



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 15 ~ January 9, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. JAN 10 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
Intramural Basketball begins (gym)
- SA. JAN 11 9:00 AM First Reconciliation starting with a retreat
Liz Hickman/Sue McSherry Basketball Blast (gym)
- MO. JAN 13 Out-of-uniform passes may be used
- TU. JAN 14 6:30 PM **Kindergarten Round-Up** (cafeteria)
- WE. JAN 15 **2025-26 Enrollment opens for the public**
6:00 PM Ignite 5th-8th grade youth (youth room)
- TH. JAN 16 **Spirit Wear Day**
- FR. JAN 17 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
- MO. JAN 20 **School not in session** - Martin Luther King Day

Looking Ahead

- FR. JAN 24 **School not in session** - Staff Work Day
- SU. JAN 26 **10:00 AM Mass to begin Catholic Schools Week**
- SU. JAN 26 **Learning Festival & Pancake Breakfast** 11:30 AM

Dear St. Charles Parents,

It's good to be back together! Returning from a long break has its bumps, but when you work in a school where the teachers believe in the students, believe in one another, and believe in what we are doing, it's easy to keep a smile on your face. I ended up sick for a couple of days which threw my week off, but I'm back in the chair, and I'm excited for the road ahead. I have plenty to talk about today!

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year is underway! Thank you for taking care of this quickly. It is so encouraging to see how many more students have been enrolled each time I sit down at my computer! Most importantly, it is a tremendous help in our planning process. The email went out yesterday with the links to follow. It doesn't take nearly as long to re-enroll as it does the first time through!

This weekend is the Liz Hickman-Sue McSherry Basketball Blast! If your child is not playing, there is still plenty of reason to show up for a great social event and fundraiser with great silent auction items. We need volunteers to run concessions. Please click this [link](#) and take a look! Proceeds from this event benefit the Make a Wish Foundation of MN and the Sue McSherry Scholarship Fund at St. Charles.

Tuesday, January 14th, is Kindergarten Round-Up Night! Please share this information with people you know who are in the market for an excellent Catholic school. You can easily share it with friends by sending them this [link](#).

Our website has recently been refreshed, and it is now cutting-edge! I would like to acknowledge our parent and alumna Angie Johnson for the fine work she did facilitating the updates. Check it out and share it with your friends! <https://www.stchbschool.org/>

The month of January promises plenty of fun! Make sure that the Open Mass for Catholic School Week is on your calendar at 10:00 AM on January 26th followed by the Learning Festival at 11:30 AM.

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Liz Hickman - Sue McSherry Basketball Blast ~ this Saturday

The 20th annual Liz Hickman - Sue McSherry Basketball Blast is THIS Saturday!! This day honors and celebrates former student Liz Hickman and former staff member and beloved mother of 8, St Charles graduate, Sue McSherry. Over the last 19 years, \$245,035 has been raised to support Make-a-Wish Minnesota and the Sue McSherry Scholarship Fund at St. Charles.

Join us for a great day of basketball, silent auction, food, and friends!!

Games will begin at 8:00 AM and continue throughout the day.

Admission for the day will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for those under 18.

- 8:00 3rd grade Intramural Game
- 8:40 3rd grade Intramural Game
- 9:20 3rd grade Intramural Game
- 10:00 Girls 5th vs. Holy Family
- 11:00 Boys 5th (White) vs. Holy Family (Red)
- 12:15 Boys 5th (Green) vs. Holy Family (Black)
- 1:15 Girls 6th vs. Holy Family
- 2:15 Girls 7th vs. Immaculate Conception
- 3:15 Boys 7th vs. Immaculate Conception
- 4:30 Memorial Game
- 5:45 Girls 8th vs. Holy Family
- 7:00 Boys 8th vs. Holy Family

Kindergarten Round-Up ~ January 14

Check this link for all the details: [Kindergarten Round-Up](#)

ACT NOW! Schoolbelles 40% Off Sale!! through January 11

Schoolbelles is having a **store-wide 40% off sale** from January 8th through January 11th. It is a great time to stock up on Spirit Wear, maybe a cozy sweatshirt or zip-up for cold winter days! Here is a link to access the Schoolbelles website: [Schoolbelles](#) (discount automatically applies)

Please contact Josie (parent volunteer - Head of Spirit Wear) for questions: jasalzbrun@gmail.com

Intramural Basketball Schedule

Intramural basketball for grades 2- 3 kicks off on Friday, January 10. Check the schedule [here](#) for practice and game times.

Concession Stand Opportunities

Sign 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.

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 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.

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

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

Check the additional links below the Prayer Corner for helpful St Charles links and for events beyond the St. Charles community

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 student Alijah's grandpa.
- ❖ For peace and health for Richard and his family as he battles cancer. He is the grandfather of students June and Robert.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ For comfort and hope for all in our community who are grieving.

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

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

St. Anthony Boosters Baseball clinics ~ [St. Anthony Baseball Clinics](#)

St. Anthony Boosters In-House Baseball registration ~ <https://www.saboosters.org/baseballregistration>

Totino-Grace High School February 11 Open House ~ [T-G Open House](#)

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