



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 11 ~ November 21, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. NOV 22** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass w/music (church)
- MO. NOV 25** **No bus service**
Out-of-uniform passes may be used
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM [Blood Drive](#) (Doran Hall)
- TU. NOV 26** **No bus service**
8:00 AM K-8 (church)
End of the 1st trimester
- WE. NOV 27-FR. NOV 29** **Thanksgiving Break - school not in session**
- TH. NOV 28** 9:00 AM - Thanksgiving Mass (church)
- SU. DEC 01** Advent Family Event following the 10 AM Mass (Doran Hall)
- MO. DEC 02** Out-of-uniform passes may be used

Looking Ahead

- WE. DEC 04** Family Formation Night
- FR. DEC 06** Report Card Release
- TH. DEC 12** 6:30 PM K-4 Advent Service Program (church)
- TH. DEC 19** 6:30 PM Middle School Band & Choir Concert (gym)
- MO. DEC 23** Christmas Break begins - school not in session
- MO. JAN 06** School Resumes

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Rules & Procedures seem to be everywhere we go. If you choose Catholic education, you can expect that your child's school will have plenty. I've worked with my staff this year on much more communication and clarification around rules. I appreciate the conversations I've had with parents and the partnership you have shown. Even when there is no agreement, there is a united front. I promise you that it is key to the environment WE (parents and staff) are creating, each day for our children.

I want to thank you parents for the response to the communications about pickup and drop off. This morning, we had a clean bus lane, and I'm grateful. Each rule and procedure is a piece of the puzzle, and you clearly support and appreciate what we're doing, otherwise, you wouldn't be reading this ;-)

Here is a funny coincidence! I've pasted a reminder about the pickup line below that is an exact copy of what I sent out exactly 1 year ago at this time! We're on a big wheel folks!

I have a pick-up line request for you, parents, actually two. The first one is to use the pick-up line to pick up your child if you are picking up your child on campus. The kids come out at 2:40, and the line is always gone by 2:50. The supervisors stay out with the kids until 2:55. If you arrive at 2:47, you'll pretty much go right through without any wait. Please use the pick-up line.

The second request is to please make sure that parishioners can get in and out of the parking lot at the Pahl & Roosevelt entrance and exit. When you're turning from Roosevelt into the upper parking lot, please leave room for people heading into or out of the parish parking lot. We are grateful to be able to use the upper lot for our pick-up procedure. Let's make sure the parish business can go on during this time without interruption.

One more thing about the mornings! If your child is going to be getting a school breakfast, please drop them off before 7:30 AM (7:29 is great). This allows enough time to go through the process to receive breakfast. Right now we're being overwhelmed by about 20-25 varying students on any given day, who are walking in at 7:40 AM looking for breakfast. Please adjust the morning routine to help us provide this service to your children. Between 7:20 and 7:30 AM is a great time to drop off kids, the dropoff zone is still very quiet at that time.

Thanksgiving break is coming, and I sense that our community is hungry for family time. There won't be a Weekly Update next Thursday because I'll be in Iowa on a couch watching football. The 1st trimester ends on the 26th, and report cards will be made available electronically on December 6th for the first time in St. Charles Borromeo School history! More details will arrive on how to view and print them for those who want a copy for the fridge.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to you, our parents, for working together with us to educate and form your children. The staff and I feel blessed to work with your families. Enjoy the family time next week, be safe, and God bless you.

Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

LUNCH MENU UPDATE!

Beginning in December, there will **no longer be a turkey bun or Wowbutter sandwich option**. There will only be the main entree hot lunch option. Students with allergies can be accommodated. Please get in touch with the school office if you have questions about allergies.

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive - LAST DAY OF COLLECTION IS TOMORROW!!

The 3rd graders are hosting the 30th Annual St. Charles School Thanksgiving Food Drive that runs through Friday, November 22. The donations go to the Missionaries of Charity in Minneapolis and the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in St. Paul.

- The Brothers are in need of personal hygiene items and any non-perishable foods. They also requested Thanksgiving dinner food items, such as cranberry sauce, gravy packets, boxes of mashed potatoes, etc. Canned foods are of a lesser need, but are still appreciated.
- The Sisters are requesting the following - boxed food, dried beans, white rice, masa flour, cooking oil, cereal (any), noodles (any including Ramen), spaghetti noodles, and sauce. Also appreciated are diapers in sizes 3, 4, and 5, paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex), and personal hygiene products.
- Special note: **Please do not donate anything in glass jars.** Thank you!

God bless your generosity to our neighbors in need!

2nd & 3rd Grade Intramural Basketball ~ Register by Friday (TOMORROW)

All 2nd and 3rd graders are invited to participate in the intramural basketball program that starts in January. Details [here](#) Please click [here](#) for the registration forms. **Registration forms are due Friday, November 22, 2024.**

Concession Stand Volunteer Opportunities

Concession stand volunteer opportunities for basketball season are now posted on Sign-up Genius! Please consider signing up for one hour (or more) of volunteer time at the concession stand. Our concession stand is managed and stocked by the concession team with Home and School Council, but we need your help to operate the concession stand during home games!

Please click [here](#) to view the open time slots and sign up. If you've never volunteered at the concession stand or would like a refresher training, please leave a comment when you sign up and we'll be sure to have a seasoned team member there to train you and work with you.

Trimester 1 Report Cards for All Students in Grades K-8 to be Sent Electronically

On December 6, the school will release all report cards electronically through Educate for students in grades K-8. Please see the attachment on how to access your child's report card.

Borromeo Bash ~ May 3

Save the date for this year's Borromeo Bash returning to the Hollywood Theater! We anticipate this year to be the best Bash yet! We are starting to collect auction items and ask for sponsorships. If you are interested in donating to the Bash or want to help our committee please reach out to BorromeoBash@stchbs.org

Parish Corner

November Family Formation resources: <https://www.stchb.org/family>

Formation Night ~ December 4 ~ Bring Wonder & Awe Back to Prayer

Dinner served by the Knights of Columbus at 5:15 in Doran Hall, program 6:00-7:30 in the church
RSVP for dinner [here](#).

Women's Advent Morning of Reflection ~ Saturday, December 7

Mark your calendar for December 7 from 8:00 AM - noon for the Women's Council Advent Morning of Reflection. The theme is "Advent - Making Every Minute Count." The guest speaker will be Janette Howe, Founder of the Seven Sisters Apostolate. For more information or to register for the event click [here](#).

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 Ann, grandmother of students Eleni, John, and Andrew. Prayers for healing, success of the cancer treatment, and for the doctors and nurses caring for her.
- ❖ For Gregory, father of St. Charles student, Liam, as he is deployed to the Middle East to care for wounded and ill service members - for safety and safe return for him and his unit.
- ❖ For healing for Bob, grandpa of Emily, as he continues fighting a serious infection.
- ❖ For healing for Tony, father of recent graduate Oliver.
- ❖ For healing from a 3rd cancer diagnosis for Jody Hilgert, grandmother to students, Torin and Brody.

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 ~ [Sign-up genius](#)

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

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

Spirit Wear ordering site ~ [Schoolbelles](#) Questions? Josie at jasalzbrun@gmail.com

★**Weekly Update article deadline: Wednesday 9:00 AM - Send submissions to mwappes@stchbs.org**