



Saint Charles
Catholic School

THE CHARGER

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Estote fideles - Be faithful



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a wonderful and blessed school year this has been! We have had so many marvelous things happen over the last ten months, and have created so many wonderful memories.

We began the school year last fall, with many new families joining the SCCS community, bringing our enrollment to 293 students! We implemented three new school goals this year. Spirituality, our first goal, - which focused on our School Masses, helping us learn in greater depth about our Catholic traditions. Our second goal was Excellence in Writing. Kindergarten through to our Gr. 8 students established writing skills at each of their grade levels, showing a consistency and growth amongst writing in our school. Third was our Safe and Caring Schools goal. St. Charles implemented the Roots of Empathy program for the first time this year, and our Gr. 3 students learned all about how a baby grows and develops.

We had many other highlights this school year, such as the Gr. 2 class visiting the Oblate sisters at their residence in St. Boniface, our Christmas Concert, Catholic Schools Week in February, the Manitoba Music Festival, where our students won various awards, a visit to the WSO, where our Violin Ambassadors got to play with the WSO on stage, our school musical Madagascar Jr., as well as our biggest Science Fair yet! Many of our students got to enjoy camp this year, and our sports

teams did an excellent job in volleyball, basketball and badminton!

We just celebrated Founder's Day at the beginning of June. Taking time to reflect on our history, and all those who have come before us, is not only humbling but inspiring. Our students love to hear the stories of our founders, and take a walk around the neighbourhood to hear some of the stories of the important landmarks so close to us.

As we come to the end of another school year, we are grateful for God's continued blessings, and His great love for us!

Tammy Narynski
Principal of SCCS

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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TO HONOUR OUR OWN

There are a number of memorial awards that have been created by loving families over the years to carry on the legacy of their loved ones, St. Charles is honoured to be entrusted with this precious gift.

Please contact the office if you and your family would like to start a memorial award.

MEMORIAL AWARDS

DIANE GIGUERE O'ROURKE AWARD

Dianne Giguere O'Rourke was a former Grade 1 teacher at St. Charles.

This award is given to student who displays overall good student qualities such as helpfulness and awareness of others. Someone who has good relationship with classmates other students, and teachers. A student who approaches work with desire and willingness and who is well-mannered and well-behaved in class.

ROBERT MORRISON LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is in memorial of former Principal, Robert Morrison to a grade 8 student who will be continuing with their high school education in a Catholic school.

The recipient exemplifies Leadership qualities in our School, has a positive attitude, shows respect to others and puts the needs of others before him or herself.

GEORGE JONES AWARD

George Jones was a young man who was born with a serious heart condition. According to his family, his two passions were – sports and learning. He became a PE teacher and chose St. Charles as his first teaching position. Although he was here only a few years, George spoke very highly of St. Charles, and was recognized for igniting a passion for learning in his students.

This award is given to a student who displays overall good student qualities such as helpfulness and awareness of others. Someone who has a good relationship with classmates, other students, and teachers. A student who approaches work with desire and willingness and who is well-mannered and well-behaved in class. This award is in his memory and is given to a student who shares the same passions as George. This student is a role-model and leader both in school athletics and in outside sports programs, takes his education seriously, is willing to take risks and is willing to stand up for his or her beliefs.

GLADYS BELHEUMER VOLUNTEER AWARD

Each year, the staff award a volunteer for service toward the school. This award was established by Mrs. Belhuemer, herself a valued member and volunteer in the St. Charles community.

The recipient will have 3 or more years of service to the school; has impacted the entire school, not just one grade level; promoted a positive image of the school, one that was aligned with the vision of the Board of Directors; willingly gave of time, talents and/or monetary donations; is a role-model and inspiration to other members of the community.



MEMORIAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)

CHAD FRIESEN "SPIRIT" AWARD

Chad Friesen was a member of the SCCS Board of Directors when he passed away. He was a well-respected local entrepreneur with a contagious zest for life. Chad was everybody's friend and had a unique gift for bringing out the best in everyone he met. What most people may not realize, is that Chad himself had to overcome adversity as a child. He had such a passion for helping others who struggled that his family created the Chad Friesen Spirit Award in his memory.

This award awarded annually to a student who has overcome great adversity; continuously maintained integrity, relationships, academics; exhibits a cheerfulness throughout; and has a positive attitude.

CORNERSTONE AWARD

Some stones are overlooked when a huge structure is being built, but some of these overlooked stones - even though not particularly smooth, or beautiful or otherwise noticeable - go on to become cornerstones that the rest of the structure is happy to have "in their corner".

This award is given in memory of Bill Senderewich. Bill was an entrepreneur, a creative businessman and an advocate for Catholic education. He loved his family and was careful to put their needs before his own. Bill was extremely talented, but he preferred to be in the background. He relished sharing his gifts and talents to help others shine brightly in the world. He was an example of a true "community cornerstone".

This award is presented to a student who exhibits a fierce love for family, is a diligent worker, and has a great deal of patience, kindness and loyalty towards others. The recipient also prefers to stay in the background, and uses his/her gifts to support others so they can have the confidence to shine in the world.

KEIRA BOND AWARD

Keira Bond was a St. Charles student from 2011-2017. Keira was a creative, kind, faith-filled, and determined student. She truly loved her school and cared deeply about all of her classmates. Keira's faithful spirit was nurtured daily at St. Charles. Her compassionate approach to others lives on in Keira's Crusade.

The recipient of this award is a Grade 5 student who embodies Keira's creativity, kindness, faith, tenacity and compassion.

LOUIS CARON BURSARY AWARD (MUSICIAN of the YEAR)

LOUIS CARON BURSARY AWARD (MOST IMPROVED & DEDICATED MUSICIAN)

The Caron family is one of our founding families, and have homesteaded in this area since 1883. Louis Caron, born in 1923, was one of the first children to attend St. Charles. When he grew up, he owned and operated Caron's Cat Shop, one of the first Arctic Cat dealerships in Western Canada. He also established the first Arctic Cat racing team in Canada. Louis was often Santa for the children, loved to tell jokes and stories, and to sing.

In memory of him, his five children, through the Winnipeg Foundation, created two awards to help children afford to come to SCCS: Namely, The Musician of the Year and the Most Improved & Dedicated Musician.



HONOURS FROM THE WINNIPEG MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations! And a big high five to our two school chorus entries in the 2019 Winnipeg Music Festival this spring. Our Grade 3 & 4 Chorus received a Silver standing and our Grade 5, 6 & 7 Middle Years Chorus received both a Gold standing at the Festival, as well as, the GERTRUDE LOWERY MEMORIAL TROPHY. This trophy is awarded for the most outstanding performance by a School Chorus, Grades 5 to 8 in Classes 8146, 8147, 8148 and 8149. We are delighted, amazed, and feeling so blessed to receive these recognitions.



Both of our chorus groups, comprising of over 100 students or more, represented all that is excellent about St. Charles and what it means to be a part of this big fabulous singing family. Each of the students' musical singing gifts expressed touches people's lives. This is the gift of music. Bravo!

ALUMNI UPDATES

My name is Evelyn (Gorieu) Manser, and I am from the Grade 12 graduating class of 1965. My sister and I were boarders at the Academy from 1963-1965. My great-aunt, Sister Evelyne Brodeur, was the principal of St Charles at that time. She was my grandfather's sister.

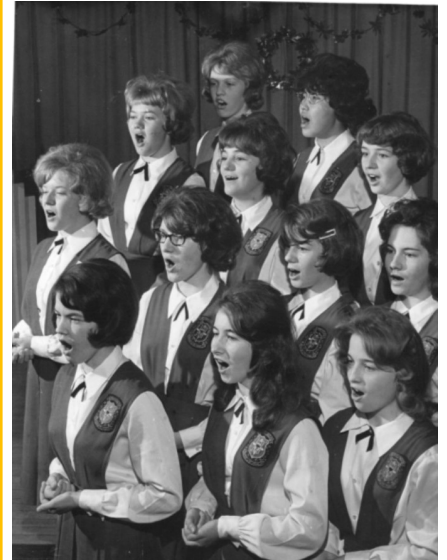
As I was just re-reading the Alumni Newsletter from Summer 2016, I realized that I had not received a newsletter from you since then. In that edition, there is a black and white photo on page 8. (See picture to the right.) It seems that there is a line below the picture to the left of the black and white photo which reads "Gold Performances: ... grades 3-5 Choir", but the true fact is that the choir is composed of Grade 10-12 students and they performed at a competitive event that spring. Please contact Carole LaFleche if you wish to qualify the date of the performance and/or the nature of the competitive event. I believe that you are correct in stating it was a gold performance and I am sure that they won some award. My sister, Lorraine, and I were part of the group when it first started at the Academy in the fall of 1964.

I would like to give some updated news of myself since 2015. I am retired officially, and my last day as

a school librarian (22 years) was June 26, 2015. I have been enjoying my retired years since then, especially in consideration of an important event that happened in August when we became grandparents of our first grandchild on the 24th day of that month. Audrey Kayla has been a blessing in our lives since that day and we enjoy her so much. Our two children are both married, and both live an hour's drive away from our home. We do enjoy their visits often. I am enclosing a picture of our 3 year old granddaughter.

I visited St. Charles the summer of 1981 as my family moved from New Brunswick to Alberta on a military posting, as my husband was in the ranks for 28 years. Also, my sister and I attended the reunion sponsored by Anne St. Onge in 1992 (or 1993!). All of us have great memories of that celebratory

event. A lot has changed over the years. I have many fond memories of St. Charles.



Grades 10-12 Student Gold Performance



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.

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1939 TO 1969)



Grade 12 1938-1939

First row: Alice Syrenne, Elizabeth Saelens, Jeanne Boucher

Second row: Dolores Carriere, Father Schnerch, Annette Dureault



Grade 12 1948 - 1949

Front Row: Lois Dureau, Thérèse Guimond.

Back Row: Gerda Patzia, Viviane Roy.



Grade 12 1958 - 1959

Left to Right: Silvia Desilets, Lorraine Gendreau, Evelyn Harpe, Denise Allard, Adrienne Hockin, Marilyn Bourgeois, Jocelyn Zebrynski.



Grade 12 1968 - 1969

Row 4: Lynn Kimber, Adrienne Ladouceur.

Row 3: Jutta Westphal, Helen Wojciulan, Edlaine Caron.

Row 2: Joan Chubb, Yvonne Caron.

Row 1: Stella Spence, Beatrice Swiszcowski.

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1979 TO 2009)



Grade 9 1978 - 1979

Front Row: Maureen Taylor, Jackie Carey, Andrea Hollaman, Peggy-Jo Boyd, Laurie Smith, Dawn McCulley, Janice Gowler, Kim Ammeter, Leah McIsaac.

Back Row: Tannis Hutsebaut., Shelley Janke, Kim Kasprick, Kristi Darrach, Anne Marie Beland, Kim McMillan, Favel Broughton. Fr. John Kracher.

Missing: Michelle Betzt, Nancy Vosper.

Teacher: Mrs. Christina Boyd



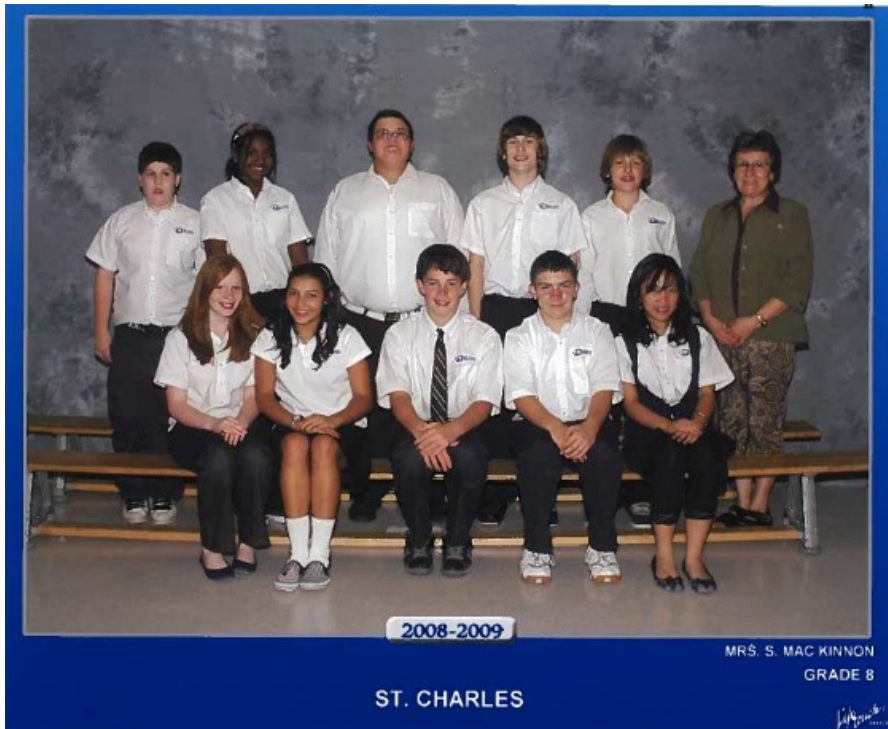
Grade 9 1988 - 1989

Front Row: John MacLean, Tina Parker, Sharon Finnigan, Elizabeth Clift, Chad Kleemola.

Back Row: Jason Pastetnik, Kendre Osada, Darryl Sanders, Kevin Broughton, Ernie Mikos.

Missing: Maria Bucar

Teacher: Mme Shirley Sylvestre



MRS. S. MAC KINNON
GRADE 8

ST. CHARLES

Back Row L to R
Brandon Currie, Elsa Kaka, Nicco Galluzzo, Drew Jensen, Jackson Cameron,

Front Row. L to R
Emily Thompson, Martha Sofia Meza-Contreras, Cedric Ludlow, Andrew Solomon
Patricia Navarro

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.

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



2018-2019 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.