



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attendance Line: 612-787-1199 option 1

Weekly Update 35~ May 16, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. MAY 17** 8:00 AM K-8 School Mass (church)
5:00 PM 5th & 6th Grade Open Gym
6:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Dance
- SA. MAY 18** Household Goods Drive (church parking lot)
- SU. MAY 19** Welcome Sunday and Donuts Following 10:00 AM Mass (Doran Hall)
- MO. MAY 20** Out-of-uniform Passes May Be Used
5th Grade Lemonade Stand
2:00 PM Parish Blood Drive (Doran Hall)
- TU. MAY 21** Parkway Pizza Fundraising Day
6:30 PM School Advisory Meeting (104)
7:30 PM St. Anthony Chamber Choir Concert (church)
- WE. MAY 22** 5th Grade Lemonade Stand
6:15 PM Family Prayer Night (church)
- TH. MAY 23** 7:00 PM Band & Choir Concert (Doran Hall)
- FR. MAY 24** 8:00 AM K-8 School Mass (church)
- MO. MAY 27** School Not in Session - Memorial Day
- TU. MAY 28** SCRIP orders due
- TH. MAY 30** 1:45 PM Student Awards Ceremony (cafeteria)
6:30 PM State of the School Address (Doran Hall)

Dear St. Charles Parents,

The last time I wrote to you, I was a different person because I had not yet experienced the beauty and power of this year's Mary Concert. I can't say enough about the work Mrs. Malone-Miller and her team of teachers did with our elementary students. Well done!

Staff appreciation week was very memorable with special treatment every day from our Home & School Association. Thank you to Wendy Elofson, Apryl Campbell, and all of the supporters who left our staff feeling loved and appreciated.

The St. Charles Quiz Bowl team made a trip to Chicago last weekend after qualifying for the national tournament! I'm grateful to Mr. Hartnett and 7 of our middle school students (with parents) for making the trip to represent our school at Nationals and making us proud. They finished in the lower half of the approximately 175 schools who

qualified - remember that these are the 175 top middle school quiz bowl teams in the NATION. Go, St. Charles Bowlers! Team members include: Anna A, Gabe O, Carter P, Mitch S, Janina T, Will V, and Ben W.

Our St. Charles Band & Choir Concert is coming up next week. I look forward to celebrating this evening with you. I've been hearing beautiful sounds coming from our school cafeteria during music practice, and anticipate a wonderful performance.

I mentioned earlier that our accreditation process went well, but I now have some more specifics to share. The team commended St. Charles on 5 areas of great strength, and I'll take this opportunity to share them with you.

The team commends St. Charles for:

1. Having a visible mission statement which clearly drives the culture of the school
2. Having complete curriculum standards, a dedicated review process, and alignment to ensure that every student completes a rigorous academic program
3. Having a valid, connected, supported, visionary, reasonable, and student-focused strategic plan
4. Encouraging professional development, including bringing in outside instructors and consultants to provide greater excellence
5. Having numerous opportunities for parents/guardians to be involved in the school community

I'm very proud of our school. I am also very proud of the work of our staff in preparing for this accreditation visit. This visiting team from MSAA was very impressed with what they saw, with one team member even saying, "I don't want to leave!" I certainly know how she feels.

God bless you,

Danny Kieffer

5th Grade Lemonade Stand ~ Mondays and Wednesdays

The fifth graders are running a lemonade stand to benefit Sharing and Caring Hands. The lemonade stand will be open for business during recess and after school on Mondays and Wednesdays (weather permitting) through May 22. Students may purchase pink or yellow lemonade. There are 3 sizes available for purchase: large (16 oz) for \$1.00, medium (9 oz) for \$0.50 or small for \$0.25. All proceeds, tips, and donations from the lemonade stand will be donated to Minneapolis-based Sharing and Caring Hands. This organization gives aid to the poor and homeless.

Floor Hockey Camp Registration

Floor Hockey Camp for students going into grades 5-9 (6/17 - 6/20). Registration deadline is May 31.

More information and registration form here: [Summer Camps](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Check out these upcoming volunteer opportunities...duties include 5th Grade Lemonade Stand support, 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast, and Home and School Council Co-Chairs! Check back, as we'll be

adding more to wrap up the 2018/19 school year! More information and sign-ups can be found here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afad29abfb6-stcharles>. Many hands make work light!

NEW: St. Anthony Village High School Chamber Choir ~ Tuesday, May 21, 7:30PM

St. Charles Church is delighted to once again serve as the host venue as the St. Anthony Village High School Chamber Choir performs their final concert of the school - the 2019 Chamber Choir Senior Concert. The concert will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 PM and is free of charge and open to the public. We want to extend a welcoming invitation to our local community to come and hear the gifted voices of the Chamber Choir. (Five of the performing seniors are St. Charles Alumni!) Hope to see you there!

Middle School Band & Choir Concert ~ Thursday, May 23

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Middle School Band & Choir Concert.

NEW: St. Charles Playgroup ~ Calling All Families with Young Kids

St. Charles parents of young children meet at local parks every Thursday at 10 AM from May-October. To be added to the Flocknote Newsletter for the St. Charles Playgroup, visit www.flocknote.com/stchb and select notifications from "St. Charles Playgroup". You will receive an email every Wednesday morning with the park location for our Thursday gathering.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is overflowing. Be sure to look through the lost and found before unclaimed items are donated.

Important End-of-Year Information Checklist

- **Final tuition** payments are now due. Please make plans for any remaining payments.
 - The last day for library check out is May 17 to give students two weeks to return their books! Students will still have library until the end of the year to enjoy and read books during that time.
 - All books are due back to school by Friday, May 31.
 - Please pay all library fees for lost books by Friday, May 31.
 - Pay **lunch account** in full by **Friday, May 31**. Please plan ahead for lunch purchases during the final week of school. Each school lunch (including milk) is \$3.25. Milk alone is 50 cents. Low balance alerts will be sent out daily beginning Tuesday, May 28. Any remaining balance will roll over to next year's cafeteria balance.
 - Last day of school for grades 1-7 is Thursday, June 6. Students will be dismissed at 11:10 AM.
 - Since **After School Care payments** are billed through TADs, your final bill will be due **mid June**. You will receive an invoice from TADs.
 - **All payments (except After Care) must be paid in full in order to receive a student's progress report.**
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Green Team

Announcing the new Green Team from Home and School! Hello Parents. We are forming a Green Team for the school, and we want YOU to be a part of it. Love our beautiful Earth? Love our wonderful school? Then join the Green Team! We will help the school to implement green cleaning practices, improve its recycling program, explore more sustainable solutions, and perhaps even start a school garden. We need your help and your ideas, so please contact Kristin Towle at 651-283-0207 or kristintowle@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars for Spring Clean-up Day ~ Saturday, June 1

The annual spring clean-up of the parish and school grounds is scheduled for Saturday June 1, from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM. More details to come.

NEW: Northeast Minneapolis Parade ~ Tuesday, June 18

Calling all St. Charles families: St. Charles will be participating in the Northeast Minneapolis Parade next month. The parade will be at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, June 18th, and we want you to be a part of it. Please rsvp to Elizabeth Martinez at emartinez@stchbs.org or call 612-227-6277 if you are able to attend or if you have any questions. More information will come soon.

New this year: all participants will need to have a signed parent waiver prior to the event.

2019-20 School Enrollment is Open

Do you know a family who may be interested in learning about St. Charles School? For information and a tour, simply have them contact Danny Kieffer at 612-781-2643 or sign up on our website: [Tour & Information Request Link](#)

PARISH Opportunities

Sunday, May 19, is Welcome Sunday at St. Charles Parish

Join us for 10:00 Mass and afterwards, enjoy donuts in Doran Hall. All St. Charles School families are warmly invited to attend, even if you aren't members of the parish. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other school families. If you are a long-time St. Charles parishioner, invite a new family to join us for Welcome Sunday! See you on May 19!

Be a Hero: Parish Blood Drive ~ Monday, May 20

Help save a life by donating blood on Monday, May 20, at the St. Charles Borromeo Blood Drive.

Openings are available between 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Sign up at <https://stchb.org/blood-drive>

Youth Group Opportunities for all 8th Grade Students

8th (soon-to-be 9th) grade students, are invited to **Youth Group** at St. Charles! Summertime Youth Group happens most Sundays beginning June 2 from 7:00-9:00 PM, starting on the front lawn of the school. The evenings will include sports, snacks, great community, and a focus on faith.

We also offer a fantastic camp exclusive to all high school students (including incoming 9th graders) at our parish. **Camp Veritas** will take place Sunday, **July 21 through Thursday, July 25**. For more information about Youth Group activities, head to www.stchb.org/youth

Totus Tuus (1st - 12th graders)

Save the dates for Totus Tuus happening this summer July 7-13! This wonderful opportunity is open to incoming 1st-6th graders for the daytime sessions, and incoming 7th-12th graders for evening sessions. Send your child to a whole week's worth of camp for just \$10! Registrations will be opening soon.

Prayer Corner ~

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

- ❖ Please pray for our school office staff member Sue McSherry as she battles cancer.
- ❖ Please pray for Mrs. Noll's grandfather and Louis, Jude, and Layla's great grandfather, Jim, who is in hospice care.
- ❖ Please pray for Ariana and Amelia's Uncle Ben who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- ❖ Please pray for Father Francis Kittock (long time pastor of St. Charles) as he prepares for God to call him home.
- ❖ For healing for Mrs. Seashore's uncle who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- ❖ For Brady Swenson, a middle school student at Sacred Heart in Robbinsdale. On February 5, on the way to school, he and his father were hit by a drunk driver. **He and his family continue to need much support from all our prayer warriors.**
- ❖ Prayers for staff member Mary Kate Calhoun's mother, Kathleen Marin.
- ❖ For healing for Jim Montury, father of staff member Angela, grandfather of former students, Nicole ('10), Abby ('13) & Natalie ('18), great grandfather of student, Leo A.
- ❖ For healing for diabetic complications for Don Krieger, grandfather of student, Jake K.
- ❖ For all St. Charles families, new and old, that they may be strengthened by their faith and sheltered in God's loving mercy.

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. Charles Parish ~ <http://www.stchb.org/>
[St. Anthony Boosters Baseball](#)
[St. Anthony Boosters Softball](#)
<http://sactheater.org/audition-registration/>
<http://feexchange.com/en/friendly-exchange-where-friends-become-family/>

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