



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 12 ~ December 5, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. DEC 06** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
Report Card Released on Educate
6:00 PM Audrey Puchtel Charity Basketball Night
- SU. DEC 08** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- MO. DEC 09** K-8 Mass w/music **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (church)
NO Out-of-uniform passes may be used (Mass today)
- WE. DEC 11** 6:00 PM Spark 2nd-4th grade youth (MSC)
6:00 PM Ignite 5th-8th grade youth (youth room)
- TH. DEC 12** **6:30 PM K-4 Advent Service** (church)
- FR. DEC 13** 8:00 AM K-8 (church)
Middle school honors assembly following Mass (church)
- MO. DEC 16** Out-of-uniform passes may be used

Looking Ahead

- TH. DEC 19** 6:30 PM Middle School Band & Choir Concert (gym)
- SA. DEC 21** 10:00 AM Advent Penance Service (church)
- MO. DEC 23** Christmas Break begins - school not in session
- MO. JAN 06** School resumes
- WE. JAN 08** **2024-25 Enrollment Opens for Current Families & Parishioners**

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Tomorrow, for the first time in St. Charles history, we will be releasing report cards only electronically! This means you'll need to log into your Educate account to view your child's grades. There will be an email that goes out tomorrow with directions once they have been finalized and ready to view. Please have report card conversations with your child(ren) this weekend to go over how they did and what their goals are for the next trimester. These are very important conversations to have, and they let our kids know that we care about how they are doing.

The smell of popcorn makes me think of basketball season at St. Charles School. Speaking of which, we are in **great need** of parent volunteers to show up and run the concession stand! There is no experience needed. Home & School will provide direction, and we're all trying to be extra good with Christmas coming. If you can make a bag of popcorn and charge \$1 for it, you have the skills to work concessions. Please go to this link to sign up for games! [Signupgenius](#)

If we don't have volunteers to staff the concession stand, the concession stand will be closed.

On Monday of next week, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is observed. We'll attend Mass at 8:00 AM in honor of this feast day! This is a parish Mass that parents are welcome to attend as well. God gave us the gift of Jesus Christ, and that began by making his mother special, pure, and yet, completely human. What a gift! Please note that all students need to be in uniform that day and that out-of-uniform passes will not be accepted that Monday.

Please note that our K-4 Advent Prayer Service Program will be at 6:30 PM on December 12th in the church. This program is a special night for our students and parents. We look forward to coming together and allowing our children to lead the praise and songs for the coming of our Lord. The story is beautiful and needs no introduction other than it is the greatest story ever told. We will be in the church, so please keep your children not in the program with you and remind them to keep the reverence in our holy space. If you are not in the spirit just yet, I promise, you will be after this evening!

The Middle School Christmas Band and Choir Concert is on December 19th and will begin at 6:30 PM in the school gymnasium! This concert is an important part of your student's band or choir grade. We hope to see all parents and plenty of grandparents. Please have plans for young children during the show and don't let them run amok in the gym entry, corridor, and concession area (or in the gym please). I will be looking for some audience participation to assist with taking down the risers after the choir concert to clear the stage for the band to play!

December 6th is the Feast of St. Nicholas, and to celebrate, the kids will get a candy cane! St. Nicholas agreed to deliver these in person, but in secret, as he prefers to operate that way. He said he would do this as a gift to the fantastic students and parents that we have here at St. Charles. I know what you are thinking, "Why don't the parents get a candy cane?" I really don't have answers to such questions.

This weekend, I'll be making a men's retreat with my dad and brother at the Franciscan retreat house in Prior Lake. It's been a while since I've done this. I wanted to mention it because you, as members of my St. Charles family, will be in my prayers this weekend.

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

First Trimester K-8 Report Cards ~ tomorrow

Tomorrow, the school will release all K-8 report cards in Educate.

28th Annual Audrey Puchtel Basketball Night ~ Friday, December 6

Please join us as we remember a beloved front office staff member who passed away from cancer in the mid 1990's. All proceeds will go to the Our Lady of Peace Hospice Home in St Paul - a favorite charity of Audrey's.

6:00 PM Girls Varsity vs. King of Grace

7:00 PM Boys Varsity vs. Immaculate Conception

Admission Fee \$3.00 Adults / \$1.00 Students

Message from Home and School:

Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund

It's the most wonderful time of year, and we certainly have a lot to be thankful for! The exceptional teachers and staff at St. Charles Borromeo School are committed to serving our students and families. If you are wondering how you can show your appreciation this year, please consider a voluntary donation, in any amount, to the Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund. All collected funds will be distributed among the entire school staff (teachers, assistants, office personnel, and administration). What a wonderful gift! There are 2 ways you can contribute.

1. You can donate through TADS. Please email Angela Bollensen (abollensen@stchbs.org) to arrange.
2. Send a check (made payable to St. Charles School) in an envelope marked, "Staff Christmas Appreciation Fund" with your student to school or turn it in directly to the school office.

Please contribute by Tuesday, December 17. Thank you for your generosity!!

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive - Thank YOU!!

The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a success - thanks to YOU! Our school sent over 3,000 food and personal care items to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in St. Paul, the Missionaries of Charity in Minneapolis, and Ralph Reeder in Mounds View. May God bless you for performing this beautiful Corporal Work of Mercy of feeding the hungry. A big THANK YOU to all parents and families - and especially to those who took the time to drive the food to our charity sites. THANK YOU ALL!

Concession Stand Opportunities

Home games have begun! Please consider signing up [here](#) for a volunteer shift at the concession stand. This is a great opportunity to meet other St. Charles families. Concessions are always popular at games and a great fundraiser for the Home and School Council. 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.

** 7th and 8th grade students can get service hours for volunteering with an adult.

Borromeo Bash ~ May 3

Save the date **5/3/2025** for this year's Borromeo Bash returning to the Hollywood Theater! Thank you Andrew Volna for the donation of this beautiful space!

We anticipate this year to be the best Bash yet! Get **early bird pricing** on tickets now until March 1st! Get your tickets at this lower cost today!

Become a Bash sponsor now using the QR code below or visit the Bash website for all the details of this amazing night at [Bash 2025](#).

We are starting to collect auction items! Please visit our [amazon wish list](#) if you need some ideas of what we need. If you are interested in donating items to the Bash, please drop them off at the school front office between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Would you like to help our

committee in the planning process or on the day of the event? Please reach out to BorromeoBash@stchbs.org.



Parish Corner

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

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 healing for 6-year-old Margaret and for guidance for her family. Margaret is a cousin to students Adriana, Robbie, Adeline, and Raina.
- ❖ 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

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