



Saint Charles
Catholic School

THE CHARGER

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Estote fideles - Be faithful



Newsletter Issue: 2022 - 2023

SCCS 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

We hope this issue of The Charger finds everyone happy and well!

It is an exciting time at St. Charles! All activities and programming returned to pre-Covid levels with great success both in and out of the classroom. Students are making strides to catch up from the pandemic and to also have some of the regular school experiences resume.

We saw the grade 7 and 8 boys win the Basketball championship which is so nice to see another banner added in the gym!. The grades 3-5 Choir brought home Silver and the Grades 6-8 Choir were awarded a Gold Medal at the Winnipeg Music Festival. The Grades 3-5 Choir was also awarded the prestigious Sir Hugh Robertson Trophy Award for their performance. Even more impressive, the students in the Grades 3-5 Choir had not participated in the Winnipeg Music Festival previously due to the Pandemic.

ROME TRIP

St. Charles has offered a School Trip to Rome since 2009. We were able to send a group of students this past March after the last trip was canceled March of 2019 for safety reasons. The Group visited Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica, Trivium Fountain, the Colosseum, the formal Pa-

pal Residence in Castel Gandolfo, Pompeii, the Catacombs and attended the Papal Blessing. A very special trip to be remembered by our world travelers.

ACADEMY KIDS DAYCARE

After several decades of Academy Kids Daycare operating out of the third floor of the 1913 building, the Board of Directors of St. Charles needed to provide notice to the Daycare to end the relationship. The School found itself in need of more space as the enrollment continues to grow and has renovated the space. The space will be ready for the fall of 2023 and will see grades 7 and 8 being relocated to this space. We thank Academy Kids Daycare for the wonderful job over the years caring for many, many young children and preparing them for their school years. St. Charles saw first hand the amazing job they did.

This school year we had some Alumni reach out to us as they were in Winnipeg and ask for a tour of the

School. As always, we are more than happy to do so! Some folks would remember the Millennium Time Capsule that was 'locked' on June 30th, 2000 and set to be opened June 30th, 2025...save the date! For those who have not been in the School for some time, there are changes and updates to be seen and this would be perfect time come and see St. Charles.

3-2-1 Chargers



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GENEROUS DONATION *In memory of George Jones*

Many Thanks to Tina and Mike Jones, who made the very generous donation in memory of George Jones. George Jones, Mike's brother, was a teacher at St. Charles in the early 80s. George 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. During George's short time at St. Charles, he ignited passion for learning in his students. The new mats not only provide a safety feature for our students but a great look for our gym space.



IT Initiative

Recognizing the importance of modernizing technology for the long term benefit of our students and programming, the Board completed a needs assessment and established a need of IT Improvement valued at \$180,000. The School currently has received over \$70,000 in pledges and continue to seek sponsorship and donations from our friends and families to assist with this project. If you are in a position to support our initiative, please visit the St. Charles website to make a donation.

<https://www.stccs.ca/parents/fundraising/it-initiative/>

Alumni Updates

Keep sending in your Alumni updates! We love hearing from you. Here is an excerpt of an article written about our fellow Charger, Pierre Bohemier. Congrats Pierre.

Pierre Bohemier (1973-81)

Inspired by his hero, B.B. King, Pierre is an accomplished musician and educator in the Westwood area. As a tribute to his hero, he wrote and recorded his first original song, "At the Feet of the King" which was released on September 16, 2022, and is available on all music streaming platforms.

When he's not teaching, making beautiful music, or walking with Georgia (his adopted dog from Manitoba Mutts Dog Rescue), Pierre also enjoys acting in some of the productions being filmed for Manitoba's film and television industry.

(excerpt taken from Neighbours of Kirkfield Westwood November 2022)

(photo by John K Photography)



Congratulations to one of our gr. 8 (2022-2023) students, Sarah Carroll! Sarah, along with some of her peers, entered the Holy Childhood Association drawing competition in honour of its 100th anniversary as a society for the Pope. Sarah won this competition at the National level and her drawing has been sent to the International Secretariat in Rome, at the Vatican! Furthermore, Sarah received an Honorary Diploma from the International Office in Rome. We are so proud of you, Sarah!

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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.

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1952 - 2013)

1952 - 1953

GRADE 12



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Yvonne Gélinas, Theresa Paupanekis, Lorraine Devlin, Lorraine Lafèche, Beulah Stangl, Edith Havixbeck, Rosaline Chartrand

1962 - 1963

GRADES 11 & 12



AUTOGRAPHS

GRADE XI & XII ROOM _____

<i>Donna Lussier</i>	<i>Sharon Jettus</i>
<i>Lorraine Chartrand</i>	<i>Patricia Davis</i>
<i>Pauline Poth</i>	<i>Yvonne Jeanette</i>
<i>Sylvia Bellamy</i>	<i>Germaine Verhaeghe</i>
<i>Rose Marie Roy</i>	<i>Francine Harper</i>
<i>Jeannette Pelletier</i>	<i>Vicky Klatt</i>
<i>Jill Snider</i>	<i>Valerie Fisher</i>
<i>Louise Beland</i>	<i>Yvonne de Roquigny</i>
<i>Pauline Gauthier</i>	<i>Marguerite Harvey</i>
<i>Maurice Dikens</i>	<i>Marian Crowther</i>
<i>Kathy Rock</i>	

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Yvonne de Roquigny
Sharon Jettus
Celine Buis
Yvonne de Roquigny
Christine Monahan

Thankful
Grateful
and truly
Blessed

1962 - 1963

GRADE 12



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Valerie Fisher, Yvonne deRoquigny, Germaine Verhaeghe, Janet Pelletier



Looking for YOUR memories of your time at SCCS.

Any pictures, **ESPECIALLY GRAD/FAREWELL** pictures wanted.

Please share!

thank you

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1952 - 2013) ... CONT'D



1962 - 1963

GRADE 12

Finissantes Graduates

Germaine, notre présidente, pensionnaire ici depuis trois ans, a su capter le coeur de la gent-écolière, par son sourire et sa jovialité. Toutes connaissent ses capacités d'organisatrice, ses talents de chef d'Action Catholique, son esprit de sociabilité, et son prestige dans l'art oratoire. Mieux que cela, elle s'extasie en récitant son chapelet tandis que ses compagnes se désolent pour gagner la coupe du "broom ball". Quelle âme contemplative en herbe! Toutefois elle aime ça parler et elle se destine à l'enseignement.



Germaine Verhaeghe
Ste. Rose, Man.



Valerie Fisher
Gimli, Man.

Valérie, our athlete "par excellence" was our lively sports leader for the four years she has been with us. We'll be looking for her in our new gym and swimming pool. Our friend also has many other talents. Even today we all enjoy her truly outstanding alto voice. In class, her pet-peeve is composition but with her determination and good will we know she'll succeed--especially because of her great interest in figures of speech. We feel assured that her scientific mind and her alertness will help her radiate as a teacher in this astronomic world--Don't fly off in a satellite Val--Your students need you.



Janet Pelletier
St. James, Man.

Yvonne, notre mathématicienne, s'est toujours révélée une étudiante consciencieuse et l'amie de tout le monde. Nous manque-t-il quelque chose? Le grand coeur d'Yvonne nous a trouvé l'objet de nos désirs: soit un kleenex ou un coin paisible pour étudier-la baignoire par exemple. Les élèves qui lui seront confiés saisiront certainement chez leur professeur, Mlle de Rocquigny, la noblesse dans le sens profond du mot, et apprendront à rouler leurs "r" comme à Haywood.



Yvonne de Rocquigny
Haywood, Man.

Janet from the Air Base has been with us but one year--however it took us only a few days to discover her drive and enthusiasm for studies. She doesn't seem to know how to count the hours she dedicates to Chemistry or Maths. Let's conclude: as a University student and then as a dietitian she will surely always make a good use of her time. Again a help for future success--she has hobbies! figure skating and sketching.

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1952 TO 2013) ... CONT'D



1972 - 1973

GRADE 12

FRONT ROW: Janice Renkewitz, Donna Russell, Alice Gendreau

SECOND ROW: Deborah Hayward, Denyse Lambert, Diane Laflèche

THIRD ROW: Jill White, Alice White, Colette Laurin

1982 - 1983

GRADE 9

FRONT ROW: Angela Athanasopoulos, Reetu Bharadwaj, Lisa Walker, Mike Sitko, Jackie Treffers, Darlene Weber

SECOND ROW: Kelly Farrell, Kerry Richardson, Douglas Dick, Maelynn MacLean, Candyce Ibbott, Lisa Wawryk

BACK ROW: Michael Brugger, Brenda Norris, Jonathan Devlin, Morgan Porath, Ian Boyd, Bernadette Demong

TEACHER: Mme Shirley Sylvestre



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



NEW Website is here!

Our newly launched website is intended to be faster, multi-device-friendly, image and information-rich, & easy to use.

Connect with us and explore our site! If you have any updates about what's happening in your life, do let us know!

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES (1952 TO 2013) ... CONT'D



1992 - 1993

GRADE 8

FRONT ROW: Jodi Baxter, Amanda Cancade, Scott Stroh, Jaycee Lavallée, Jodie Miller, John Lachica

SECOND ROW: Craig Mazepa, Curran McNicol, Damian Mills, Chris Petryna, Nick Rowe, Matthew Côté, Sean Sandney

THIRD ROW: Justin Kulbacki, Nicholas Louizos, Chris Bullock, Kanwal Kumar, Andrew Stevens

MISSING: Natalie Eklund, Kathleen McNeil, Andrew Seymour

2002 - 2003

GRADE 8

FRONT ROW: Kaeleigh Fraser, Patrick Thibert, Michael Loschiavo, Nicole Sheedy, Brydan Mackie, Kaitlin Couture, Georgina Alexiou, André Desautels, Thembani Mdluli

MIDDLE ROW: Ryan Caron, James Struthers, Alex Miller, Justin Lovegrove, Rochelle Fondaumière

BACK ROW: Alex Boyd, Kendall Dumas, Rick Duha, Daniel Pokornik, Travis Corner

TEACHER: Mrs. Shirley MacKinnon



2012 - 2013

GRADE 8



TOP ROW: Justice Thevenot, Kyra Thiessen, Rory Thompson, Kevin Tobin, Amy Todoruk, Brendan Veert, Bryce Wells

MIDDLE/BOTTOM ROW: Madison Bewer, Trajan Bourdon, Jenna Braun, Paul Evans, Jamela Foronda, Harrison Gilmore, Adam Jagla, Mitchell Justl, Bryce Stubbings, Ryan McDonald, Zachary Maclaren, Evan McNeill

BLAST FROM THE PAST (MEMORIES FROM THE SCHOOL ARCHIVES)

Our 15-Classroom Annex

Our new 170 x 105 ft. annex will accommodate 350 students. Seventy more than the present enrolment. This includes 90 boarders from Western and Eastern Canadian provinces and from several States of the Union.

The new two-story building contains fifteen classrooms, a cafeteria and kitchen, a gymnasium and auditorium, and a swimming pool. It was erected by the Oblate sisters at a cost of \$250,000 under the supervision of Mr. Thompson of St. Boniface.

Founded in 1906 by Archbishop Langevin, St. Charles has earned a national reputation for the calibre of its teachers who now number 22, all Oblate Sisters, whose mother house is located in St. Boniface. Bilingual instruction is given to all students.

- excerpt from the Sunday Herald Winnipeg, 1963



PERSONNEL DE L'ACADEMIE ST-CHARLES

SAINT CHARLES PARISH - PAROISSE DE SAINT-CHARLES

The Franciscan Fathers

St. Charles . Manitoba

C A N A D A

Phone Vernon 2-2213

1963

May 28, 1963

Message from the Fathers

The school term of 1962-63 has brought many changes to St. Charles Academy. Everyone is proud of the new annex which the Rev. Oblate Sisters have had constructed to facilitate their teaching task.

We know that with the material growth there also has been intellectual and spiritual advancement. For, what are new school buildings good for if the mental, spiritual and moral learning is inadequate? We know that the training given at St. Charles Academy has always been at par and even superior to many other similar institutions.

We have been happy to act as chaplains alternately during this past season. We wish to congratulate the sisters in their fine work; and wish all the students, especially the graduates, success in their future years.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Fr. W. S. Frytek OFM
Fr. F. J. Surette OFM

The best thing about
Memories
...is making them



Gate to the Future June '63



OUR GRADUATING CLASSES 2022-2023

2022 - 2023

FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Blake Kolsun, Ewan Fogarty, Daniel Tighe

2ND ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Kelsey Jaskiewicz, Arael Clark, Ariana Hawkins

3RD ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Mariah Canas-Torres, Mitchell Steele, Sarah Carroll, Avania Thomas

4TH ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Loza Belay, Charlotte Sichewski, Grazel Lazatin, Olivia Schoenberger, Chukwueloka Ogbu

5TH ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Osikhe Lamai, Gbolabo Oladapo, Langaletu Ndibali, Eston Daye, Gavin McIntyre

BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Ethan Powell, Dylan Prettie, Benjamin MOUNG, Jackson Redl

2022-2023 Grade 8 Class

Best wishes in your new schools

ROME TRIP SPRING BREAK 2023



School Trip to Rome 2023

During spring break, 16 of us embarked on a trip of a life time together to Italy. We returned full of so many great memories! I will never forget this experience or this group! Thank you to all of you for your support throughout this trip. You were an amazing group to travel with and were so helpful and supportive. We went everywhere we could and saw all the main sights of Rome, the heart of all civilization. We also travelled outside of Rome to see the countryside and south to the city of Pompeii. We did all of this in just 8 days. In fact, we walked over 82 km in total. That is incredible!

A special thank you to the SCCS Board for supporting the adventure and to Heartland Travel for organizing this amazing tour. Aneta Prettie, Vice Principal/Teacher, St. Charles Catholic School



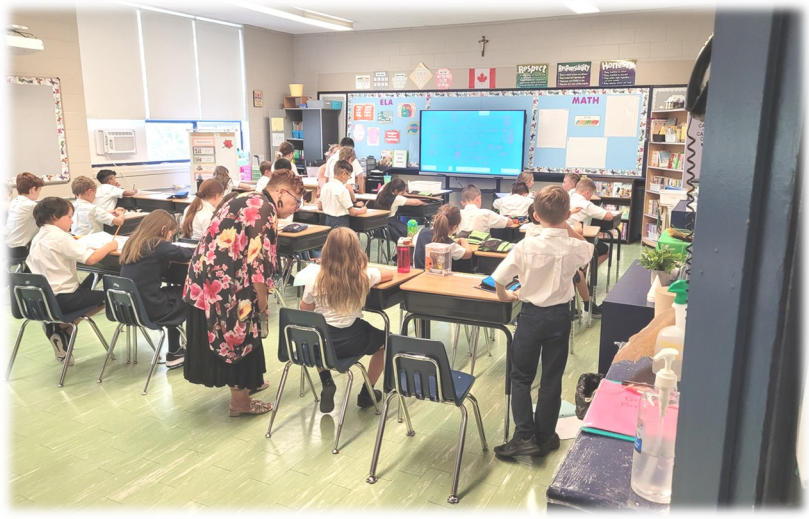
SCCS IN 2022-2023...

2022 - 2023



you are just one piece in God's intricate puzzle of beauty in this big world. Without you being you, His puzzle would not be complete.

-Krystle Porter



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

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NAME: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

GRADUATING CLASS: _____

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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.



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.