

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This week, our school was treated to a series of incredible music concerts, showcasing the immense talent and hard work of our students and staff. At the heart of it all was our amazing Music Teacher, **Mrs. Christelle Gregorchuk**. Her vision, talent, and tireless work ethic brought everything together beyond expectation. Over the past three months, her dedication to teaching and guiding our students has created something truly special.

The students were nothing short of phenomenal! Their energy, excitement, and joy were evident in every performance. Each note they played and sang moved us, reminding us of the incredible power of music to bring people together and uplift our spirits.

The **Band Concert** was particularly remarkable. These students, all of whom are new to their instruments, performed with the confidence and cohesion of seasoned musicians. Their hard work and dedication were evident, and the transformation they've undergone in their attitudes toward music over the past few months has been inspiring. They are embracing challenges, growing in their skills, and sounding more like a true band with every performance.

The **Christmas Concerts** were equally magical. The sound of Christmas music during this special time of year brought warmth and joy to everyone in attendance. Our students sounded amazing, and their hard work shone brightly. This year, students in Grades 3-5 also took on the challenge of learning new instruments, including the ukulele, recorder, and xylophone, adding even more depth to their musical education.

Our choirs, composed of students from multiple grades, were nothing short of impressive. Their performances were visually and vocally stunning, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

Looking ahead, we are excited about what's next for our music program: Music Festival performances! With such talented students and an exceptional leader in Mrs. Gregorchuk, the future of music at our school is incredibly bright. Congratulations to all the students and staff on an unforgettable week of music and celebration!

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ✓ **Monday Advent Prayer Services**
- ✓ **Christmas Hamper Collections**
- ✓ **Enrichment Classes and Hockey Enrichment**
- ✓ **Reconciliation for Grades 5-8**
- ✓ **Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch**
- ✓ **Band and Christmas Concert rehearsals**
- ✓ **SCCS Grade 6-8 Band Concert**
- ✓ **SCCS Matinee & Evening Christmas Concerts**

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- **Christmas Spirit Week: NO UNIFORMS REQUIRED**
- **Advent Prayer Services**
- **Christmas Hamper Collections will be picked up on Wednesday, December 18th**
- **Enrichment Classes and Hockey Enrichment continue on Tuesday**
- **Holy Childhood Association Popcorn Sale on Tuesday, December 17th**
- **Wednesday Subway & Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch for those who have ordered**
- **Christmas Pageant & Caroling on Thursday, December 19th at 230 pm – JOIN US!**
- **Last Day of School – Friday, December 20th**
 - **10 am School Mass**
 - **1135 am Early Dismissal – PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS!**

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ❖ Christmas Break!
- ❖ School Resumes on Monday, January 6th, 2025
- ❖ Learn to Skate: For K-2 students begins on Monday, January 6th, 2025
- ❖ Early Dismissal on January 9th

RAFFLE WINNERS

The SCCS Raffle draw took place on December 6th.

Check out the winners which are posted to our Facebook Page!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



If you have a child born in 2020 who is ready for **kindergarten**, please email enewman@stccs.ca to request a registration package. We are currently accepting applications and already scheduling interviews for January. Kindergarten acceptances will be finalized in February, and we anticipate waitlists again this year.



Additionally, we are now booking spots for our Kinder Fair and Open House happening in January. Don't miss out!

FOOD HAMPERS

We are collecting **food items** for two different families from one of our local parishes. Each class is asked to contribute specific items. Here is the list:

KF/KL: jello, rice, canned tuna

Gr. 1-2: cookies, stuffing

Gr. 3: canned spaghetti, oatmeal

Gr. 4: coffee, syrup, canned vegetables

Gr. 6C: sugar, canned soup

Gr. 7: spaghetti sauce, pork and beans

Gr. 1: mac and cheese, tea

Gr. 2: gravy mix, peanut butter

Gr. 3-4: jam, canned fruit, scalloped potatoes

Gr. 5: cereal, pancake mix

Gr 6M: cranberry sauce, bagged candy

Gr. 8: fruit juice, cake mix

Thank you for your support!

WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Our Wednesday hot lunch fundraiser is open for ordering! Please login to your MunchALunch account to place your 2025 orders. Parents can order via the following link: www.munchalunch.com

Please note that **all cash/cheque payments are due before the last day of school (Friday, December 20, 2024). The last day to order and pay online for the first lunch is Wednesday, January 1, 2025.**

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

As we head into the **final week before Christmas break**, let's make it festive and fun! Students are not required to wear uniforms during this week, so feel free to dress up and show your holiday spirit. Whether it's wearing your favorite Christmas sweater, festive colors, or dressing up in something cheerful, let's celebrate the season together and end the year on a joyful note!



VIP HOURS



Please log all completed VIP hours on **Permission Click** by **December 20th** as we will be running reports over the winter break.

Are you curious about how many volunteer hours you have completed? That information is available on the school website under the VIP section. The information is updated monthly. Please note that the entries have not been verified by the VIP team. Should you have any questions or concerns we can be reached via email at vip@stccs.ca.

Learn-to-Skate REMINDER

The Learn-to-Skate program for **kindergarten to Grade 2 students** will begin on January 6th, 2024. An email was sent out this week with important details and a permission click. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!



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 STOPPING in the bus loop**. This is also a **NO IDLE Zone**.

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](#)

BASC

- There is BLINE on Monday.
- The Christmas Craft is on Tuesday. Students will be making a present so please do not come before 4:45PM.
- Wednesday is the BLINE Demo/Testing at 4:30PM in the main gym. Everyone welcome!
- Friday there is NO PM BASC.

Reminder when arriving in the mornings at the front doors please just send your child in. Please do not go to lockers or down hallways either. BASC opens at 7AM. Please do not send your child to the doors before. BASC closes at 6PM.

January forms are due December 20th before the break, as we need to make sure we know the numbers of students for the programs. Forms for these activities are available at the front entrance and spots are limited. Payments can be postdated.

New offerings in January include:

- Chocolate Cake Bake
- Apple Crisp Bake
- Sushi Rolling
- New Year Craft
- BLINE starting over.

Please note, there will be **NO PM BASC** on December 20th and **NO BASC** during the Christmas Break. Feel free to contact me with any questions at 204-880-8245 or email <mailto:kfurutani@stccs.ca>.

CANDY CANES



The **Musical Team** would like to thank everyone who supported the Candy Cane Drive.

Candy Canes will be handed out on Tuesday. Happy Holidays.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



If parents plan **not to send their children to school on the morning of Friday, December 20th**, the last day before the holiday break, please email reception@stccs.ca as soon as possible. This will help ensure attendance is handled smoothly and efficiently that morning. Otherwise, reception will need to call families regarding unexcused absences.



TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help!

So far, we have raised \$46, 020. You can track our progress on the website. 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.



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!

2024



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!





Saint Charles
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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



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

FINAL DESIGN MAY VARY

PLEDGE TODAY




Generous Donors Supporting Our Turf Campaign	
Hardman Family	
Sinclair Family	
Janice Carson and Corry Schmeichel in support of Liam Kutzner	
David Forde CPA, CA	
Thank you!	

Here is a video link of the turf project completed by **Venture Landscaping**:
<https://listings.uncutcreatives.com/videos/0192fdf4-eaae-71a9-afcc-7624693d82bb>

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.'"
Luke 2:10-11

Have a great weekend!


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