



Saint Charles
Catholic School

THE CHARGER

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Estote fideles - Be faithful



Newsletter Issue: 2020 - 2021

SCCS 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

We hope this newsletter finds every Charger and their loved ones healthy and safe as we continue through uncertain times.

Last June, we saw the school year end with incredibly quiet hallways and classrooms. The summer saw the School, parents, students, and staff waiting anxiously to see how the school year would or would not start. There were many rules and changes the School needed to make to comply with the government mandates. St. Charles was fortunate enough to have a big, beautiful building to help meet compliance.

Some of the changes for the 2020-2021 school year were predictable and practicable such as portable handwash stations setup in hallways, the middle years teachers traveled to classrooms instead of the grades 6-8 students changing classes, desk top shields became the norm, and staff wore wireless mics to help project their voices through masks. Some of the class sizes made it difficult to keep student and staff as safe as possible, so the music room, the cafeteria, the library, and the basement of the 1913 building were all converted to classrooms for some of the larger grades to be spread out as much as possible. All extra-curricular sports teams were canceled. Gym classes have been outdoors as much as possible, violin class continued as usual while choral class had to be revamped for most of the year to comply with the no-singing mandate to prevent unnecessary infection risk.

There have been some changes that have been felt through the whole community and has affected who St. Charles is at the core level. Parents of the little ones said their goodbyes at the front door. There was no waiting for your child in the front lobby of the school this year, parent access inside was kept to a minimum.

The volunteer opportunities were very minimal which is not the normal community feeling of the school. This also meant no Hot Dog Day (unthinkable!) or Pizza Day every Wednesday to keep unnecessary volunteers out of the building. All the School Assemblies, Masses and religious celebrations have been via Zoom. While the power of technology has been invaluable during the Pandemic and allowed ourselves to stay connected, it is only a substitution for face-to-face contact

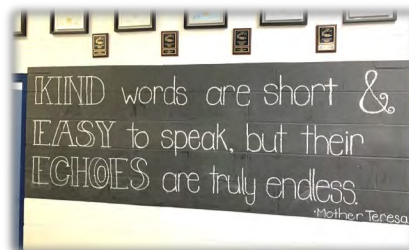
with each other that the St. Charles community is missing greatly.

The Public Health Guidelines moved 70% of the students to remote learning as of May 12, 2021. This created a challenging work situation for the teaching staff who each day teach a group of students in their classroom and then students at home through Zoom or Teams. The complete Remote Learning process from the Spring of 2020 provided many learned lessons ahead of this dual teaching process.

The Community is hopeful that sometime into the 2021-2022 school year the pendulum will swing back closer to prior to Covid-19.

Each of you and your families are in our prayers for your health and safety.

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OUR SYMPATHIES ...

God called and I must leave you

We are deeply saddened to recently hear of the passing of two well-known former staff members, our deepest condolences to their families.

† Orest Rosolowich was the principal at St. Charles from 1984 to 1991. Orest and his wife Vera attended several St. Charles functions since his retirement, his love and support of the School was a gift. Orest passed away March 13, 2020.

† Brenda Kolson was a Middle Years teacher (at that time Junior High) who taught Math and Science at SCCS. She was well known for her tough but fair relationship with the students and her tenure as the boys volley-ball coach that produced championship title banners up on the gym wall. Brenda passed away June 19, 2020.

ALUMNI UPDATES AND MEMORIES

These are some of my memories of my years as a Boarder at St. Charles Convent from February 2, 1942 until my grade 12 graduation in June, 1953.

We had a daily routine to follow. Up at 6:30am. Sister rang a bell to wake us up and if you didn't get up she would ring the bell by your bed. Mass at 7:00, then breakfast and cleaning the building. We each had an assigned job to do, from dusting, cleaning the stairways and mopping the hardwood floors. Classes were from 9am until noon. Dinner at noon, recess. Classes from 1pm-4pm then a short lunch. We had a glass of milk with our lunch of which our parents paid extra for. Free time until 5pm, then we had study time, doing homework or finishing up a lesson until supper at 6pm. 7pm-9pm was also study time. Bedtime at 9pm. All classes were in English but we also were taught to read and write in French. As well, all prayers were said in both languages.

The Oblate Sisters taught us how to sew, knit, crochet, embroider and other crafts. I still knit and crochet today. This was done usually on Saturdays. Sunday was visiting day in the Parlor located across from the Chapel. We could also write letters on Sunday. Some of the children didn't always see their parents weekly. I was fortunate that I saw my parents every Sunday after Church. As they belonged to St. Charles Parish in those days.

In May and June, we waxed and polished the hardwood floors. The

fun part was after we could slide down the fire escape which was located on the North side of the building. We usually started at the Music Room which was on the 2nd floor. It began at the dormitory and a heavy mattress was placed at the bottom for a soft landing. Once I did sprain my ankle. The fire escape which was enclosed was made of metal. Later it was removed and used as a slide on the river bank.

These are some of the things we did at recess and noon hour. Skipping, hopscotch, baseball, dodgeball. In the winter we slid down the hill on a toboggan or on large sheets of cardboard also on tin lids from the large containers that peanut butter came in. Sometimes the slide on the hill was iced so we would slide much faster. There was also a patch of ice cleared on the river so we could skate.

The dress code for school days, were a tunic and blouse, and Sundays we wore a black dress and white collar. Saturdays we wore what we liked.

Report cards were given out at the end of the month. We were given As and Bs for Religion, Conduct, Application and Neatness. If we received a B in Conduct or Application we couldn't go home for the weekend, which was once a month. On special occasions we would wear a "Blue Ribbon" on our left shoulder if we received an "A" in Conduct and Application.

The Oblate Sisters gave us a good

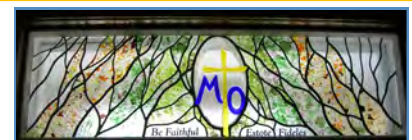
foundation in both religion and daily living.

Edith Ugrin (nee Havixbeck)
42-53



(Alumni Association note)

Edith returned to the school in 1995, a year prior to the 90th Reunion in 1996, as a volunteer for the 90th celebrations and again 10 years later to document the growing changes over the last ten years to Celebrate the school's 100th Anniversary. Edith has spent countless hours compiling the history, pictures, names of former students, sisters, and memories of the school. Her work keeping our memories alive and introducing our school history to our new generations of students is very much appreciated.



BLAST FROM THE PAST! HELP ASKED AND GRANTED

We are so very pleased for the number of emails since our last publication - our fellow Chargers provided some much needed updates on some of the pictures we included in the last edition. THANK YOU to everyone for their contributions! We have updated our records and have included the pictures again with the updated information!

Do you recognize some faces?
If you can help us put a name
to a face please let us know at:
alumni331@stccs.ca



STAFF PICTURES

1979 ~ 1980



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

- 1 Pat Dawson 2 Diane Giguere-Orouke
- 3 Susan Lundgren 4 Marcel Lebrun
- 5 Sr. Anita Gobeil 6 Claire ?
- 7 Florence Maclean 8 Sr. Agnes
- 9 George Popow

FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

- 1 Sr. Marie-Claire Faucher 2 Joan Macdonnell
- 3 Francine Morin 4 Sr. Emma Berard
- 5 Sr. Barbara McSweeney
- 6 Sr. Helene Sabourin (Principal) 7 Sr. Margaret O'Brien
- 8 Muriel Peterson 9 Sr. Albertine Peloquin 10 Anna Collins



1989 ~ 1990



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

- 1 Marie Maddox 2 Joan Macdonnell 3 Elizabeth Odgers 4 Brenda Kolsun 5 Sharon Burke 6 Adrienne Lemay
- 7 Florence Lowry 8 Sister Regina 9 Dorothy Gair 10 Beverly Laping

FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

- 1 Tracy Richards 2 Sr. Barbara McSweeney 3 Anita Akins 4 Orest Rosolowich 5 Richard ? 6 Kathy Booth
- 7 Shirley Sylvestre

OUR GRADUATING CLASS (1959 TO 1960)

WANTED

We are looking for graduation pictures. If you can help, a copy of the picture can be sent to the school by mail or sent by email to sec@stccs.ca



We reposted the 1959-1960 Grad Year Pic with the updated information for our grads.

1959 ~ 1960



Angeline Caners Cecilia Ross Francis Stewart
Elizabeth (Betty) Lagimodiere

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES 1950 - 2011

1950 ~ 1951



GRADE 12

FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Françoise Boulet, Margaret Bestik

BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Roberta Paupanekis, Jean Pawluk,
Thérèse Brûlé

1960 ~ 1961



GRADE 12

(LEFT TO RIGHT) Marie Paule Courtois, Roberta Weir,
Janet Jeannotte, Doreen Harpe, Theresa Stangl, Angela Roy,
Marlene Hogue, Maureen Keough

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1950 TO 2011) ... CONT'D



(LEFT TO RIGHT)
Cynthia Menard,
Janet Mobberley,
Penelope Noble,
Beverley Przednowek,
Marie Ann Schulting

1970 ~ 1971 GRADE 12



(LEFT TO RIGHT)
Margeurite Aquin,
Hélène Bernardin,
Claudette Caron,
Deborah Jones,
Janine Keough

1980 ~ 1981



Help us identify these Gr 8 students from 1980-81.

Our Alumni are our greatest ambassadors, and we like to acknowledge your personal and professional milestones.

*share
your
story*

If you've got news you'd like to share, photos or memorabilia, contact us by email: alumni331@stccs.ca or call the school office: 204-837-1520.

We would like
to hear from you.
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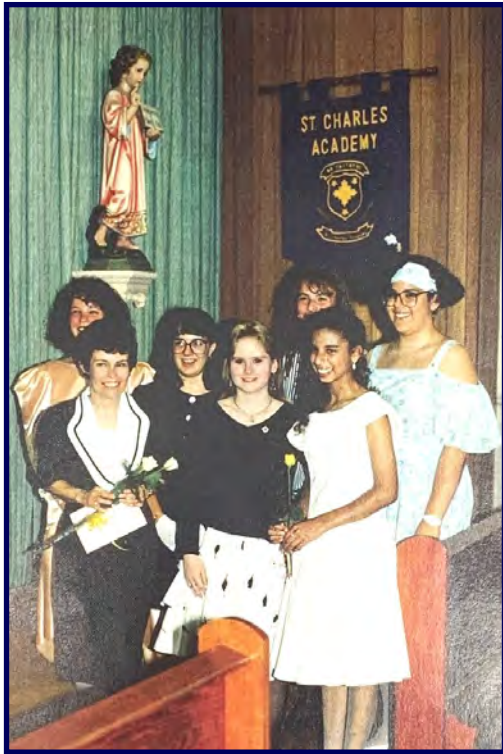
2000 ~ 2001

We couldn't find a picture for this grad year.

The 1990-1991 school saw a significant change to the structure for Junior High going forward. Due to a steady decline in numbers for the grade 9 class, the Board of Directors made the decision to discontinue grade 9 after the 1990-1991 school year. In June of 1991, St. Charles said farewell to both grade 9 and grade 8.

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1950 TO 2011) ... CONT'D

Last Grade 9



FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Mrs. Sylvestre, Kim Oswald, T'Shura Elias

BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Marie Carpenter, Tanya Kushneryk, Jennifer Webb, Andrea Lavallée



Looking for YOUR memories of your time at SCCS. Any pictures, **ESPECIALLY GRAD** pictures wanted.

Please share!



1990 ~ 1991

Grade 8



FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Demos Louizos, Carl Havixbeck, Sean Sullivan, Marielle Reimers, Karen Clearwater, Juan Fajardo

BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Ryan Martin, Aron Egey-Samu, Korie-Lynn McLandress, Tanya Mallick, Tara Kearns, Robyn de Beer, Jennifer Hodges

MISSING

Vanessa Cancade, Corey Chuback, Jeremy Hennessy, Colin McNicol, Amik Razzak, Jason Stufko, Adam Thomas

DOES ANYONE KNOW THIS PICTURE



We have no information on time period or the names of the folks in the picture.

If you can help us identify anyone in the photo, contact:

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OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1950 TO 2011) ... CONT'D

2010 ~ 2011



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Marvin Tan, Hadrian Bourdon, Michael Solomon, Darian Penner, Selina Gelinas, Talen Carthey, Evinn Lyons-Keely, Matthew Rikar.

MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Mrs. McKinnon, Hana Brooks, Luis Norzagaray, Christopher LaFleche, Celeste Thibert, Jacob Reddick, Matthew Cavrois

FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Nadia Pankiw, Breanne Burkhardt, Morgan Hay, Elizabeth Thompson, Paula Mendoza, Aleksa Namahoe-Siaris, Marina Ortiz

WHAT SCCS LOOKED LIKE IN 1990-1991 (MEMORIES FROM THE SCHOOL YEARBOOK)



MCSAA CHAMPIONS: BOYS VOLLEYBALL

BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Ms. Kolson, Aron Egey-Samu, Corey Chuback, Adam Thomas, Ryan Martin, Jeremy Hennessey, Kyriakos Biliias

FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Guiseppe Aletta, Carl Havixbeck, John Boehm



WHAT SCCS LOOKED LIKE IN 1990-1991 (MEMORIES FROM THE SCHOOL YEARBOOK)



**HALLOWEEN
COSTUME PARADE**



CHRISTMAS

*The best thing about
Memories
...is making them*



PUDDING EATING CONTEST

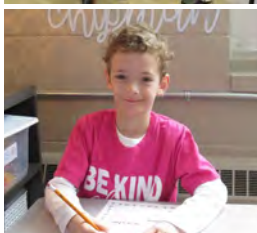
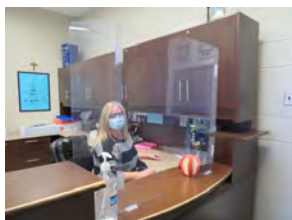


SLAM DUNK CONTEST



SCCS IN 2020-2021... A COVID YEAR PICTORIAL

'Ultimately, the greatest lesson that COVID-19 can teach humanity is that we are all in this together.'



We Believe and Go Forth
in the Peace of Christ



SCCS IN 2020-2021... A COVID YEAR PICTORIAL

'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass,
It's about learning how to dance in the rain.'



alumni

Our Alumni are like family. And, like many families, we don't always see one another very often!

We would like to encourage you to join us for our school events throughout the year to mix and mingle and to share and support.

Events are posted on our school calendar online at www.stccs.ca.

COME BACK & VISIT. YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME.

HOW CAN I HELP?

St. Charles Catholic School believes that every child should have the option of benefiting from a Catholic education. Thanks to our **Student Bursary Fund**, we are able to welcome families from all circumstances. Donations of all amounts are greatly appreciated and will ensure the Bursary Fund's ability to assist. **Thank you** for your ongoing contributions towards this important fund.

Donations over \$20.00 will receive a tax receipt and can be forwarded to:

St. Charles Catholic School | 331 St. Charles Street | Winnipeg MB | R3K 1T6

MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION

NAME: _____

MAIDEN NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

GRADUATING CLASS: _____

☐

I have enclosed my membership fee of \$10.00. Please continue mailing a hard copy of "The Charger".

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I have enclosed an additional donation of _____. Please send a tax receipt to the above address.

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Please contact me about upcoming fundraising events.

Over the years at St. Charles Convent, Academy and finally St. Charles Catholic School, there have been many milestones that have all served in the role of defining the overall mission of Catholic formation of youth in west Winnipeg and beyond. From its origins as St. Charles Convent on September 10, 1906 when the Missionary Oblate Sisters opened its doors to 41 students, to 1962, when the name changed to St. Charles Academy with the addition of a library, swimming pool and science laboratory, to the year 2000, when the school became known legally as St. Charles Interparochial School and commonly known as St. Charles Catholic School, the common factor that has been present throughout the years has been the students who came to St. Charles for a Catholic education. More than 7000 students have passed through these doors over the years, each one with their own cherished memories of what St. Charles has meant to them. May we always take the time to remember and reflect on the unique role that St. Charles has played in the community of west Winnipeg, and in our livesand to be thankful that we were fortunate enough to be a part of this amazing school community.

**JOIN OUR
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors is asking for an Alumni member to sit on the SCCS Board of Directors in the Alumni Representative position, if you are interested please email the Board Chairperson at boardchair@stccs.ca

HOME OF THE



Let us honour our dear Alma Mater. Let us sing in one voice her fair name.
Greater schools there may be, but none dearer to our hearts than the one we acclaim.