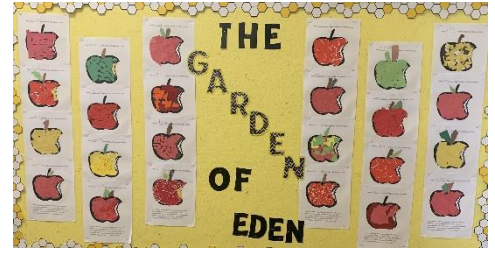


## PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ✓ There was no school on Monday. We hope you had a lovely Thanksgiving!
- ✓ On Tuesday, our MY's students had Enrichment classes and there was also Hockey Enrichment for Grades 6-8.
- ✓ Pizza Fundraising Lunch was on Wednesday for those students who ordered.
- ✓ Musical tryouts started on Wednesday!
- ✓ A PAC Meeting for Classroom Reps was held on Wednesday evening in our Cafeteria.
- ✓ Grades 1, 3/4, and 4 attended a Wildlife Haven experience on Thursday.
- ✓ Song Leaders had their usual Thursday practice.
- ✓ We had our first Popcorn Day today in support of the Holy Childhood Association. Thank you to everyone who ordered popcorn!
- ✓ Competitive and Developmental Boy and Girls Volleyball practices and games continued.
- ✓ We had a school photo taken this morning! A Lifetouch photographer took a group photo of all of us FROM THE ROOF OF OUR SCHOOL!
- ✓ This was the last week for Harvest Manitoba donations to be brought to school! Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute!

### LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Spruce Up the School is planned for tomorrow. Thank you to those who have signed up to volunteer!
- There is a Cross-Country Meet tomorrow at Harbourview Park at 9 am. We have 9 students representing our school for the first time at Provincials! We are so proud!
- Our Superhero Scholastic Book Fair hits our school on Monday and runs until Thursday evening.
- Koats for Kids donations will be starting this week.
- School Mass is on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fr. Eric is officiating. All are welcome.
- Next Wednesday is Hot Dog/Subway Fundraising Lunch for those who have ordered.
- There is no school on Friday to accommodate MTS PD Day for teaching staff.
- Get your raffle ticket stubs into the front office by end of day on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to be included in the draw!
- Staff Appreciation Day is on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Grade 6 parents for organizing this.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> is our Grade 7 & 8 HALLOWEEN HOWL School Dance!
- Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm.

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ❖ St. Mary's Academy and St. Paul's High School will be here on October 29<sup>th</sup> to present to our Grade 8 students.
- ❖ Black and Orange Colour Day is coming up on October 31<sup>st</sup> in celebration of All Hallows' Eve!

## DO YOU KNOW AN EXCELLENT EDUCATOR?

We are excited to share that nominations are now open for Manitoba's Excellence in Teaching Awards! This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize outstanding teachers who make a difference in the lives of students every day. If you know a teacher who goes above and beyond, inspiring and supporting students, we encourage you to nominate them. For more information and to submit a nomination, please visit: [WWW.EDU.GOV.MB.CA/K12/EXCELLENCE/](http://WWW.EDU.GOV.MB.CA/K12/EXCELLENCE/)  
Let's celebrate the incredible educators in our community!

## GRANT WRITING COMMITTEE – We Need Your Help!

We are forming a grant writing committee to help secure funding opportunities that can greatly benefit our school. There are many grants available that could support new programs, resources, and improvements for our students, and we are looking for parents who are interested in contributing to this important work. If you have experience with grant writing or are willing to help, we would love to hear from you! Please reach out to me to find out how you can be involved. Together, we can unlock new possibilities for our school!

## HOCKEY ENRICHMENT



Two of our student groups have been participating in a Hockey Skills Enrichment program on Tuesdays, making them the first to be part of this exciting initiative. The program has been a wonderful opportunity for students to not only improve their hockey skills but also to engage in a fun and educational experience. A big thank you goes out to all the families who supported this program and helped make it possible! Under the guidance of JP Vigier, a seasoned professional, the students have been working hard and developing their skills at a high level. JP has been providing a perfect balance of education and advanced training, helping students sharpen their techniques while fostering a love for the game. We're looking forward to seeing how far they will go with this opportunity.



## TOQUES



**SCCS Toques** are now available! Place your orders directly here: <https://permission.click/w1n4a/ca>

This is a great way to show school spirit and stay warm.

**Orders due October 21<sup>st</sup>** and will arrive before the snow. Two styles to choose from!



## MUSIC PROGRAM

Our multi-age choirs are coming together to practice, and the sound is fantastic! The Grade 6-8 choir is preparing to perform at the upcoming Remembrance Day assembly, and their dedication truly shines.

The band program also sounds amazing, with students working hard to master their instruments. It takes hours of practice and effort to reach the level of performance needed for a concert, especially after learning a new instrument this year. Their hard work is really paying off!

Our Band Concert will take place on December 12, and the Christmas Concert will follow on December 13, both at **St. Paul the Apostle Parish**. We look forward to seeing you there!



## TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY



On Tuesday, October 24th, we will be participating in *Take Me Outside Day*, a **Canadian event that encourages students to spend time outdoors and engage in nature-based learning**. This initiative highlights the importance of outdoor education, physical activity, and connecting with the natural world.

As part of this nationwide event, students will be going outside for short periods of time to enjoy outdoor lessons and activities that promote a healthy, active lifestyle while fostering an appreciation for the environment. We're excited to take part and encourage everyone to dress appropriately for the weather!

## WILDLIFE HAVEN



On Thursday, the Grade 1, 3-4, and 4 classes enjoyed a visit from Wildlife Haven. The students had the opportunity to meet **three ambassador animals** and learn about their unique stories and how they came to be at Wildlife Haven.

We were introduced to Milan, a Mississippi kite—a type of raptor, like a hawk, that typically lives in the USA. We also met Ash, a great grey owl who was found and raised by humans. Lastly, we met Basil, a corn snake originally from the USA, brought here as an egg and later released into the wild. These animal ambassadors taught us the importance of keeping wildlife in their natural habitats and what to do if we encounter a wild animal that may be injured—always call for professional help.

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** are scheduled for next week, and we encourage all parents to take advantage of this opportunity to connect with their child's teachers. You can book appointments with your child's homeroom teacher to discuss their progress and address any questions or concerns. Specialist teachers for subjects like Music, French, and Physical Education are also available for appointments. Our Resource teacher and Administration will be on hand if you need additional support or have any general questions.



We hope you take the time to meet with your child's teachers. These meetings are an important part of building a strong home-school partnership, and the teachers are eager to share insights into your child's progress. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you next week! Book your appointments here: [SIGN UP FOR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS October 23/24, 2024, 4-7 pm](#)

## “SUPERHERO” SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

October 21-24, 2024



We are still in **need of volunteers** to make our Book Fair the best ever! If you have some time that you can donate to this excellent fundraiser, it would be much appreciated.

Funds raised from the Book Fair help in all areas of the school from books to equipment to décor. Sign-up via the Permission Click link:

**SUPERHERO SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR October 21-24**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## Important PARKING Information



Thank you to everyone in our community for following the parking protocols and signage to help ensure the safety of everyone.

We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers to help with this initiative. Plus, as a thank you, **FREE BASC** (Before and After School Care) is being offered to our volunteers. You can sign up directly here: [PARKING LOT & LOADING ZONE PATROL | Monday to Friday](#)

## CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

**Great news!** Two of our sponsoring parishes are offering families the opportunity to sell chocolates to parishioners before and after Mass. This is a fantastic way to sell an entire case in just one day!

We've noticed that when students wear their uniforms, sales tend to go even better 😊. You can sign up through the school website.

Additional boxes of chocolates and raffle tickets are now available at the school office. For every box of chocolates purchased, you'll earn 1 VIP hour, and for every 2 raffle booklets purchased, you'll also receive 1 VIP hour.

## KOATS FOR KIDS

The Safe and Caring School Committee is reaching out with a request for our Koats for Kids donation drive. We need **large cardboard boxes** to help collect donations. If you have any large boxes to spare, please bring them to the school before October 22. Your support is greatly appreciated!

For the next four weeks, we will be **collecting donations** this winter season for the United Way's program "Koats for Kids". We are looking to collect gently used winter gear items including:

- Coats/parkas (with working zippers)
- boots
- toques
- neck warmers
- mittens/gloves
- ski pants

We know how children can quickly outgrow their winter gear and what better way to repurpose these items and to help those in need. Please look for large boxes at the front of the school. Each box will be labelled for the specific items, "coats", "boots", "mittens", etc. Simply drop your items off to each appropriate bin and spread the word to your friends and families.



## HALLOWEEN HOWL



## CRAFT FAIR



## BASC



- There is BLINE on Monday.
- The Halloween Craft is on Tuesday.
- Friday there is no School, full day BASC is full.
- November 8th and BASC has a field trip so register soon.

Curling starts the first week of November so submit your forms if interested.

November and December's forms are available in the front entrance.

If your child attends BASC or you cancel BASC for the day you need to please contact Ms. Furutani, we double check the lists we send to the classrooms. If you want to email the teacher that's fine but not needed. Feel free to contact me for any questions about BASC at 204-880-8245 or email [kfurutani@stccs.ca](mailto:kfurutani@stccs.ca)



Thank you, Ms. Furutani.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

If your child is a Cadet, in Girl Guides or Scouts, they are encouraged to **wear their uniform to school** on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. CHARLES PARISH

On behalf of the St. Charles Night Committee. We are having our St. Charles Night on **Saturday, November 2nd which will consist of dinner and entertainment.** We are seeking volunteers. Student volunteers are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent.

Please contact, Gloria Anderson, Administrative Assistant of St. Charles Parish at 204-889-3248 by October 22. Thank you!

## ORANGE & BLACK COLOR DAY – Celebrate All Hallows' Eve!

We're excited to announce our upcoming Orange & Black Color Day! On October 31! Students are invited to celebrate All Hallows' Eve, the night before a major Feast Day in the Church: All Saints' Day. Students can **wear orange and black** clothing to school. While costumes are not allowed, students are welcome to add a little festive flair with hair accessories, jewelry or small appropriate additions to their outfits.

Let's get into the Hallowe'en spirit while honoring the significance of the season!

## TRIVIA NIGHT

**ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**TRIVIA Night**

**50/50**

**WINE RAFFLE**

**at ASSINIBOIA DOWNS**

Compete for prizes, have some fun, and show off your smarts! Bring your friends and your brain power for an unforgettable night of trivia.

**DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024**  
**TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM**  
**DINNER SERVED AT 6:00PM**  
**TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:15PM**

*Menu*

KIDS - CHICKEN TENDERS & FRENCH FRIES  
ADULTS - CHICKEN PARM  
\*when registering your team, please include any dietary restrictions

**TICKETS ON SALE OCTOBER 11th**  
**on MunchaLunch**  
**KIDS 12 & UNDER \$20 - ADULTS \$40**

Mark your calendars for an exciting evening at our highly anticipated Trivia Night, taking place on **November 8th at Assiniboine Downs!** This event promises to be filled with fun, laughter, and friendly competition, not to mention plenty of fantastic prizes. Whether you're a trivia expert or just looking to enjoy a great night out, this is the perfect opportunity to test your knowledge, challenge your friends, and bond with fellow participants in a lively and engaging atmosphere.

Start brushing up on your trivia skills and begin assembling your team, because this is one event you won't want to miss! Trivia Night is always one of the highlights of the year, and we can't wait to see you there. Stay tuned for more details coming next week, including team registration information, event schedule, and prize announcements. Prepare for a night full of fun and surprises! Sign up here to volunteer:

**VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME OR DONATIONS TO OUR TRIVIA NIGHT at ASSINIBOIA DOWNS November 8, 2024**



## TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help! Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

**Saint Charles Catholic School**

**From the Ground up**  
Help us transform our school field where the students and our community can play, learn, and thrive.

**Investing in Our New School Artificial Field**  
Join our mission to raise \$250,000 for a new school field. With your support, we'll transform dreams into reality, providing a safe, state-of-the-art space for our students to play, learn, and grow. Every contribution counts. Be a part of our journey today!

**Fielding Greatness**  
Your donation paves the way for a vibrant school community, fostering health, teamwork, and lifelong memories. Together, we can create a dynamic space where every child can thrive. Your support makes a lasting impact. Donate today!

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**Saint Charles Catholic School**

**We Need Your Help**  
Join us in raising funds for a new school turf field! This much-needed upgrade will provide our students with a safe, durable space for sports and outdoor activities, enhancing their physical health and fostering a stronger school community.

**Our Goal**  
Our goal is to fundraise \$250,000 for a new school turf field! Your donation will create a safe, high-quality space for students to engage in sports and outdoor activities, promoting health, teamwork, and school spirit. Every contribution brings us closer to transforming our students' experiences.

**Donate Today**

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**HELP BUILD OUR PLAYGROUND**

The turf is our first phase, with plans for further improvements to our space in the future as money allows. The funds from the chocolate and raffle sales as well as the Wednesday Fun Lunch over the next 2 years are earmarked toward this project. We have also developed a turf campaign and sponsorship package as we require additional support to move further on our playground improvements.

**PHASE TWO:**  
Outdoor classroom with seating  
Sitting area for recess

**PLEDGE TODAY**

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FINAL DESIGN MAY VARY

### Generous Donors Supporting Our Turf Campaign

✓ Garry & Allyson Woroniak – In support of Brooklyn Kelly

**Thank you!**



"He called a little child to him and placed the child among them. And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'"

**Matthew 18:2-5**

This passage emphasizes the importance of humility, innocence, and childlike faith. It also highlights how welcoming and caring for children is akin to welcoming Jesus himself, reflecting the high value placed on the qualities of children in the eyes of God.

Have a great weekend!

*A. Prettie*

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