



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School Newsletter

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Our Mission: To Teach, Love, Live and Learn as Jesus Did

Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge

"Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another" Romans 14:19

"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

"In the sight of God we are speaking in Christ and all for building you up, beloved." 2 Corinthians 12:19b

"Everything is lawful, but not everything is beneficial. 'Everything is lawful,' but not everything builds up. No one should seek his own advantage, but that of his neighbor." 1 Corinthians 10:23-24

During the month of December the virtue we focus on is **ENCOURAGEMENT**. A lack of hope pervades our culture. Nothing new, this has been going on for years. When someone experiences discouragement, where can they turn? Though it may not feel like it at times, discouragement and having no hope is a choice. People, you and I, can either allow circumstances to drag us down into depression and despair or one can look for encouragement. Millions of people, young and old alike, are looking for encouragement. Jesus brings us the gift of hope and each one of us can use that gift to encourage all we meet! <https://virtuefirst.org/encouragement/> The season of Advent which we begin this weekend is a season of hope, a season of promise. What encouragement does God give us but His Son, Love Incarnate!!

Upcoming Schedule Changes

Wednesday, December 20th -	Early Dismissal	Students dismiss at 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 9th -	One Hour Delay	Students report to school by 8:50 a.m. [Teacher ACE Curriculum]
Monday, January 15th -	No School	for students, teachers' staff development day
Monday, February 5th -	One Hour Delay	Students report to school by 8:50 a.m. [Teacher ACE Curriculum]

Dear Parents,

Please pray for our second grade students who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 9th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church. The students have been studying diligently, praying like little saints, and they are nervous and excited to receive the sacrament for the first time. You thank their teachers and parents for **encouraging** them and supporting them so well. May everyone have a Blessed Advent, and may we all remember to turn to God for hope and encouragement daily. Thanks - Rob S.

You are Invited! Mad Ants vs Windy City Bulls - Friday, January 5th, 7:00pm at the Memorial Coliseum

The Allen County Non-Public Schools Association, ACNPSA, would like to invite you to the Mad Ants game on January 5th against the Chicago Bulls affiliate, Windy City Bulls! Each student can receive a FREE ticket & friends and family can purchase discounted tickets for \$10.00 or \$15.00. **All tickets must be purchased in advance in order to receive discount. See attached order form.**

All 35 Allen County non-public schools who make up the Association have been invited to attend, so it should be a fun evening! Additionally, the National Anthem will be performed by a Choir made up of students from ACNPSA Schools. Order today!

St. Charles Athletic Association Pancake Breakfast with Santa! - Pancakes & sausage will be served on Sunday, Dec 10. All the pancakes you can eat and a chance to talk to Santa! Serving from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (grade school age), & free for preschool and younger, or \$25 max for the entire family. All proceeds go to the Athletic Association. Come & see Santa!

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL - St. Charles School students from grades 3-4-5 will perform a Christmas musical, *In A Galilee, Far, Far Away*. "Houston, we have no problem! Not when the students blast off with this musical of galactic proportions! The crew takes on an interplanetary exploration to discover the Glory of God throughout the universe, and beyond! And where does it all lead them? Back to a manger in Bethlehem, and the Savior of the World, of course!" The performance of this show is **Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 pm** in the Hession Center gym. (If there is inclement weather, the show will be Friday at 7:00 pm) No admission is charged, but free will donations are accepted to support our Fine Arts Programs. This is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and spirits for Jesus' birth in our lives each and every day! Please plan on spending some time supporting these budding thespians and enjoying an evening out!

Theology of the Body Parent Meeting - Mon., Jan. 8 @ 6:45pm in Parish Hall All 8th grade students, those in the school and Religious Education program, participate in the Theology of the Body program as part of the diocesan curriculum for Junior High. In order to familiarize parents to the program, one of our parish priests will go through the program and its lessons on Monday, January 8 at 6:45pm in the Parish Hall. You can park at the corner lot of Reed and Trier and enter at door #13. A presentation will be given highlighting the components to the program and a parent guidebook will be provided that night. Please mark your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there.

MEAL PAY PLUS & SCHOOL LUNCHES - Parents, we have been experiencing technical problems with Meal Pay Plus. If you have been trying to watch online the balance paid and due for your children's school lunches, you have probably discovered that there is a problem. In the last two months, the cafeteria has replaced their main computer, while saving the information from their old computer. Horizon Software is what is used on our computers to track payments and lunches purchased per student. Horizon Support is running behind and has not completed transferring data and communicating with our online Meal Pay Plus service. The cafeteria staff is awaiting this task to be completed. The point of service computer does not have the full Horizon software (which is located on the main computer), but our point of service computer does indicate student purchase and current balance. Unfortunately we cannot print your parent reports or statements and we are currently unable to communicate online with Meal Pay Plus. The cafeteria staff does respond to parent phone inquiries about lunch balances, or you may email them at cafeteria@stcharlesschoolfw.org. Finally, if you haven't sent payment in for awhile because the online account appears fine, the online account you see is probably incorrect. You may want to send in a payment next week. Thank you for your patience.

CALENDAR UPDATE

December	3	First Sunday of Advent
	4	Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 6-7-8
	5	Grade 2 attends Nutcracker at Arts United Center
	6	Beginning Band (Grade 4) Parent Information meeting 5:00 pm in school band room (door #3)
	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation
	9	First Reconciliation 10:30 am <i>This is a change from the pocket calendar.</i>
	10	Pancake Breakfast with Santa 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
	11	Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 3-4-5
	14	Christmas musical 7:00 pm in gym
	20	Dismissal at 1:30 pm

Dec. 21 - Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL School resumes on Thursday, January 4

BEGINNING BAND

Any grade 4 student, as well as older students, with an interest in music, is invited to join the beginning band. There is a parent informational meeting on **Wednesday, December 6**, in the school band room. The meeting is 5:00-5:30 pm. At this meeting parents will have the opportunity to schedule a specific time slot to have their student "fitted" for a band instrument and to make arrangements to rent a band instrument. There will be instrument fitting on Wednesday, January 10, beginning at 4:30 pm. The Band Room is located on the lower level of the Hession Center. Please enter the school at door #3 (near the gym) and the posted signs will direct all to the South Stairs and the Band Room. If you are unable to do stairs, please see the custodian for directions to the elevator. All students interested in joining the band must have an appointment for a fitting on this day. Students will have the opportunity to rent instruments at this January meeting so that they have them for the first day band class which is Tuesday, January 16.

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SCHOOL STUDENTS "ADOPT FAMILIES" TO ASSIST THIS CHRISTMAS

In past years, St. Charles School has adopted families through Catholic Charities to assist at Christmas. Catholic Charities changed their program last year. They are utilizing the "Angel Tree" structure. As sponsors, each grade level has been provided a list of items that children of a specific age desire or households need. Examples of these items include, but are not limited to:

- > Toys and books for children 1-12 years old
- > Reasonably priced and appropriate items for pre-teens and teens that most parents cannot afford
(e.g., movie tickets, iTunes or Best Buy gift cards, fashionable hats, Bath & Body Works lotions, earbuds or headphones, etc.)
- > Clean and unworn household items such as sheets, blankets, towels, pots, pans, utensils
- > Grocery store gift cards to supplement a holiday meal

The wish lists are listed at the end of this newsletter and on our website. There is one age level per grade level, grades K-8. Homeroom teachers at these grade levels will coordinate each age level collection. When cash or gift cards come to the office, the classroom teachers will be notified. If you are able to purchase new items for the families, we appreciate that greatly! Teachers, students, and volunteers would appreciate all donations by Dec. 8. Items will be boxed and transported to Catholic Charities on Dec. 12. If you wish to donate a gift card that we can include with other cards to purchase some of the more expensive needs, that is wonderful! Please send the gift card to the school office and it will be used in the area of greatest need. Teachers or volunteers will use the cards and shop! Cards or cash are appreciated by December 8. Think SCRIP when you are donating the gift card and doing your shopping! Thank you for helping our less fortunate friends and neighbors have a blessed Christmas!

We are sharing this information with you earlier than usual because some of our school parents have asked for this so that they can take advantage of stores' early sales. Please see the lists at the end of this newsletter. Take them with you when you are shopping for your own family or gifts.

Christmastime is indeed a time of year to rejoice and celebrate. As a Catholic organization, Catholic Charities appreciates our desire to give to others reminiscent of the gifts the Wise Men brought to the baby Jesus. Thank you for your assistance!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Sophia Sanger, Izzie Finn, Cassie Smith, Jordy Maldonado, Austin Meyer, Jessica Brust, Ivan Carrillo, Joe Bulanda, MacKenzie Runyan, Tyler Smith, Justin Davidson, Jake Tippmann, Evan Smith, Bailee Csellar.

SCRIP NEWS

Looking a lot like Christmas! – While everyone is busy “decking their halls,” and “shopping til they drop,” we hope you remember that SCRIP is here to help. Shopping the SCRIP program for all your gift card needs, whether you use them for your shopping or your gift giving, can keep you on budget, streamline your shopping, and help add to the valuable rebate that you earn for yourself and the parish every time you purchase SCRIP. This will hopefully allow you more time to focus on the “*reason for the season.*”

Merchant News – *Good News! Meijer is at a 6% rebate, once again, just in time for the holidays!*

Applebee’s is at a 20% rebate for the holidays. \$5 gift cards are available in Panera and Starbucks; they are perfect for when you want just a little something. Gift Card Wrappers are the perfect way to wrap up your gift card gifts.

SCRIP Basics – This is our busiest time of year! We are delighted when our wonderful parishioners select to use SCRIP for their holiday shopping. Because of the increased volume that we see at this time of year, we’d like to take this opportunity to clarify a few SCRIP basics.

- Please be sure to fill in your order form carefully and completely with a current phone number and, for school orders and back orders, your preferred delivery location.
- When filling out an order, the *grayed-out boxes* mean that the gift cards are NOT available in that denomination, *i.e. Pizza Hut is only available in \$10, McDonalds is available in \$10 & \$25, etc.* In the denomination boxes, mark *how many* cards you want and then extend it for the \$total. *i.e., under Pizza Hut \$10, 3 extends to \$30.*
- There are many other merchants that are available but not listed on our order form. These can easily be obtained within a week a little planning. Please talk with one of the SCRIP coordinators.
- Our new inventory orders are placed on Monday mornings, if you have a special order or a really large order, please let us know before 9 am on a Monday morning.
- Please take extra care when writing a check for payment to be sure that everything on the check is filled out carefully and completely.
- Please be patient. Lines are a little longer at this time of year and backorders occur. We will do everything in our power to fill your orders in a timely manner, we simply ask for your patience and cooperation. If you have a really large order, you might consider dropping it off at the SCRIP office to be filled and picked up at a later time. That way we can give your order the time and attention it deserves.

School Delays – As we head into winter, we face the possibility of school delays. What does that mean for SCRIP? On Mondays – we will be in the SCRIP office as soon as we can safely travel there; school orders will be collected despite the delay, filled and returned by the end of the school day. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays – we will be in the SCRIP office when it is safe to travel. Fridays – SCRIP sales will follow the school delay and sales will take place in the Hession Center from 10-11 am. School orders will be collected and filled.

VOLUNTEERS: *Be sure to check your schedules, we really need you during this busy time!*

Dec. 4 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Jen Eisman

Dec. 8 – Ruth Marburger, Jenny Perkins, Sue Rohling, Amy Copeland

Dec. 8 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Sarah Mohrman

Dec. 9 – Mary Jones, Jill Onion, Tom Ryan

Dec. 10 – Angela Bauer, Denette Pearson, Molly Elsass

Impulse Control Groups

In the next several weeks, we will be offering groups specifically for kids struggling with difficulties related to impulse control. The groups will focus on impulse control, solving problems, thinking ahead, anger control, and handling feelings. The groups will run for approximately 6-8 weeks and will be facilitated by Mrs. Sarah Robinson, School Social Worker. The groups will meet during school hours for about 25 minutes each week. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Mrs. Robinson at 969-4036 or email her at sarahrobinson@stcharlesschoolfw.org.. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for Catholic Charities' families

Grades Kdg & 1 (Infants to 2 years old)

Age appropriate toys by Fisher-Price, Baby Einstein, Even-flo, etc.
 One piece infant clothing, sizes 12 months to 2T for boys
 One piece infant clothing, sizes 12 months to 2T for girls
 Baby/Toddler towels, washcloths, blankets
 Baby/Toddler diapers, baby shampoo, baby lotion

Stuffed toys Learning toys
 Bath toys Rattles
 Board books Play mats
 Musical toys
 Blocks, balls

Grades 2 & 3 (3 years to 6 years old)

Age appropriate toys by Disney, Fisher-Price, etc.
 Boys or Girls jeans or school pants, sizes 3T to 8
 Boys or Girls underwear and/or socks 3T to 8
 Boys or Girls long sleeved shirts, sizes 3T to 8, zip front hoodies are esp popular
 Hair bows, barrettes, headbands, etc.
 Fashionable hats, gloves, scarves
 Action/Superhero figures, such as Superman, Batman, Pokemon, etc.
 Cars, trucks, trains, balls, Hot Wheels, Matchbox
 Baby dolls / Accessories Pretend play toys

Books
 Board games, Candyland, Yahtzee, etc.
 Arts and crafts
 Bath toys
 Sidewalk chalk / Playdough
 Learning toys
 Crayons, washable markers
 Coloring books
 Musical toys or instruments

Grades 4 & 5 (6 years to 8 years old)

Boys or Girls jeans or school pants, sizes 6 to 10
 Boys or Girls long sleeved shirts 6 to 10, zip front hoodies are esp popular
 Boys or Girls underwear and/or socks 3T to 8
 Fashionable hats, gloves, scarves
 Hair bows, barrettes, headbands, etc.
 Good smelling lotions Character lunchboxes
 Arts & Crafts Puzzles / Books

Pretend play toys
 Age appropriate toys
 Small Legos
 Cars, trucks, trains, etc.
 Baby dolls / Accessories
 Action/Superhero figures
 Board games

Grade 6 (8 years to 10 years old)

Boys or Girls jeans or school pants, sizes 10 to 14
 Boys or Girls long sleeved shirts 10 to 14, zip front hoodies are esp popular
 Boys or Girls underwear and/or socks
 Fashionable hats, gloves, scarves
 Character lunchboxes
 Hair bows, barrettes, headbands, etc.
 Good smelling lotions

Age appropriate toys
 Legos
 Action/Superhero figures
 Dolls / Accessories
 Arts & Crafts
 Board games
 Puzzles / Books

Grades 7 & 8 (10 years to 12 years old and above)

Adult size winter tops for Boys or Girls, sizes x-small to large
 Adult size jeans or school pants, sizes 0 to 7 for Girls
 Adult size jeans or school pants,
 sizes 30 waist to 34 waist for Boys or
 sizes 10 to 18 for Boys
 Backpacks Puzzles Books Legos Good smelling lotions

Movie tickets
 Gift cards
 Earbuds, headphones
 Board games, Monopoly, Life, etc.
 Arts & Crafts
 Nail polish

Additional (Household items)

Gift cards, Aldi, Kroger, Meijer, Walmart, etc.	Silverware / Cooking Utensils	Can openers
Twin/Double/Queen sheets or blankets	Dishes / Glasses/cups	Pots and pans
Pillows and pillow cases	Water pitchers	Serving bowls
Shower curtains and rings	Laundry basket	Hot pads
Bath towels, wash clothes	Mop / Broom & dustpan	Alarm clocks
Dish towels, sponges	Dish soap	Trash bags
Napkins, paper towels	Air fragrance	Toilet paper
Bathroom / Kitchen cleaner	Shampoo / Deodorant	Bar soap / Body wash
Laundry detergent First Aid Kit	Razor / Shaving cream	Toothbrushes / Toothpaste

Social Skills Training

In the next several weeks, we will be offering social skills groups to our students. The groups will be based on a couple social skills curricula, including Skillstreaming and Super Skills. Ideas from the Model Me curriculum may also be used. These curricula teach a wide variety of social skills including self-responsibility in the classroom, friendship skills, and skills for managing impulses. During the group, social skills are taught using modeling, role-playing, and discussion. In addition to the positive impact of learning social skills, students who participate in small groups often develop a stronger sense of belonging to a social group and a more positive attitude about school.

The groups will meet during school hours for approximately 10 weeks. Mrs. Sarah Robinson, School Social Worker, will facilitate them. The groups will meet once weekly and the meeting will last approximately 20-25 minutes. If you think these groups may benefit your child, please contact Mrs. Robinson at 969-4036 or e-mail her at: sarahrobinson@stcharlesschoolfw.org. Thanks!

Children of Divorce Support Groups

St. Charles will again be offering support groups for children who have experienced a loss through parent divorce or separation. The groups will be for grades 1 through 5. Material from A Catholic Guide For Kids: When Parents Divorce or Separate, by Lynn Cassella-Kapunisinski. will be used.

Our groups will run for approximately 8 weeks beginning in December.

In order to plan for the groups, we are requesting that the registration be returned by Monday, December 4th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Sarah Robinson at 969-4036 or by e-mail at sarahrobinson@stcharlesschoolfw.org

Children of Divorce Support Group Registration Return by 12-4-17

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Child Signature: _____

Reason for participation: _____

December Cafeteria Lunch Menu

4 Cheeseburger Fries Lettuce & Pickle Broccoli Grapes Milk	5 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Green Beans Goldfish Peaches Milk	6 Nachos w/Meat & Cheese Lettuce/Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk	7 Chicken Caesar Salad Broccoli Soft Pretzel Pineapple Milk	8 Bread Stick w/ Cheese Sauce Celery w/ Peanut Butter Go-Gurt Pears Milk
11 Pork Patty Broccoli Fries Mixed Fruit Milk	12 Chili w/Cheese Baked Potato w/Cheese Oyster Crackers Applesauce Milk	13 French Toast Sticks Hashbrowns Sausage Oranges Milk	14 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll Peaches Milk	15 Pizza Carrots & Dip Pretzels Go-Gurt Grapes Milk
18 Corn Dog Fries Broccoli Pineapple Milk	19 Soft Taco w/Cheese Lettuce & Refried Beans Corn Grapes Milk	20 Bosco Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Carrots & Dip Go-Gurt Pears Milk	Christmas Vacation	School Resumes Thursday, Jan. 4

Lunch Prices 2017-2018

Lunch/Milk \$2.60

Milk Only \$0.45

Extra Entrée \$1.50

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL - LUNCH ACCOUNTING FORM

Parents can put money into the student's account through your MealpayPlus online account at www.mealpayplus.com or by calling 866-662-3382 for a small fee. Or, you may send a check with the Lunch Accounting Form below to the school cafeteria. For example, if you have 3 children, send a check for \$90 payable to St. Charles Cafeteria and designate \$30 to each child's account. Each child who will eat hot lunch needs to have money in their meal account. It is recommended to have a minimum of \$13.00 in this account which will pay for five meals. If the student may want additional portions of the main entree, then it is recommended to have a minimum of \$6.00 in the general account as well. If you have questions regarding this, you may call the school cafeteria at 969-4028 on school days 8:00-12:30 or the school office at 484-3392.

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Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Lunch ID	Payment
General-Payments to the General account may be used for Meals, Extra entrée (\$1.50), and milk (45¢)				
Meal-Payments to the Meal account may only be used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.60)				
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Meal-Payments to the Meal account may only be used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.60)				
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General-Payments to the General account may be used for Meals, Extra entrée (\$1.50), and milk (45¢)				
Meal-Payments to the Meal account may only be used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.60)				
			Total Payment Enclosed	

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