

## PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



The final week of school before the Christmas break! All I can say is the excitement and joy in the air were unmistakable. It was **Christmas Spirit Week**, a cherished tradition that embodies the wonder of the season and brings our community together in faith, celebration, and learning.

This week, our activities beautifully align with the lighting of the third candle of Advent, the **Candle of Joy**. We rejoice in the coming of Christ, the light of the world, and reflect this joy in everything we do.



From Christmas parties and gingerbread decorating to festive dress-up days and caroling in the gym, each moment helps our students experience the Christmas season in meaningful ways. Our Christmas Pageant showcases the Nativity story, reminding us of the true reason for this season.



We ended the week—by gathering as a community of faith for our **School Mass on Friday**. This is a special time to reflect on the blessings of the season and prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ.

Through these activities, our students not only celebrate but also learn the deeper meaning of Christmas: the joy of giving, the beauty of tradition, and the love that Christ brings to the world.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas season filled with peace, love, and joy.

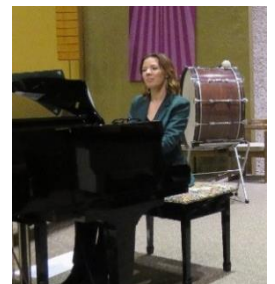
## TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ✓ Monday Advent Prayer Services
- ✓ Christmas Spirit Week
- ✓ Enrichment Classes and Hockey Enrichment
- ✓ Holy Childhood Association Popcorn Day
- ✓ Christmas Hamper Collections were picked up on Wednesday – thank you to everyone who contributed!
- ✓ Wednesday Subway and Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch
- ✓ Christmas Pageant and Caroling
- ✓ School Mass and Early Dismissal
- ✓ CHRISTMAS BREAK!

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ❖ Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, is the first day back at school after Christmas Break
- ❖ PML Term 2 begins on Monday
- ❖ K-2 Learn to Skate starts on Monday
- ❖ Enrichment Classes and Hockey Enrichment resume on Tuesday
- ❖ Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch starts up on Wednesday
- ❖ Early Dismissal at 230 pm on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



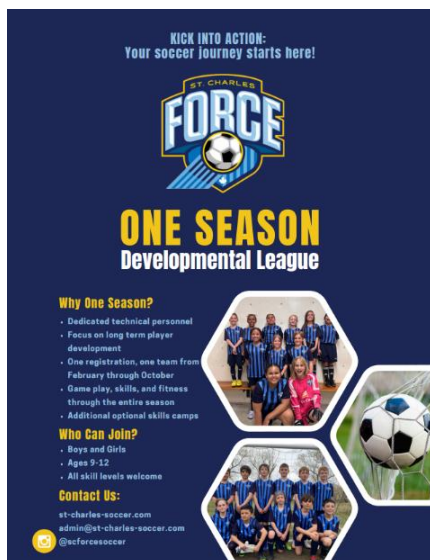
Our concerts were a tremendous success and provided a wonderful two days of celebration for our community. The attendance and support were truly remarkable. The video of the concert is currently being edited and will be shared in the new year.

I am pleased to share that a total of **\$4,357.00** was raised across the three concerts for the St. Charles Bursary Fund. We deeply appreciate everyone's generous support—thank you!

I am constantly inspired by the generosity and positivity of our community. It's all about the students—every action of support and care strengthens our school and benefits our students. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference—thank you!



## St. Charles FORCE



This is a soccer development league that operates independently from our school. However, some of our students do participate in the program. The league starts in January. For any inquiries, please refer to the contact information provided on the poster.

## LEGO® Camps



A series of one-day LEGO® camps are being offered over the upcoming winter break at St. Emile School.

The camps focus on creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving, featuring themed activities like guided 3D building, motorized tech builds with LEGO® motors and batteries, and engaging crafts. Camp Details:

- Dates: December 23, December 30, December 31, January 2, and January 3
- Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (Drop off from 8:30-9:00am, Pick-up from 4:00-4:30 PM \*extended care available upon request at an additional cost\*)
- Location: St. Emile School, 552 St. Anne's Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Cost: \$50 + GST per day
- Age Group: Kids aged 5-12

Special Offer: We are offering a 10% discount for Catholic school families in Winnipeg! The following link can be used by parents to register: <https://bricks4kidz.ca/manitoba-southeast>. Additionally, here is the 10% discount code: CATHOLIC10

## WELCOME MRS. SCHULZ!

Hello, my name is Tricia Schulz, and I am thrilled to be teaching Grade 2 while Mrs. McIsaac is on maternity leave. I just moved back to my hometown of Winnipeg with my husband and four boys! I taught for over eleven years with the Calgary Catholic School District. I recently completed a term at another Catholic School in Winnipeg and am thrilled for my new adventure at St. Charles Catholic School! I grew up attending and volunteering at St. Charles Parish and this church was also our family church for many important events. My interests include spending time with my family, travelling, going to church, and playing sports myself and watching my oldest play soccer! I also love acting, debate and musical theater!



## THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GIFTS



A heartfelt thank you to all the families for the wonderful treats, gifts, and overwhelming **expressions of appreciation**.

We are truly grateful for the generous amount of food and treats that have been prepared and brought in for all the staff.

Your kindness means so much to us, and we feel incredibly special and appreciated. The generosity shown by our community is truly touching. Thank you again!





## 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!



## WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Please login to your MunchALunch account to place your 2025 orders. Parents can order via the following link: [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com)

**VERY IMPORTANT:** 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. **If you have a balance outstanding past January 1/25, your child(ren)'s order will not be placed.**

Hot lunch volunteering opportunities: the fundraising team can use your help! We are looking for paper plate donations and help during the Wednesday lunch program. Please sign up here:

## [VOLUNTEER FOR WEDNESDAY FUNDRAISING PIZZA/SUBWAY/HOTDOG LUNCHES 2025](#)

## 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

- Curling is on January 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>
- January's K-2 Chocolate Bake is full
- There are still spots in the **Apple Crisp Make** and **Sushi Roll**
- New Year Craft is on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>
- BLINE's new session starts January 13<sup>th</sup>
- Full day BASC on January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Feel free to contact me with any questions at 204-880-8245 or email [kfurutani@stccs.ca](mailto:kfurutani@stccs.ca).

Happy Holidays. *Ms. Furutani*



## BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

I'm excited to share some great updates about our school - The work continues! First, the **foundation** work was successfully completed last week. A big thank you to Secure Construction Group for their exceptional effort in finishing the project on time while keeping our school entrance accessible throughout. Thankfully, our historic 1906 building is well-prepared for many more years of service!

Next, the Kindergarten hallway and K-2 BASC areas are getting a bright upgrade with **new LED lighting**. The installation started today, and these spaces will be shining and ready to welcome students and staff upon their return. Our thanks to T&A Electric Inc. for their hard work on this project.

Finally, our **gym stage** is receiving a refreshing uplift. The back wall has been painted to brighten the area, and the stage floor has been beautifully sanded and stained. New storage shelves are being added to complete the upgrade, and just in time for basketball season starting in January.

We hope you enjoy all these improvements to our school!

**Thank you to the Board of Directors for their ongoing support in making these projects possible.**

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child born in 2020 who is ready for **kindergarten**, please email [enewman@stccs.ca](mailto: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. I am looking forward to meeting with all the prospective families! Additionally, we are now booking spots for our Kinder Fair and Open House happening in January. Don't miss out!



TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help!

So far, we have raised \$ 57 020. You can track our progress on the website. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



Saint Charles  
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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!



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!



2024



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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 |  |
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| Heendeniya Family                            |  |
| Justin and Amanda Panagapko                  |  |
| 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

May this Christmas season fill your hearts and homes with hope, joy, and the light of Christ's love. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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