



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

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16

"I am the Truth." John 14:6

During the month of February the virtue on which we focus is **HONESTY**. When you are honest, you don't try to fool yourself or others. You say what you mean and mean what you say. You only make promises you can keep. Be trustworthy in all your dealings, refusing to lie or cheat. Admit your mistakes and fix them. Be honest with yourself and you will be honest with others. You don't need to make things up to look good - you're already good - honest!

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with the use of eLearning Days. Over the past three years, since we began using eLearning days, I've spoken to our School Board members and our faculty about using eLearning for our first three weather closings in a given year, and then using a built-in day or two before going back to eLearning again. We are at that point now. The next time we need to close due to inclement weather this year, we will use a built-in day. If we have significant days of weather over the course of February and March, we would employ eLearning Days and our limited built-in days.

Reminders: 1. Students are to be in classrooms by 7:50 a.m. 2. No left turns after dropping off. 3. Drop off at door #9. I know it is February, but we have too many households running late each morning. If you are arriving daily after 7:47 each morning, that is too late. I just timed the walk from the parking lot to the farthest Kindergarten classroom and the time was 2 minutes 40 seconds. The rest of the classrooms take anywhere from 1 minute 30 seconds to 2 minutes 30 seconds. The parking lot should resemble a ghost town, obligatory blowing tumbleweeds and all, after 7:47 a.m. Please leave earlier. To those who continue to take left turns when leaving - stop doing so. You are holding up the line. Be considerate. Be a team player. To those who drop-off everyday at the office - go to door #9 like everyone else. Special drop-offs (injury, 7:52 arrival, etc.) ok, but not every day.

We encourage Valentine's celebrations to take place on Wednesday, February 13th out of respect for Ash Wednesday Next week, Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday. Please note that within the school, we will celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 13, as part of Mardi Gras. If you are sending in Valentine's cards with your children, please send them in on Tuesday. We will begin our Lenten practices on February 14th. Thank you.

St. Charles High School Youth Ministry Holding a Bake Sale to Help with World Youth Day Trip! Hmm, to buy or sell? Hi! We, the teens of the St. Charles Youth Ministry are having a bake sale this weekend to raise money for travel to World Youth Day. We need help baking items! If you would like to bake a treat and donate your delicacies for our sale, we would be greatly appreciative! Please drop off your goodies to the Bride's room just inside the Gathering Space any time on Friday, February 9th or Saturday, February 10th. If you can't bake for us, maybe you would like to buy from us! Either way, thank you for your support!

Pre-Kindergarten 4-Year-Old Enrollment Is Now Open - We are 85% Full for Next Year, So Do Not Delay! As a school, we are committed to establishing a Pre-K 4-year-old program for the upcoming school year, and we would like to at least get our foot in the door pending future program expansions (PK 3-year-old), and building renovations and/or new construction. For this coming school year 2018-2019, we will be offering a section of five-day Pre-Kindergarten classes for 4-year-old students. This will be a half-day program. We will open one classroom of 15-18 morning students, and follow with an afternoon section of the same. Each class will be lead by an experienced lead teacher and the assistance of an instructional aide each day.

Our morning program will run from 7:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and our afternoon program will run from 11:50 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you have need, for an additional fee, we will offer our Before Care service to those students in the morning Pre-K 4 program & our Aftercare service to those students in the afternoon Pre-K 4 program.

We do understand that some of our families desire a full-day Pre-K program. If, after the initial registration period (Feb. 6th - Feb. 16th), we have open spots in either session, we will allow those parents who desire it, to enroll in both the morning and afternoon sessions. We will communicate this availability on February 17th.

Initial tuition costs are projected to be \$1,700 (\$142 per month over 12 months) per half-day program plus a one-time \$40 registration fee. Our February registration for our Pre-K 4 Program is early enough to ensure that parish families of St. Charles Borromeo have a first opportunity to register their children for pre-kindergarten. Please bring to registration:

1. A copy of your child's Social Security card, birth certificate and baptismal certificate.
2. We will also need a copy of your child's immunization record.
3. The registration fee is \$40.00 and is nonrefundable.

We want to ensure your child's school experience is a faith-filled, engaging, and supportive experience. I thank you for your time, and I hope you are considering registration. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
These are paid positions. Please contact Lora Beier at 485-5590 if you are interested

CALENDAR UPDATE

February 9	Father-Daughter Dance, 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Charles
12	Yearbook Activity Group pictures (<i>make-up day</i>)
13	Mardi Gras - Valentine day celebrated at school
14	Ash Wednesday - Lent begins, all-school Mass at 8:15 am
20	School Board meeting 7:00 pm
23	Stations of the Cross, 2:15 pm
26	Sacrament of Reconciliation grades 2-3-4-6 ISTEP part 1, grades 3-8
27	ISTEP part 1, grades 3-8
28	ISTEP part 1, grades 3-8
March 1	ISTEP make-ups
2	ISTEP make-ups Dr. Seuss' Day, celebrated by grade 2
5	Sacrament of Reconciliation grades 5-7-8

Yearbook Activity Photos

On Monday, February 12, a photographer will be at school in the morning to take group photos for our school 2017-2018 yearbook. The various sport teams have their pictures take in uniform during their seasons, so these groups will not have pictures taken on Monday. The various scout groups will have their picture take and should come wearing their scout uniform or bringing their sash/vest to wear displaying their badges earned. Students who were in the Christmas musical should bring their T-shirt, if they purchased one, and will put it on for that group photo. Students who were on the Robotic teams should also bring their T-shirt to wear for that photo. Members of the National Junior Honor Society should bring their T-shirts. All band and orchestra members should bring their instruments, even if they don't have class on Monday. All groups will have their pictures taken. There will be more groups photographed, but they don't need to worry about bringing anything but their lovely smiles for their pictures! Thank you!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Maura O'Boyle, Lauren Galbraith, Suri Negahban, Savannah Copeland, Harper Purdy, Ryan Groves, Henry Gabet, Maddie Morris, Theresa Bulanda, Mady Smith, Christian Litzenberg, Drew Stauffer, Lexa Zimmerman, Lauren Walden, Ben Steigmeyer, Sophia Gamez, Abby Hasselschwert, Gregory Hpungmaw, Frankie Meyers, Kyra Hartman, Jayla Staten, Dawson Shovek, Savannah Macon, Alicia Morales.

Join the St. Charles Cardinals Tennis Club It is time to start thinking about spring sports! If you enjoy tennis or would like to learn to play tennis, consider joining Cardinal Tennis. Space is limited to the first 25 students. The list tends to fill up quickly. This club is open to boys and girls from 5th to 8th grade. Players of all abilities are welcome.

The entire season will last approximately 6 weeks (middle of April through May). Practices will be held most Fridays from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at Kreager Park. Most matches will be played at courts in Fort Wayne. Matches typically last about 2 hours. We will be playing about 5 or 6 middle schools on a few weeknights and most Saturdays. Please e-mail Camy at camyr@hotmail.com if you would like to sign up or have questions.

ISSMA PARTICIPANTS

Congratulations to the students who participated at the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) vocal and piano solo and ensemble contests last weekend! Congratulations to Madelyn Weber, Molly Pierson, Theresa Bulanda, and Sydney Fischer who all earned gold ratings!



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION CONTEST

The Fine Arts Boosters' Box Tops for Education first contest has two remaining turn-in dates: Thursdays February 15th, and 22nd. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to the classrooms with the top turn-ins at the end of the contest. Please clip Box Tops and send them into the classroom in plastic ziplock bags in quantities of 50, with 50 marked clearly on the bag. If you do not have 50 Box Tops make sure the quantity is clearly marked, and they will be combined with other turn-ins from the same classroom. All bonus Box Tops should be turned in separately bagged. In addition please check the expiration dates on your Box Tops. We cannot include those that have expired. Thanks you for helping to make our Box Top collections so successful. St. Charles earned over \$3200 from Box Tops for Education last year, and another \$1800 from our collection this fall. Contact Amy Copeland at 483-8168 with any questions.

SCRIP NEWS

Congratulations! - The winner of the *Catholic Schools* giveaway was *Suzanne Stratton!* Suzanne is a weekly SCRIP customer. Thanks to everybody who placed an order during Catholic Schools week.

Happy Valentine's Day – Let us help you celebrate St. Valentine. Place an order this weekend for your chance to win a special Valentine Day giveaway. Place an order Feb. 9 – 12 of \$100 or more for your chance to win a special Valentine's Day Prize! If you don't feel particularly lucky, you can still count on SCRIP to make your Valentine's Day special this year. We have gift certificates to most of your favorite restaurants, movie theaters, *DeBrands*, and *Cookie Cottage*. Check out our order form, we feel confident that you'll find something to please your special Valentine.

Phone Numbers – Many of the phone numbers we have in our records are not correct. If you have given up your land line or changed your phone number in the last few years, it's possible that we do not have a current phone contact for you. Please be sure to add a current phone number on each order. We will be updating our records over the next few months.

Spring Break – Does all this snow have you dreaming about escaping to the south? Spring break is just around the corner. There are lots of ways you can use SCRIP when traveling. From airline tickets, cruise lines, to hotels. Don't make your plans without checking to see if there is a way to use SCRIP.

SCRIP NOW – Have you ever been in a situation where you needed to make a purchase and didn't have time to get SCRIP gift cards before you made your purchase? You might be interested in becoming a "SCRIP NOW" customer. Check with one of the SCRIP coordinators for more information.

VOLUNTEERS:

- Feb. 12 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Jen Eisaman
- Feb. 16 – Mary Jo Amorini, Tom Neuhaus, Dorla Rice, Amy Copeland
- Feb. 16 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Donna Kaiser
- Feb. 17 – Amy Lin, Audrey Stauffer, Diane Keefer
- Feb. 18 – Kasey Eckland, Mary Firks, Terri Wallace
- Feb. 19 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Rebecka Hasselschwert
- Feb. 23 – Ruth Marburger, Jenny Perkins, Sue Rohling, Judy Smith
- Feb. 23 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Cindy Miltner
- Feb. 24 – Molly Elsass, Tom Neuhaus, Leslie Schamberg
- Feb. 25 – Nancy Hartig, Lisa York, Jill Onion

Saints Alive! Preview Night

Saints Alive! Preview Night is Thursday, March 1, 2018, 7:00-9:30 pm

All are invited to join us for a casual and fun night! Take a ride on the wild side, and come witness the fruits of countless hours of work from the Dwenger Family that, year after year, prove that together we can create a roller coaster of a night!

\$15 per person or two for \$25. Bring a friend! Cash only at the door. Price includes food, dessert, and beverages.

One Silent Auction booth will be open all evening for bidding! Buy a chance to win one of three Treasure Chests! Booth and Treasure Chest close at 9:00 pm This event is open to the public. Must be 21 or older to attend.

Ever find yourself busy, out of town, or not wanting to get dressed up to attend the Saints Alive! Dinner & Auction, but still wishing you could bid on the silent booth auction items? Well, this year you can do just that! ALL guests who attend Preview Night will be entitled to participate in the online bidding for all the silent auction items available on Saturday night! So plan to bring your credit card on Preview Night in order to be registered for this new concept! Then on Saturday, March 3, sit at home with your small screen and still come alive by bidding the night away!

February 2018 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

12 Chicken Patty Fries Raspberry Spinach Salad Peaches Milk	13 Scoops w/Taco Meat Refried Beans Lettuce & Cheese Corn Grapes Milk	14 Ash Wednesday Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Green Beans Goldfish Pears Milk	15 Cheeseburger w/ Lettuce & Pickle Fries Broccoli Mixed Fruit Milk	16 Egg Omelet w/Salsa Hashbrowns Pancake w/syrup Oranges Milk
19 Pork Patty Tater Tots Baked Beans Applesauce Milk	20 Chili Baked Potato Oyster Crackers Peaches Milk	21 French Toast Sticks With Syrup Sausage Hashbrowns Oranges Milk	22 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Steamed Carrots Dinner Roll Pears Milk	23 Bosco Stick W/Marinara Sauce Broccoli Go-Gurt Raisins Milk
26 Corn Dog Salad w/Ranch Fries Mixed Fruit Milk	27 Soft Taco Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans Corn Grapes Milk	28 Turkey Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Steamed Carrots Dinner Roll Applesauce Milk	March 1 Chicken Caesar Salad Broccoli Soft Pretzel Peaches Milk	March 2 Bread Stick With Cheese Celery with Peanut Butter Go-Gurt Pears Milk

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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