



Saint Charles
Catholic School

THE CHARGER

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Estote fideles - Be faithful



Newsletter Issue: 2021 - 2022

SCCS 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

We hope this newsletter finds each of you and your families well and in good health.

Spring has finally arrived, we believe, the sun is shining and Covid does not seem to be pressing all around us as heavily as this time last year.

The fall of 2021 was met with a cautious approach at St. Charles. Some of the classes remained in less than traditional spaces such as the Music Room, the cafeteria and the basement of the 1913 building due to some of the uncertainty of when and how significant Wave 4 would be. While the Christmas Break was extended by a week in January, there was much less disruption to the delivery of education this year, for which everyone is thankful!

This spring saw changes in the Government mandates that has allowed the School to start returning to normal. Masks continue to be strongly recommended to be worn by students and staff but kids can cross cohorts now, the computer lab is being used by all grades, intramurals are being played, and field trips are planned for June for the first time since 2019. Extra-curricular sports restarted with some very excited players and coaches. While spectators have not been permitted on the School's small stage, the new and exciting world of technology has allowed for home games to be streamed and viewed by parents and fans alike.

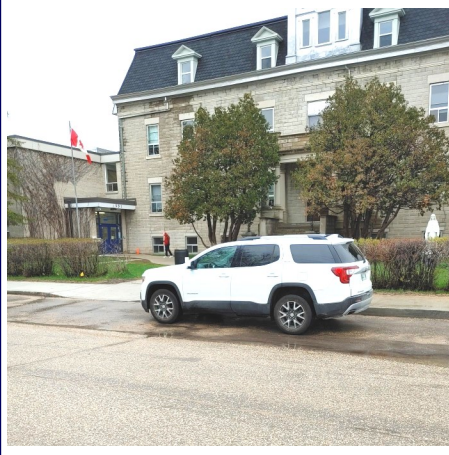
The School is very pleased to be able to plan the St. Charles tradition-

al events of Kinder Grad and the Grade Eight Farewell. While both events will be mindful of the number of participants all the students will be able to celebrate their accomplishments and for that we are ever so grateful.

3-2-1 Chargers

DROP OFF LANE

The first day of School, the community was able to make use of a brand new drop off lane! This project was realized through collaboration with the Administration and the City of Winnipeg.



NEW
WEBSITE
COMING SOON

St. Charles is excited to announce the launch of our new School Website coming this fall. We have created an updated Alumni section where we would love to share information about our Alumni.

Looking forward to hearing from you with any contributions you would like to make to this exciting new communication.

Keeping in contact will never be easier!

GreenTeam

Since the summer of 2009, more than 17 Alumni who are either high school or university students have been able to work either full time or part hours during the summer months while helping our Maintenance Manager deep clean and paint this big, beautiful School!

**SOCIAL
COMMUNICATION**



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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ...*God called and I must leave you*

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of the following SCCS Alumni members, our deepest condolences to their families.

† Sr. Lea Archambault (S. Marie-Louise) was the General Superior of the Missionary Oblate Sisters and was also a student at the School from 1957-59. Sr. Lea passed away on October 17, 2021.

† Sylvio Lafleche attended the School from 1941-46 and 1948-52. Sylvio passed away on April 17, 2022.

† Valleryn Ritchot (nee Musgrove) was a student at the School from 1959-72 and was a graduate of the final grade 12 class at St. Charles. Valleryn passed away on February 13, 2022.

ALUMNI MEMORIES AND UPDATES**Couvent St. Charles**

Sylvio LaFlèche

J'ai commencé au couvent des Soeurs Oblates en 1941. J'étais en première année; il n'y avait pas de classe de maternelle à ce temps-là. Je suis allé au couvent jusqu'à la huitième année. Il faut dire que nous étions seulement trois garçons (Louis LaFlèche, Albert Montagnon et moi-même) qui sont restés au couvent après la septième année. Les garçons n'avaient plus le droit à cet âge mais nous étions choyés d'y rester. Les soeurs disaient que les gars devaient partir aussitôt qu'il y avait la barbe sous le nez!

Après les heures de classe, je faisais diverses tâches au couvent. J'aidais dans le grand jardin des soeurs, je soignais les poules et j'ai peinturé le poulailler. Soeur Étienne de Hongrie me surveillait et elle vérifiait que tout le travail soit bien complété.

Je me souviens que quand nous étions jeunes, il fallait traverser la rivière en bac. Souvent, on courait du couvent jusqu'à la rivière en passant par le jardin pour y voler de la rhubarbe. Ensuite, on allait se cacher dans les bacs avec notre petit goûter. Malheureusement, les chères soeurs ont découvert notre petite cachette!

En 1950, le concierge en chef du couvent a été congédié et il n'y avait personne pour chauffer le couvent. Donc, les soeurs Oblates m'ont offert le poste. Quand j'ai commencé à travailler au couvent, les soeurs ont embauché un constructeur pour construire un mur dans le corridor entre la cuisine et la chambre de la fournaise. J'ai travaillé comme concierge pendant les deux prochains hivers. Je devais chauffer le couvent ainsi que la maison Nazareth, la résidence des filles de la douzième année. Mes tâches, entre autres, étaient de pelleter six tonnes de charbon par jour pour le chauffage. Cette tâche était faite avant la messe du matin et répétée chaque soir. À l'automne, je devais poser les fenêtres doubles partout dans le couvent pour se préparer pour la saison hivernale. De plus, j'avais l'honneur de servir à la messe tous les matins. Pendant que je travaillais au couvent, j'y demeurais et les soeurs me fournissaient les repas. Elles me servaient dans ma chambre puisque je n'avais pas le droit de manger dans la grande salle avec les soeurs ni avec les résidentes. Les soeurs ont été très accueillantes et chaleureuses pendant mon séjour au couvent. Il y avait même Soeur St. Edmond qui m'a donné des leçons de français chaque soir pendant que les filles du couvent faisaient leurs études. On travaillait surtout la grammaire et les verbes.

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Alumni Updates**Luca Fioanisi (2009-2013)**

Has committed to the Men's Soccer Program at St. Thomas University for the 2022-2023 season.

Tyla Turnbull (2009-2016)

Has committed to the Women's Hockey Team at Adrian College (ACHA Division 1) for the 2022-23 season.

Tyla was named the 2022 recipient of the Most Sportsmanlike Award in the Female U18 Prep Division in the Canadian Sport School Hockey League (CSSHL).

Megan Morant (2009-2018) was featured in the Winnipeg Free Press, CTV News for her very successful "Stand with Ukraine" t-shirt campaign with all profits to the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Metro One, also featured the Westwood Collegiate student-led documentary of Holocaust Survivor testimony called "Truth Against Distortion". Megan was one of the three students who created this very important and moving documentary which first screened May 26, 2022.

There will be a new School Website coming this fall with an updated Alumni section.... Keeping in contact will never be easier!

ALUMNI MEMORIES AND UPDATES

Couvent St. Charles (continued)

Sylvio LaFlèche

En 1959, j'ai marié Agnès Brière (originnaire de la Saskatchewan) à l'église St. Charles. Soeur St. Théodore a fait notre gâteau de noces et les soeurs ont décoré l'église avec des glaïeuls de leur jardin. Leur générosité était beaucoup appréciée. C'était de toute beauté!

Nous avons eu quatre garçons et trois filles. En 1979, nous avons construit une maison à Ile des Chênes et nous y habitons encore aujourd'hui. Je suis maintenant à la retraite et je jouis beaucoup du temps que j'ai avec mes neuf petits-enfants.

**1951 - 1952 S. St-Edmond with
Grades 9 & 10**

**N.B. Sylvio LaFlèche (L) and Louis
LaFlèche ® were the only boys al-
lowed that year in Grade 9.**



2010 - 2011 RECORDS UPDATED!



2010 ~ 2011

BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Marvin Tran, Hadrian Bourdon, Michael Solomon, Darian Penner, Selena Gelinias, Talen Carty, Evinn Lyons-Keely, Matthew Rakar

MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Mrs. McKinnon, Hannah Brooks, Luis Narzagaray, Christopher Lafleche, Celeste Thibert, Jacob Reddick, Matthew Cavois

FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Nadya Pankiw, Breanne Burkhardt, Morgan Hay, Elizabeth Thompson, Paula Mendoza, Aleksa Namaho-Siaris, Marina Ortiz, Chelsea Krause

We reposted the 2010-2011 Class Pic with corrected information for our students. Thank you to our members for letting us know where we need to update our records and apologies!

OUR GRADUATING CLASS (1941-1942, 1951-1952, 1961-1962 MISSING)



We need your help!
Sending us pictures
would be greatly
appreciated.

We are missing grad pictures from the
1941-1942, 1951-1952, 1961-1962
school years.

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



OUR GRADUATING CLASSES 1971 - 2011



1971-1972

GRADE 12

FIRST ROW

Barbara Chisholm, Louise Gendreau, Paulette Cahill,
Diane Kristjansson

SECOND ROW

Valerie Collins, Barbara Smith, Ingrid Heatley, Sarah
Noonan, Valleryn Musgrove, Mareen McMullen

1981-1982

GRADE 8

FIRST ROW: Andrew Lang, Ronald Arseneault,
Mike Sitko, Douglas Dick, Raymond Landygo, Jacki
Treffers, Darlene Weber

SECOND ROW: David Ramey, Kerry Richarson,
Bernadette Demong, Kelly Farrell, Lisa Wawryk,
Maelynn MacLean, Candyce Ibbott, Jason McRae,
Reetu Bharadwajh

BACK ROW: Lisa Walker, Michael Brugger, Morgan
Porath, Sean Caesar, Brenda Norris, Johanthan Devlin,
Ian Boyd, David Ludwick

MISSING: Ian McPherson, John Novak

TEACHER: Mme Shirley Sylvestre (front row)



N.B. There was no Grade 9 class for this school year.

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1971 TO 2011) ... CONT'D

1991-1992

GRADE 8



FIRST ROW: Danya Gensiorek, Cara Desimpelaere, Sean Cody, Harlynn Chuback

SECOND ROW: David Milliner, Celina Blandford, Christine Deverdenne, Melissa Elias

THIRD ROW: Corie Miller, Julie Southam, Colleen McFee, Jeremy Kozicki, Chris Melynk

FOURTH ROW: Keith McLandress, Kryiakos Biliak, Michael Halgren, Jonathan Boehm, Guiseppe Aletta

MISSING: Mark Durant, Jamie Mistri, Kevin McCormick

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.

keepintouch



2001-2002

GRADE 8

FIRST ROW: Andrew Dunford, William Fraser, Paul Wierzbicki, Stephanie Underwood, Amy Tremblay, Chris Kucey, Sara Brotherston, Fabio Fiorentino, James Bartoni

SECOND ROW: Meg Fergusson, Myra Mackie, Derrick Ross, Alyssa Mymko, Nikolas Nucci, Ben Thompson

THIRD ROW: Andrew Phan, Emily Connon, Kyle Smale, Jenna Beaudin, Joey Ingrassia

TEACHER: Shirley McKinnon

Do you recognize some faces?

If you can help us put a name to a face please let us know at:

alumni331@stccs.ca

WHO
ARE
YOU

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1971 TO 2011) ... CONT'D

2011-2012



FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Claudia Fernandes, Claudine Calaguian, Tatiana Zagrodnik

MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Ana Paula Garcia Güereña, Joseph Reidle, Joshua Muloin, Zachary Rawluk, Dylan Thiessen

BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Connor O'Hara, Charles-John (CJ) Harrison, Michael Feldschmid, Cameron O'Hara, Dane Bumstead, Nicholas Murray

MISSING

Hadrian Bourdon, JoHannah Minty

BLAST FROM THE PAST (MEMORIES FROM THE SCHOOL ARCHIVES)



BLAST FROM THE PAST (MEMORIES FROM THE SCHOOL ARCHIVES)



June 1952
Chapel of St. Charles



1952
Sister St. Lucienne
Grades 1 and 2

DEDICATION

TO

OUR

PARENTS

INVOCATION FOR A PARENT

Grant, oh, God, that we may be
Parents pleasing unto Thee;
Give us patience with childish ways,
Remind us to give our children praise.

Help us to listen as we'd have them do,
Let us teach them the value of being true;
May politeness and laughter be a part of
each day,
And love and obedience lighten our way.

Let us not be too busy to show them we care,
And the blessings of a family may we thank-
fully share.
Give all parents knowledge that they may im-
part
Into each and every childish heart.

A loving of learning, a longing to know,
A satisfaction with which to grow.....
And finally, oh, God, may we all know the joy
And reward of loving a girl or a boy!

Mom and Dad:

We walk the halls of SCA bearing
the assurance of your love and dedication
Apart from you we are yet united in the
Christ of omnipresence. The memories
of TODAY we present to you who made us
ready for TOMORROW in the YESTERDAY.

PARENT Teachers
ASSOCIATION

1972

The best thing about
Memories
...is making them

1972

CHRISTIANS, HERE LET'S SING TOGETHER

Ch, Christians let us all sing to-ge-ther And chase a - way the
e-vil from this land for - ever la la la la la la la la
la la la la la la la la la la la la la
There's ma-ny kinds of people in this world of ours And I
hope there's some like you, girl. You need ma-ny kinds of
peo-ple to make this won-der-ful, beau-ti-ful world
won-der-ful, beau-ti-ful world.

Christians are like flowers, tall and bright
Now, to the world, we can give light,
But what else is there to send to our fellow men
To our fellow men.

Well, let me tell you what there is to live for
We got the whole world and I hope you don't want any more
Well, how about giving a smile or two
Wouldn't that give a good feeling in you
Good feeling in you.

Words and music by Suzanne Hardy, grade V
Sister Arnal helped her write it.



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

Please share!

thank you

SCCS IN 2021-2022...

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



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".

☐

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

☐

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.



Coming this Fall

World's Finest Chocolates Fundraiser:

Our students/families will be out and about selling chocolates. Please contact the school office if you would like to satisfy your sweet tooth and support our fundraising efforts!

SCCS Raffle: Ticket raffle with great cash prizes. If you would like to support our fundraising efforts by purchasing a ticket or two, please contact sec@stccs.ca or 204-837-1520.

thank you!

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.