



Saint Charles
Catholic School

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EXCITING CHANGES

This past year has seen some changes at St. Charles Catholic School. While change can be seen as scary and filled with uncertainty some view change as curious and exciting at the possibilities to come.

In June 2017, St. Charles bid farewell to Principal Dr. Anne Penny. After 10 years of dedicated service at St. Charles, Dr. Penny spread her wings way down south to Florida as the Principal at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School.

The School was very pleased to announce Mrs. Tammy Narynski as Principal after 6 years in the Vice-Principal role. Mrs. Narynski brings many years of experience as a highly respected classroom teacher and educator. Mrs. Laufer continued to embrace the theme of change by



accepting the role of Vice-Principal after 15 years in our School.

Please congratulate and welcome the Administration Team in their new roles.

Exciting changes are happening at St. Charles!

OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

Hello, my name is Tammy Narynski and I am the new Principal at St. Charles Catholic School. Although this is my first year as Principal, I am definitely not new to the St. Charles community.

I started 14 years ago at St. Charles as the Gr. 1 teacher. After teaching Gr. 1 for a few years, I was asked to pilot the Gr. 1-2 classroom, which I did and enjoyed very much. As the school continued to grow, I was approached to become St. Charles Catholic School's first Vice Principal. I served in this capacity for the last 6 years, and have now passed the torch to my colleague, Colleen Laufer.

It is truly an honour to be leading this school community in my new role! I am very excited to be part of such a warm, welcoming community. Walking into school each morning, I

am filled with an excitement and warmth which I know you must have also experienced.

Personally, I have been married for 30 years and have one daughter who is in her second year of university. My husband Rob, and daughter Alexandra, are very supportive of me in my new role, and have always encouraged me to try new challenges.

Aside from being a Principal, I also chair our Safe and Caring Schools Committee, and the Workplace Health and Safety Committee at school. I have worked on many committees since being at St. Charles, and previously finished serving 3 years on the Pensions and Benefits Committee for all of the Catholic schools. Having taught at Catholic Schools since I graduated from university many years ago, I am very much at home in this system.



As Mother Teresa once said, "Do small things with great love."

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OUR GREATER COMMUNITY

The school is one of community, we speak of community as it is the identity of St. Charles. The School has been blessed over the years by the support, generosity and hard work of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League (The CWL) and the School was again recipients of their generosity and hard work. The School held a Community Christmas Party on November 25 which saw members of the CWL donate baked goods for the Bake Table and volunteer to sell tickets for the various raffles, and of course there can not be a Pancake Breakfast without the Knights in the kitchen showing everyone how to get it done! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, the CWL and all the parishioners who joined us for what we hope will soon become a tradition at St. Charles.

Charleswood Knights of Columbus Council #7523 hosted a Fish Fry during Advent with all proceeds donated to St. Charles.

St. Charles Catholic School was also selected as this year's beneficiary of the Knights of Columbus Dinner and Draw sponsored by the Captain Miles MacDonell Assembly #3070 or the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus which was held on April 25th. All proceeds went directly to the Bursary Fund.



BELOVED TEACHER RETIRES

Mrs. Kathy Booth-Smith 'officially' retired as a classroom teacher on June 30th. After teaching at St. Charles for 32 years Mrs. Booth was in need of a party to celebrate and the School obliged.

Many alumni came to see Mrs. Booth and offer their well wishes. Some special words were given by the Dusesoy boys (Andrew ('97-'06), William ('99-'08), Owen Ferguson ('89-'98) spoke for the Boyd/Ferguson family, and former staff member Joan Macdonell provide some words of advice as she ventures into the next chapter in her life.

As many students have been taught by Kathy over the years it is hard to imagine St. Charles without our longest serving staff member! As it turns out, Mrs. Booth wasn't quite ready to leave St. Charles but will continue on in a part-time basis with second passion to classroom teaching...resource.



We said earlier...great things are happening at St. Charles...

IN SADNESS ...

With broken hearts, our Community lost one of our kids in June 2017. Keira Bond was a student for six years starting in Kindergarten, who loved life, and fought a hard fight. The loss of Keira has been a heavy loss for St. Charles that has impacted our staff, our students and parents.

Keira began Keira's Krusade to raise donations for pediatric brain cancer research. Our community donated all Bake Table proceeds from our Community Christmas

Party to Keira's Krusade and invited the Bond family to sell the pillows that Keira helped design. If you are interested in donating to Keira's Krusade by a monetary donation, purchasing one of the beautiful pillows or participating in an upcoming activity supporting awareness of pediatric brain cancer.

Keira's Krusade can be found on Facebook or contacted by email at keiraskrusade@gmail.com



HONOURS FROM THE WINNIPEG MUSIC FESTIVAL

St. Charles has received some exciting & fabulous news from the Winnipeg Music Festival coordinator.

Our very own St. Charles Junior Chorus - Grades 4, 5, & 6 students are the recipients of 2 trophies / awards, and a Gold standing from our Festival performance in February 2018.



On April 24th 2018, at the end of our school Mass, the Junior Chorus was presented with:

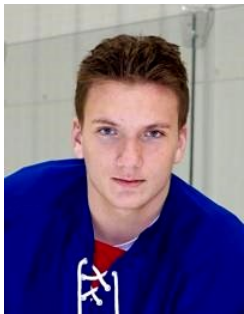
- **The Helen Derksen Memorial Shield-Trophy** for the Most Outstanding Performance of a Sacred Selection by a School Chorus, Kindergarten to Grade 6.

- **The "Dr. Willis S. Prowse Memorial Trophy** - for The Most Outstanding Performance by a School Chorus in the K - 6 class category.

The Winnipeg Music Festival is a huge, province wide, month long festival, where many of the schools music programs participate in our city.

Congratulations! We Love Your Singing Spirit St. Charles!

ALUMNI UPDATE



KUDOS!!
Congrats to
Devyn Turner
(05-14) named
as recipient of
the Larry Ring
Midget Ranger
Award.

share
your
story

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

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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OUR CONDOLENCES to our Alumni and their families who have lost loved ones...

† **Rona Mills** was seen at each
Spring Tea during the 1980's and
early 1990's at the Craft Table which
she helped fill along with Sister
Edna. Damien (84-93) and Eleanor
(84-89).

† **Cordy Thomaschewski** was a
St. Charles parent for Gloria (67-76),
Joseph (70-78), Marie (71-81), Irene
(75-85), then became involved with
the Alumni in the 1990's with
encouragement from Sister Regina.
Cordy retired from the Alumni in the
Spring of 2012. The Thomaschewski
connection to St. Charles continues
as Cordy's granddaughter, Melissa
is a current teacher in the school.

† **Paul Havixbeck** was a Board
member during the 1980's while his

three children were students, Brad
(80-85), Lisa (80-89) and Michelle
(80-82).

† **Darren Turner**. Devyn (05-14)
and Lindsay (07-14) Turner along
with their mother, Shawna, said
goodbye to their father and
husband, Darren, at the end of
March, 2017. The Turners were
always a helping hand within the
school.

Our condolences to the Caron
Family who are mourning the loss of
father and son, † **Gilles Caron**
(32-42) and † **Paul Caron** (65-72).

With heartfelt Sympathy



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:

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- ☐ Please send the Electronic Charger to the above electronic mail address and enter my name in the draw for a "CHARGERS" Toque.
- ☐ Please contact me about upcoming fundraising events.



2017-2018 Grade 8 Class - Best wishes in your new schools

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.

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.