PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- √ Remembrance Day
- ✓ Enrichment Classes and Hockey Enrichment
- ✓ PML Make-up Lesson Week
- ✓ PAC Meeting
- √ Wednesday Fundraising Pizza Lunch
- ✓ Lifetouch Picture re-take day
- √ Volleyball teams continued with their season
- ✓ String and Wind Ambassadors, and Song Leaders continued rehearsals
- ✓ Library Reading Club
- ✓ Koats for Kids collection

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- School Mass Tuesday, November 19th at 1030 am at St. Charles Parish ALL ARE WELCOME!
- Musical Bake Sale Tuesday, November 19th
- > Subway/Hot Dog Wednesday Fundraising Lunch for those who have ordered
- Grades 5-8 MB Moose Project 11 field trip on Thursday, November 21st
- > Report Cards distributed on November 21st and PowerSchool Parent Portal re-opens
- ➢ Grades 3/4/3-4 Children's Museum field trip on Friday, November 22nd
- > String and Wind Ambassador and Song Leaders rehearsals, Reading Club
- Last week for the Koats for Kids collection
- SPHS Volleyball Playoffs on the weekend

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- Musical Candy Cane-gram begins the last week of November watch for details!
- Kinder Open House on Tuesday, November 26th at 630 pm
- **❖ MB Museum Field Trip for Grades 1/2/1-2 on Wednesday, November 27th**
- ❖ Wednesday Fundraising Pizza Lunch
- ❖ SCCS Christmas Craft Market Saturday, November 30th here at school

More detailed information can be found on the school website, in the calendar section under Parent Zone!

Important PARKING Information



Thank you to everyone in our community for following the parking protocols and signage to help keep everyone safe.

Reminder, there is **NO PARKING** in the loading zone. It is also a **NO IDLE Zone**. Please be KIND to the parent volunteers.

We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers to help with this initiative.

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**

MUSIC PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that we have a **change in location** for our Annual Christmas Concerts, along with the addition of a new concert this year. They all occur at one of our sponsoring parishes! A detailed information package will be emailed soon, but in the meantime, please save the dates! It is important that all students attend the evening concerts to ensure full class representation. We have been working hard on these performances since September, and we're excited to share them with you!

Private Music Lessons Recitals

December 4 & 5 at 630PM at OLPH-4588 Roblin Blvd



Students to arrive at 6PM

Band Concert (All Grade 6-8 students)

December 12 at 630PM at St. Paul the Apostle-2400 Portage Ave



Students to arrive at 6PM (in school uniform)

Christmas Concerts (All students K-8)

December 13 at 130PM & 630PM at St. Paul the Apostle-2400 Portage Ave



130 PM Concert: Students will be bussed (in school uniform)

630PM Concert: Students need to arrive at 6PM

WISE Kid-Netic WORKSHOP







On November 14th, the Grade 7 and 8 students participated in two Science/STEM workshops led by Claire Holliday from WISE Kid-Netic Energy.

Grade 7 took part in *Science on the Run*, a hands-on project exploring polymer chemistry through experiments that introduced the Particle Theory and Heat Unit.

Grade 8 experienced *Open Heart Surgery*, where they dissected a pig's heart to study the circulatory system and heart anatomy, enhancing their Cells & Systems unit.

A big thank you to Claire Holliday for sharing her expertise and enthusiasm with our students!

KINDER OPEN HOUSE

If you have a child ready for Kindergarten in the Fall (birth year 2020), please contact <u>sec@stccs.ca</u> for your registration package. We start accepting applications on November 27th.

If you would like to help here is a link to volunteer and donate: <u>HELP NEEDED! KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, November 26, 2024</u>

RAFFLE TICKETS

If you still have raffle tickets to hand in, please get them into the Front Office by **Friday, December 6**th in time for the 1 pm draw!

Are you interested in earning VIP Hours? Can you sell more raffle ticket booklets? Earn 1 VIP Hour for each additional raffle ticket booklet you sell. Please see the Front Office for details!

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

SCCS has a unique opportunity to connect with our parishes through our annual **chocolate and raffle ticket** sales. It's an excellent way to bridge the connection between each parish and our school. It is also a great opportunity for our students to develop social and math skills, as well as good customer service, showcasing our great community. We have heard from families that cost is a concern, as is unsold product. Moving forward, families are permitted to take a box of chocolates and a raffle booklet to sell at Parish Masses at no cost, simply pick up on Friday from reception and return any unsold chocolate/raffle tickets on Monday. VIP hours will remain at 1.5 hours for each mass.

KOATS FOR KIDS



This is the last week we will be **collecting donations** for the United Way's program "Koats for Kids". We are looking to collect gently used winter gear items. Donations boxes are in the school entrance. Thank you for your support!

<u>DELIVER our KOATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION to the YMCA at 3550 Portage Avenue on Friday, November 22</u>

CRAFT FAIR





TOQUES

The toques have arrived and have been distributed to students who ordered them. If you still need to make a payment or pick up your order, please contact the school.

If you're interested in purchasing a toque, we have extras available in the school office—don't miss out!

FUNDRAISING

The committee is requesting **paper plates**, as they do not have enough for upcoming pizza lunches. If you can help, please use this link: HELP WITH WEDNESDAY PIZZA & HOT DOG/SUBWAY FUNDRAISING LUNCHES

Every Wednesday, we need your help to prepare and serve the lunches. Please volunteer!

ROOTS OF EMPATHY



This year, our Grade 5 class will participate in the Roots of Empathy program, led by Mrs. Boughton. This award-winning initiative promotes children's positive mental health and well-being and has reached over 1.2 million children worldwide since 1996.

Mrs. Boughton will begin a pre-lesson this week before introducing the class to **Baby Finn**, our "Tiny Teacher," next week. Over the course of nine visits throughout the school year, students will get to know Baby Finn, celebrate his milestones, observe his emotional cues, and witness the special bond he shares with his parents.

The class and Mrs. Boughton are thrilled to start this meaningful program and look forward to welcoming Baby Finn!

BASC

- There is BLINE on Monday.
- Tuesday is the Winter Craft.
- Curling is on Wednesday.
- NO BLINE is scheduled for Wednesday.

BLINE demo & testing is on Wednesday, December 18th at 4:15 in the gym. All are welcome to come. Please make sure your child has proper clothing for the changing weather, as in BASC we do go outside afterschool.

Feel free to contact me for any questions about BASC at 204-880-8245 or email <u>kfurutani@stccs.ca</u> Thank you, Ms. Furutani.

MUSICAL



St. Charles Catholic School is excited to announce our upcoming musical production, *MTI Broadway Junior: Dot* & the Kangaroo Jr.

In this heartwarming story, a young girl befriends a kangaroo and gains the ability to understand animals. Come see the show to discover the rest of the adventure! Students in Grades 6-8, along with a few younger performers, will be showcasing their talents at the Winnipeg Art Gallery on Monday, May 5, 2025.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available for purchase at the school starting in January. There will be two

performances: an afternoon show at 1:30 PM and an evening show at 6:30 PM. More details will follow. Thank you, Ms. Furutani

BLUE BOMBERS COLOUR DAY









This Friday, we celebrated our Blue Bombers with a "Blue Bombers Colour Day!" Staff and students proudly wore Blue Bombers gear or colors to show support for the **best team in the league** as they head to the 111th Grey Cup final on Sunday. Go Bombers!

GYM

Exciting news! Today, two lifts were delivered to our building in preparation for the installation of six ceiling fans and new LED lighting in the gym next week—an amazing uplift for our gym!

During this time, the gym will be closed, and some gym classes may be relocated to our amazing turf field or the Parish fields. Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for outdoor weather.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to enhance our facilities!

TRIVIA NIGHT



The event was a great success! A heartfelt thank you to the incredible **parent volunteers** who organized this fundraiser for our community. With 130 attendees, some big winners, and fantastic prizes, it was a wonderful evening of connection and community building.

TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help!

So far, we have raised \$43 920. You can track our progress on the website.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!







Here is a video preview link of the turf project completed by **Venture Landscaping**:

https://listings.uncutcreatives.com/videos/0192fdf4-eaae-71a9-afcc-7624693d82bb



"See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me."

Isaiah 49:16

This verse reflects God's eternal remembrance of His people, symbolizing how He keeps us in His care and memory, much like the act of remembrance we observe in November.

Have a great weekend!

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