

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## New Year, New Beginnings

The start of a new year offers a fresh opportunity for reflection and growth. It's a great time for students to set goals that foster motivation and engagement in learning. Encourage your child to think about areas where they want to improve - whether it's becoming more organized, building stronger friendships, or developing better study habits. Writing down goals and revisiting them regularly helps keep progress in focus and builds accountability.



Goal setting also supports a *growth mindset*, the belief that abilities can be developed through effort and perseverance. Instead of focusing solely on grades, children benefit from embracing challenges, learning from mistakes, and celebrating progress. You can encourage this at home by asking questions like, "What challenge did you tackle today?" or "What can you try differently next time?" This approach nurtures resilience and a love of learning.

As we continue this school year, let's work together to inspire students to take risks, grow through effort, and stay curious. With thoughtful reflection and goal setting, we can help children develop skills that will guide them far beyond the classroom. At the same time, let us remind our children—and ourselves—that while striving for excellence is important, we are loved unconditionally, just as we are. With this truth in our hearts, we can approach new challenges with joy, confidence, and gratitude.

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

- ✓ Monday was our first day back after Christmas Break!
- ✓ Learn to Skate started for all K-2 students!
- ✓ PML Term 2
- ✓ Enrichment Classes and Hockey Enrichment
- ✓ Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch
- ✓ Thursday was Early Dismissal

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Learn to Skate
- Advisory Groups and Hockey Enrichment
- Musical Bake Sale on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday Subway and Hot Dog Fundraising lunch on Wednesday

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ❖ School Mass on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1030 am – ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ❖ Re-registrations will be distributed
- ❖ Toonies for Tuition Colour Day
- ❖ Kinder Fair and General Open House



**All proceeds support the school Musical and all items cost \$1**



25<sup>th</sup> Annual SCCS Golf Tournament  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 @ Breezy Bend Golf Course

Kinder Donuts with Dad  
Changed to Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Learn-to-Skate:** Required Equipment for all students:



- CSA Caged helmet
- Neck guard
- Knee pads (attached **under** the snow pants)
- Snow pants or splash pants to cover the uniform pants
- Gloves
- Skates

## 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: [VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | PARKING LOT & LOADING ZONE PATROL](#)



Lost and found items will be displayed on tables in our Front Lobby from **Monday, January 13th, to Friday, January 17th**. If your child is missing any belongings, please take a moment to look through the items. Any unclaimed items remaining after Friday will be donated.

## BASC

- Monday BLINE starts.
- Tuesday is the New Year Craft.
- Wednesday is BLINE.
- Thursday is Apple Crisp Bake for Grades 3-5.
- There are a few spots left in the full day BASC, registration needed to attend.

Thank you. Ms. Furutani



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Feel free to contact me with any questions at 204-880-8245 or email [kfurutani@stccs.ca](mailto:kfurutani@stccs.ca).



Toonies for Tuition Colour Day is an annual fundraising initiative supporting national bursary programs that help students attend Catholic schools. Students can participate by bringing a toonie to school, on **Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025** earning the opportunity to enjoy a **Colour Day** in return. Thank you for your support!

## 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 scheduling interviews for January. Kindergarten acceptances will be finalized in February, and we anticipate waitlists again this year.

**Saint Charles Catholic School**

**KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE**  
TUESDAY NOV. 26, 2024  
6:30 PM

**GR. 1-8 GENERAL OPEN HOUSE**  
TUESDAY JAN. 28, 2025  
6:30 PM  
KINDER FAIR 6:00 PM

EXPLORE THIS DYNAMIC GEM ON THE **WEST SIDE OF WINNIPEG**  
Educating children of today's world: a journey with Christ in excellence, love and transcendence.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 8

CALL AND BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!  
331 ST. CHARLES STREET, WINNIPEG, MB  
204-837-1520  
[sec@stccs.ca](mailto:sec@stccs.ca)

[www.stccs.ca](http://www.stccs.ca)

Additionally, we are now booking spots for our **Kinder Fair and General Open House** happening on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Don't miss out!

Flyer cards are being sent home with each student in the hope that you will share them with family and friends or post them in appropriate places. Our parent community has always been our best source of promotion, and we sincerely appreciate your help in spreading the word about how wonderful SCCS is. Thank you for your support!



## INTRODUCTORY MEETING for Grade 2 and up

WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND CHILDREN

10:30 am Sunday, January 26, 2025

Saint John XXIII Church 3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg

PLEASE CONTACT OUR PASTORAL ASSISTANT, SHARON CAMIER, TO REGISTER: Call Sharon at 204-832-7206 or email [sharon@johnxxiii.ca](mailto:sharon@johnxxiii.ca)



We're excited to announce that preparations for the Science Fair are well underway! To make this event even more special, we're looking for **parent volunteers** to join our panel of judges. If you have a background in science, medicine, engineering, or a related field, we'd love to have your expertise. Please note that judges will not be assigned to evaluate their own child's project and will be provided with training to help them. If you're interested in contributing to this inspiring event, please let us know!

## TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help!

So far, we have raised **\$ 69 020**. You can track our progress on the website. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

### 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!

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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

Val Pelleck

Ike Ogbu

Paul Fia, Christine Ferreira and Family

John and Nicole Klassen and Family

Boonen Family

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>

*God declares, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"*  
Isaiah 43:19

This verse beautifully captures the spirit of hope and renewal that comes with each new year. It is a time to reflect on the blessings we have received, to learn from our past experiences, and to look forward with faith-filled hearts to the opportunities that lie ahead. God calls us to embrace change with trust in His plan and confidence in His grace.

Next week, I will be away from January 15 -17, 2025, as I will be attending a **three-day Catholic School Principals' Retreat**. This retreat is an important opportunity for reflection, collaboration, and professional growth as we continue to strengthen the mission and values of Catholic education. As a result, I will not be sending out a Principal's Update next Friday. However, if there are any urgent matters during my absence, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office, and they will ensure your concerns are addressed.

Thank you and I hope you have a wonderful weekend ahead!

Sincerely,



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