



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 19 ~ February 6, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. FEB 07** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
MO. FEB 10 Out-of-Uniform Passes can be used
WE. FEB 12 6:00 PM Ignite: 5th-8th grades (youth room)
FR. FEB 14 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
6:00 PM Cana Dinner (Doran Hall)
MO. FEB 17 **School not in session - President's Day**
TU. FEB 18 Parkview Pizza Fundraiser Night

Looking Ahead

- FR. FEB 28** **School not in session - Staff Work Day**
Deadline for Aim Higher scholarship applications
SA. MAR 01 Last day to get Bash tickets at a discounted price
FR. MAR 07 Last day of 2nd trimester

Dear St. Charles Parents,

Catholic Schools Week was extraordinary. I would like to thank the St. Charles staff for their efforts, especially our CSW team made up of Austin Beyer, Mary Kolasa, Nic Nett, Maggie Schiltz, and Teri Wysopal. The vocation visits were new, and I was impressed with the amazing stories shared by the sisters and priests. I was also impressed by the engagement of our students. They asked really good questions!

In case you have not heard, the governor's budget for the next year has cut out nonpublic pupil aid. As a nonpublic school, we receive very little funding that we don't generate on our own. The little bit of funding we do receive is valuable, and we want to keep it! Our parents pay taxes, and of course, we value an educated public. However, our kids matter too! Funding that we receive from the state includes allotments for secular textbooks, our health aide, school counseling, and transportation. I think a strong response from us is important.

There will be an email coming out tomorrow with directions on how to take action and contact your senator to express your concerns. I have contacted the senator from our district and invited her to visit our school for a tour and a conversation. Let's have our voice be heard on this one.

Have a great weekend!
God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

Drum Roll Please!

The winners of the 4 - \$100 tuition vouchers for the 2025-26 School Year are:

The Byrd Family

The Albert Family

The Roche Family

The Sheppard Family

Congratulations!

STEM CLUB for 5th- 8th Graders, February 15 - March 15

5th - 8th graders are invited to participate in STEM Club. This is an opportunity for those who excel in math and science and have the desire to go deeper and focus on math, science, and engineering projects. Saturdays from 9:00 AM - noon, February 15th through March 15th. The cost is \$40/student.

Find more information [here](#). If you are interested sign up at: [STEM Club registration](#)

Cana Dinner ~ Friday, February 14, 2025 (Registration due TOMORROW, Feb 7)

Peter and Theresa Martin will be speaking about "The Rule for a Joy-filled Marriage." The event starts at 6:00 PM in Doran Hall with a catered meal and drinks to follow at 6:30 PM. Come enjoy this night with your spouse! Register [HERE](#)

2025-26 New Student Applications Open for the 2025-26 School Year!

Spread the word! [Apply Now](#)

2025-26 School Year Aim Higher Scholarships - Deadline Feb 28

Aim Higher is a non-profit organization that assists parents in making sure that each and every child is able to attend Catholic School. They give out scholarships all across our diocese. Students from St. Charles have received them each year. Again this year, they have invited everyone in our diocese to apply for Aim Higher Scholarships through TADS. Click on the following link to find a flier that includes details about how to apply for this scholarship: [Aim Higher Scholarship Flyer in English](#) and [Aim Higher Scholarship in Spanish](#). **We encourage you to apply if you already receive financial aid, or think you may be eligible.** The deadline is February 28, 2025.

All CURRENT families receiving an AIM Higher Scholarship for this school year must complete their application by February 28, 2025, to be eligible for the scholarship to continue into the next school year.

Mark Your Calendars for St. Charles School & Church Summer Camps

Check [summer camps](#) for all the details and registration information

Monday, June 9 - Thursday, June 12

Art Camp Camps current K-8th graders
Basketball Camps current 3rd-8th graders
Floor Hockey Camp current 4th-8th graders

Monday, June 16-Thursday, June 19

Volleyball Camps for current 3rd-8th graders

Monday, July 7- Friday, July 11

Extreme Faith Camp for current 5th-8th graders

Sunday, July 20- Thursday, July 24

Camp Verita for current 8th-12th graders

K-4 Families: Sign Up Today for the Kids Heart Challenge

St. Charles is participating in Kids Heart Challenge. Here's how you can sign up your student to become an official Heart Hero:

- ♥ Download the **FREE AHA Schools App** for [Apple](#) or [Android](#) and click on "Register Now" then scroll down to join your school's team.
- ♥ **OR** click [HERE](#). and choose "Sign Up" to get started.

See the email from your student's teacher for all the BONUS incentives this year.
Thank you for your support; together we are building a Nation of Lifesavers!
Please contact Mr. Carpenter at tcarpenter@stchbs.org with any questions.
Thank you so much for supporting our school and the American Heart Association!

2024 Education Tax Information

[2024 subtraction-credit-info](#)

Borromeo Bash ~ May 3

Save the date: **5/3/2025** for this year's Borromeo Bash at the Hollywood Theater!
Get **early bird pricing** on tickets now until March 1st! We anticipate that we will sell out again this year so please get your tickets asap!
Visit 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.
Questions? Please reach out to BorromeoBash@stchbs.org





Parish Corner

Parish Youtube channel

Learn about the Mass in Father and Deacon's new series "What Happens at Mass" and view Formation Night speakers if you missed the monthly Wednesday night formation <https://www.youtube.com/stchb>.

Calling All Bakers! Women's Council Bake Sale ~ February 15/16

Women's Council Bake Sale coming up on February 15/16. Please bring your baked goods to Doran Hall between 1:00 and 5:00 PM on Saturday, February 15. It is helpful, but not required, to have your donations labeled and covered with plastic wrap. Contact Catherine with questions at cahwalker@usfamily.net or 612-772-5915. Happy Baking!

See below the Prayer Corner for helpful St Charles links and for links 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 who continues in the hospital.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Roy Patton, husband of former long-time St Charles teacher Marion Patton, and for the comfort of his family.
- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Margaret Thielen, mother of former staff member Terry Mac Donald, and for the comfort of her family.
- ❖ 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, in his deployment 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.
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Additional Links

St. Charles School Website ~ www.stchbschool.org
St. Charles School Google Calendar ~ [St. Charles Calendar Link](#)
St. Charles School Lunch Calendar ~ [St. Charles Lunch Calendar Link](#)
St. Charles Google Athletic Calendar ~ [St. Charles Athletic Calendar Link](#)
St Charles School Volunteers ~ [Sign-up genius](#)
St Charles School Facebook ~ [facebook](#)
Spirit Wear orders ~ [Schoolbelles](#) Questions? Josie at jasalzbrun@gmail.com
St. Charles Intramural Basketball Schedule ~ [I-M Basketball](#)
St. Charles Borromeo Church ~ [St Charles Church](#)
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