



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 1 ~ September 5, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. SEP 06** 8:00 AM Grades K-8 Mass (church)
- SU. SEP 08** 10:00 AM Mass: Staff Oath of Fidelity & Profession of Faith
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Annual Parish & School Celebration
- MO. SEP 09** Out-of-uniform passes may be used
- WE. SEP 11** 6:00 PM Ignite (middle school youth group in youth room)
7:30 PM Ablaze (8th-12th graders youth group in youth room)
- TH. SEP 12** **Spirit Wear Day**
- TH. SEP 12** 6:30 PM **Parent Information Night** for parents of K-8 students
- FR. SEP 13** 8:00 AM Grades K-8 Mass (church)

Looking Ahead

- TU. SEP 17** Picture Day
- WE. SEP 18** Family Formation Night
- SA. OCT 05** **ST. CHARLES SCHOOL MARATHON**

Dear St. Charles Parents,

On our first day of school, we were blessed with perfect weather, and we had the chance to gather in the church for a prayer service; what a great way to begin the school year! We prayed together with our pastor, Fr. Przybilla, and heard the Gospel reading that is our theme for this school year. The reading is John 6:48-51: "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." You'll hear this verse, and more about this theme, at Family Formation nights and other times throughout the year.

Please make sure the **Parent Information Night** is on your calendar for one week from today. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM for K-4 Parents only. There will be grade-level presentations from the teachers from 6:30 PM to 6:50 PM and then a repeat of the same presentations beginning at 7:00 PM until 7:20 PM. We do this for families who have more than one child in grades K-4. If you only have one child in K-4, you only need to arrive for the 7:00 PM presentation. At 7:30 PM, I will be leading an all-school presentation in the school cafeteria; this will go until about 7:55 PM. At that point, we will break for about 5 minutes, and then the middle school team will take over presenting to the middle school parents in the cafeteria. Parents who do not have middle school students may depart after the all-school presentation. We hope to have this evening complete before 8:45 PM. For parents with multiple children in elementary and middle school, this is a long evening, but it is an important one.

We are laying the groundwork for the year ahead, and we are asking for your partnership by being with us for the evening!

This **Sunday, September 8th**, our parish is hosting a **Parish & School Celebration!** The 10:00 Mass will include our teachers, school staff, and parish staff taking the Oath of Fidelity and making a Profession of Faith. After Mass, there will be food, drinks, some sort of dessert, and hundreds of friendly faces. This is a great social gathering that I hope you can attend. If you are new to the parish or school this is a great way to meet new people!

Tomorrow, we have our first K-8l Mass of the year at 8:00 AM. I'm so glad we get to end our first school week in church together celebrating the Mass. This will not be a Mass with music, that will be the last Mass of each month (unless there is a conflict). Masses with music are indicated on the calendar on our website (<https://www.stchbschool.org/for-parents/calendar/>).

Just a note on the pick-up line. Please enter the pick-up line by turning onto Roosevelt from 27th. This helps with order to have everyone use the same entry point, and then we only back up traffic onto Roosevelt. Please do not enter from Pahl.

The first day the pick-up line took 14 minutes to complete, and the second day it only took 8! We do have soccer and volleyball to thank for some of that, but the efficiency really picked up! We have a pick-up line so that all of the students use the same process that is safe. When parents start coming up with their own processes for picking up, it compromises safety. Please use the pick-up process if you are picking your students up. My name is Mr. Kieffer, and I endorse the pick-up line. There are those who like to arrive at 2:30 or earlier to start lining up. If you want to move through the line very quickly, try to show up at 2:45 or 2:48.

Our school has a bus zone on Stinson, and it is important that we don't park or stop in the bus zone for any reason during arrival and dismissal. Please follow the law, make our bus drivers' lives easier, and stay clear of the bus zone.

Next week, we will be doing our first emergency response drills, including fire and lockdown drills. We do our best to make these drills effective and important while keeping the students from becoming overly concerned or alarmed.

Please mark your calendars for October 3rd at 6:45 PM! We are having an event designed to help our parents manage screens in their homes. The organization leading this workshop is called ScreenStrong. They are based in North Carolina, but they serve the entire U.S. Please see the attached flyer for more information and the QR code for registration below. The important thing today is to put this date into your family schedule so that at least one parent is available to attend. This is a battle we need to equip ourselves for, and we're much stronger if we do it as a community. Please plan to attend this event for our children.



We look forward to building on a great first week of school!
God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

All Are Invited! St. Charles Borromeo Parish & School Celebration ~ Sunday, September 8

The Parish Festival is this Sunday, September 8, after the 10:00 Mass, in the Atrium and then on the front lawn! Come and enjoy games, food, and fellowship!

POSTPONED: Middle School Honor Roll Assembly for 2023-24 Trimester 3 ~ Friday, Sept. 13

Following 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, September 13, the current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who received honors and high honors in the 3rd trimester of the last school year will be acknowledged. Come for Mass and stay to applaud their accomplishments. (Please note this date has been changed from the original plan.)

It's MARATHON time! ~ Saturday, October 5

Mark your calendars for the annual St. Charles **Marathon** on Saturday, October 5.! Everything you need to know about the **Marathon** was included in your Back-to-School-Night packet. Be sure to check it out!

Interested in Karate on Tuesdays at St Charles?

To find out information and to register go to <https://sterlingkarate.com/>

School Year Reminders

- **Please send a note to school if there is a change in your child's end-of-the-day routine.** If changes need to be communicated after the day begins, please be sure to include the office in any email communications (stchbs@stchbs.org) because teachers may not have a chance to check email during the day. You may also call the school office at 612-781-2643.
- Please remember that there is **NO PARKING** on Stinson Boulevard in front of the school area so that all the buses will have plenty of space to drop off students.
- All children waiting for rides after 3:00 PM will be sent to St. Charles After School Care for safety reasons.

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 Jeffrey LeVoir, father of graduate Eddie, and uncle to current students Ceci, Rosalie, Eileen, George, Francis, and Theodore, and for the comfort of his family.

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 Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/stchbs>

St. Charles Borromeo: [St Charles Church](#)

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