parent, you know that social media has dramatically changed the way children communicate with each other. With more than three-quarters of grade school students using at least one social media network and 96% of 13 to 18-year-olds using social media networks, it's important to know how to talk to your children about social media safety before they make a damaging mistake with lasting consequences.

Josh Ochs, a nationally-renowned social media safety speaker, is coming to Minneapolis/St. Paul from March 7th-March 9th, 2017. Attend one of three seminars to learn more about social media safety and how to help your children use social media to impress colleges and future employers. Josh will bring you up to speed on the latest apps and explain how to talk with your kids about using digital tools to shine online.

Link for event details and registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/josh-ochs-presents-safe-smart-social-help-your-children-shine-online-tickets-30541530540>

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## Moms in Prayer

Moms in Prayer is an international, interdenominational Christian prayer group that aims to cover every school and its children in prayer. Each group is focused on one school, and has at least two women who meet regularly (usually weekly) to pray conversationally in one accord. The Moms in Prayer format begins with praise and thanksgiving to God, followed by intercessory prayer for their children and the other students and teachers of the school. If you would be interested in getting a Moms in Prayer group started for St. Charles School, please contact Teresa Droessler (651-697-1344) for more information. She has been praying with the St. Anthony HS/MS moms for over a year.

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## Online Mid-Year Parent Satisfaction Survey

If you haven't already taken the Mid-Year Parent Satisfaction Survey, please take a moment to complete it online. If you have not seen it in your inbox, please check your SPAM to see if the SurveyMonkey email landed there. An email link was last sent to those who haven't completed it on January 6th.

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## 2016 Education Tax Information

The 2015 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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## 2017-18 School Enrollment Now Open to the Public ~

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](#)

Admissions for the 2017-18 school year are now open to the public. Please let your family, friends and neighbors know. The link to admissions for St. Charles can be found by selecting "ENROLL NOW" on the front page of our website [stchbschool.org](http://stchbschool.org).

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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 the repose of the soul of Erick Taft - family member of Annabelle H — and for the comfort of his family
  - ❖ For the repose of the soul of Patricia Arens — Grandmother of 7th grader Jackie H — and for the comfort of her family
  - ❖ Victoria Knight — St. Charles 2nd grader — who is going through some medical procedures
  - ❖ For the repose of the soul of Jordan Olson — 2010 graduate — and the comfort of his family
  - ❖ Tom Scheller — brother of teacher Anne Flynn — for his complete recovery from heart surgery
  - ❖ Johnny W — student at St. Charles — for his recovery from eye surgery to improve his vision.
  - ❖ Marilyn Keating — mother of former teacher Marguerite — full recovery from a broken hip
  - ❖ Lily Cartier — '16 alumna — battling lupus
  - ❖ 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 Spring Softball Registration ~ [www.saboosters.org](http://www.saboosters.org)

Come celebrate Engineering Week at the St. Anthony Library! [Elastic Puppets, Feb 25 at 11AM](#)

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