



# SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Weekly Update 13 ~ December 12, 2024

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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)
- SU. DEC 15** Third Sunday of Advent
- MO. DEC 16** Out-of-uniform passes may be used
- TU. DEC 17** 6:00 PM School Advisory Meeting (104)
- TH. DEC 19** **\$1 Mustard Seed Communities Charity Spirit Wear Day**  
**6:30 PM Middle School Band & Choir Concert (gym)**  
NO PRESCHOOL & NO PRE-K EXTENDED DAY
- FR. DEC 20** K-8 Mass w/music  
**Bring something festive to wear OVER uniforms after Mass (sweater, hat, headband...)**  
International Christmas Festival for K-8 students  
9:00 AM Preschool Concert (cafeteria)  
10:00 AM Pre-K Concert (Doran Hall)
- SA. DEC 21** 10:00 AM Advent Penance Service (church)

### Looking Ahead

- 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**
- FR. JAN 10** Intramural Basketball begins (gym)
- SA. JAN 11** **Liz Hickman/Sue McSherry Basketball Blast**

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Tonight is the big night! Our K-4 Advent Prayer Service is upon us. When you enter the church, please keep the solemnity of our house of worship. Students will be leading a rosary at 6:00 PM, and we'll have some of our students playing piano as a prelude, and we want them to be heard. Please enter quietly.

The Band and Choir Christmas program is one week from tonight. More to come on that fabulous evening.

If you have not reviewed your child's report card, please look for the email that came out on December 6th for directions on how to do so.

Today's \$1 donation will go to Feed My Starving Children next week when some of our middle school students will be volunteering at FMSC. You can still send in donations tomorrow. Next Thursday's Spirit Wear Day will support the Mustard Seed Project as we continue to help the world one Spirit Wear Day at a time. Hey, we could certainly have worse habits.

Keep your eye on January 8th, this is the date that registration opens for the 2025-2026 school year. The first week of registration is reserved for current student families (including any new students in your family) and parishioners. We'll probably do a few drawings to encourage our current families to re-enroll right away (this always includes everyone who has enrolled to that point, so you don't have to wait for the announcement). We open enrollment to the public on January 15th. Knowing our enrollment numbers early helps tremendously with preparation for the new school year. It also secures placement for students returning next year. That means this year is not new anymore!

Tomorrow morning, we'll begin our day with Mass followed by the Middle School Honors Ceremony right in the church.

Finally! I need 6 volunteers to help me during recess and lunch on Tuesday so the teachers can have a nice Christmas lunch hosted by Home & School. I need 3 parents willing to supervise 11:05-12:05 and 3 more to supervise 11:40-12:45. You need VIRTUS Safe Environment training current for this and a good sense of humor. We'll be watching the lunchroom and playground; I may even give you a walkie talkie. Please sign up by emailing me at [dkieffer@stchbs.org](mailto:dkieffer@stchbs.org) and letting me know which shift you are good for. If you want to check your VIRTUS status, email Ann-Marie Magee at [amagee@stchbs.org](mailto:amagee@stchbs.org).

God bless you,  
Danny Kieffer  
St. Charles Principal

## **Trimester 1 Honor Roll Assembly ~ tomorrow, Friday, December 13**

Following the 8:00 AM Mass tomorrow, the 5th-8th grade students who received honors in the first trimester will be recognized. Come to Mass and stay to acknowledge them for their accomplishments.

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### **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](mailto: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!!

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## **Liz Hickman - Sue McSherry Basketball Blast ~ Saturday, January 11**

The 20th annual Liz Hickman - Sue McSherry Basketball Blast is coming fast - the first Saturday after we get back from Christmas break!! This day honors and celebrates former student Liz Hickman and former staff member and beloved mother of 8 St Charles graduates, Sue McSherry. Over the last 19 years, \$245,035 has been raised to support Make-a-Wish Minnesota and the Sue McSherry Scholarship Fund.

### **Ways to donate:**

- **Needed soon:** Items for the Silent Auction: Sports tickets, themed baskets, wine/liquor packages, etc. Contact Barb Hickman at 612-709-6445 with questions. Items may be dropped off at the school office Monday-Friday 8:00-3:30
- Checks can be made out to St. Charles School or online giving is available with this QR code



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## **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.

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## **Thank you!**

Thank you for your generosity in memory and honor of Audrey Puchtel. To date, \$700 has been raised for Our Lady of Peace Hospice.

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## **Group Piano Lessons: Levels 1 & 2 ~ Beginning January 14**

If your child is interested in learning to play the piano, check out group piano lessons at St. Charles! Ms. Kolasa and Mrs. Gasik will be offering the group lessons as team teachers for students in Grades 2-8. These lessons will take place on Tuesday and Friday in a small group setting after school. Students must attend both Tuesday and Friday each week. Lessons will start on Tuesday, January 14th at 3:00 and end at 3:45. Please email [grouplessons@stchbs.org](mailto:grouplessons@stchbs.org) for more information or to reserve a spot in the 10 student class. See the attached flyer for more information.

If your child did Level 1 lessons and would like to continue lessons in Level 2, lessons will start on Tuesday, January 14th from 4:00 - 4:45. Please note the time change!! You may send them to aftercare until 4:00 and we will pick them up from there, or you can bring them home for a snack and start homework before bringing them back at 4:00.

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## Parish Corner

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

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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 peace and health for Richard and his family as he battles cancer. He is the grandfather of students June and Robert.
- ❖ In thanksgiving for Baby Maverick, brother of student Troy. Maverick arrived over a month early. Please pray for him to get stronger so he can go home soon and pray for his family in this time.
- ❖ 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 from a 3rd cancer diagnosis for Jody Hilgert, grandmother to students, Torin and Brody.

## 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 ~ [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](mailto:jasalzbrun@gmail.com)

St. Anthony Boosters Softball for a series of winter clinics ~ [Clinic registration](#)

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