



SAINT CHARLES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Weekly Update 21 ~ February 20, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FR. FEB 21** 8:00 AM K-8 Mass w/music (church)
MO. FEB 24 Out-of-Uniform Passes can be used
TU. FEB 25 6:00 PM School Advisory Meeting (room 104)
WE. FEB 26 1:50 PM Faculty-Student Basketball Game (gym)
6:00 PM Holy Family (MSC)
6:00 PM Ignite: 5th-8th grades (youth room)
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
MO. MAR 03 Out-of-Uniform Passes can be used

Looking Ahead

- WE. MAR 05** Ash Wednesday 8:00 AM K-8 Mass (church)
FR. MAR 07 Last day of 2nd trimester
SA. MAR 08-TH. MAR 13 Parish Mission begins at all weekend Masses on March 8 & 9
MO. MAR 24-MO. MAR 31 **No School: Spring Break**

Dear St. Charles Parents,

It was glorious to have outdoor recess today! As the weather trends warmer, please continue to send your children to school with the proper outdoor apparel.

The teachers and I will have staff development day on February 28th. Please remember there is no school for students that day. The bulk of the day will be spent in Catalyst Approach training which supports classroom instruction and management and is great for supporting our students who have special needs.

Right now we are taking financial aid applications for next year. The Aim Higher application deadline is February 28th. If you plan on applying for financial aid, please submit your application by this date so that your application can be considered for these additional funds! There are limits to the amount of financial aid that St. Charles School can award each year. Aim Higher has provided our students with additional aid for years; we are very grateful for this. Catholic education is a sacrifice for every family, and we want to make it available here for as many children as possible.

I may sound like a broken record but did you know that the first draft of the state budget has cut out nonpublic pupil aid which would directly affect our school, staff, parents, and students? We receive a little state funding, and nonpublic schools provide a very valuable service that saves the state over 100 million dollars per year. We are a strong Catholic community, but we are also a part of the public. We are tax-paying citizens, and our school operates with limited resources. If the state is looking to cut the fat out of the budget, there's none here. Please contact your local representatives by following this [link](#). They need to hear from us. It is very easy to have your voice heard using the link provided.

God bless you,
Danny Kieffer
St. Charles Principal

2025-26 School Year Aim Higher Scholarships - **Deadline Friday, 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, in order to be eligible for the scholarship to continue into the next school year.

Thank You to the St. Charles Knights of Columbus!!

We received a \$1900 check from the Knights of Columbus from the pancake breakfast during the Learning Festival. Thank you to the Knights for preparing, serving, and cleaning up the pancake breakfast and supporting the school so generously!

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

Spread the word! [Apply Now](#)

Spring Group Piano Lessons

Sign up for Spring Group Piano Lessons! Lessons will begin on Tuesday, April 1. There will be 15 lessons for the spring session. Levels 1, 2, and 3 will be available.

Level 1 3:00 - 3:45

Level 2 or Level 3 4:00 - 4:45

Please email grouplessons@stchbs.org to sign up or to get more information. There are 10 spots available for each level!

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

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

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



Kids Heart Challenge - Final Message! Donations due tomorrow!

Dear St Charles Borromeo School Families,

Kids Heart Challenge is wrapping up soon, and we are so proud of all we have accomplished! Your dedication, and commitment to learning about our hearts and brains have created an incredible community of heart heroes! ❤️ We are so close to reaching our goals of \$7,000 (currently at \$6,579) 80 students registered (currently at 79) and 18 students completing Finn's Mission to get us into the \$10,000 gym/PE equipment makeover (currently at 10). We can do this!

The challenge isn't over yet! **There's still time to make a difference, please sign-up and join our school's team of lifesavers. Donations are due 2/21/2025.** Together, we can reach our goal and continue spreading awareness about the importance of heart and brain health. Whether it's learning about Hands-Only CPR, understanding the warning signs of heart attack and stroke, or simply sharing our cause with friends and family, together we are making an impact.

Help us Save Lives by following these steps:

- ♥ Download the **FREE AHA Schools App** for [Apple](#) or [Android](#) and click on **"Register Now"** then scroll down to join your school's team.
 - Next, click on **"send a text today"** to easily reach friends & family!
- ♥ **OR** click [HERE](#), and choose **"Sign Up"** to get started.
- ♥ Complete Finn's Mission!

We have some BONUS incentives for our students this year:

School Goal: Raise \$7,000 and/or 80 Students Sign up and/or 18 Students Complete Finn's Mission and the top fundraiser from each elementary grade will SILLY STRING Mr. Carpenter!

- Every student that completes Finn's Mission will be recognized during all school announcements, receive Finn's Lifesaver Cape AND be entered to win 2 tickets to the 2026 Super Bowl!
- Raise \$100 for the American Heart Association's 100th Birthday and you will be entered to win an ANIMAL WARMIE.
- Raise \$150 and receive Wylie and Bingo collectible keychain.
- Top Participating Class and Top Fundraising Class will receive EXTRA PE with Mr. Carpenter!
- Classroom Incentive: Help your classroom teacher earn \$50 in Amazon rewards when 50% of class registers and 3 or more students/staff complete Finn's Mission.
- For every 18 students that complete Finn's Mission your school will be entered to win a \$10,000 gym makeover on behalf of the NFL.

Thank you for being part of the Kids Heart Challenge, supporting our school and the American Heart Association. Together, we are providing hope and health for everyone, everywhere.

Parish Corner

Did You Know the Parish has a 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>.

Check out Eucharistic Miracles of the World ~ this week at St. John the Baptist

Experience an amazing exhibition conceived and designed by Blessed Carlos Acutis soon to be a Saint (canonization is April 27, 2025)

St John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Brighton

Thursday, February 20, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday, February 21, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 22, 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sunday, February 23, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

See below the Prayer Corner for helpful St. Charles links and 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 the repose of the soul of Audrey Sheppard, cousin to student Alaya, 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 Borrromeo 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 ~ [Baseball Registration](#)

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

