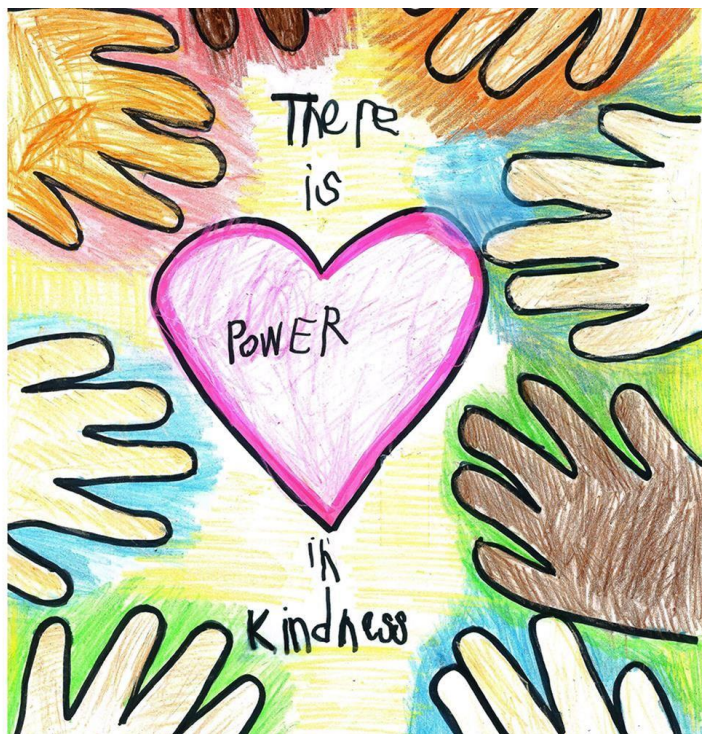


PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COMMUNICATING WITH KINDNESS AT ST. CHARLES



At St. Charles Catholic School, we believe that strong communication skills are essential for building a respectful and caring community. We help students develop the ability to express themselves with kindness, confidence, and honesty in a way that strengthens relationships and fosters a positive school environment.

One way we do this is by setting clear expectations for how we speak to one another. Teachers model respectful communication in the classroom by encouraging students to listen carefully, take turns speaking, and respond with kindness—even when they disagree. We use strategies like “I statements” (“I felt upset when...” instead of “You always do this!”) to help students express their feelings without blaming others. Morning meetings, classroom discussions, and small-group activities give students opportunities to practice these skills in real conversations.

When conflicts arise, we guide students through problem-solving rather than simply stepping in to fix the issue. Teachers and staff encourage students to talk things out, reflect on how their words affect others, and find ways to resolve misunderstandings. We also emphasize the power of encouragement—whether it’s through recognizing effort, celebrating achievements, or offering a kind word to someone in need. A simple but meaningful example of this is how we acknowledge one another in the hallways. At St. Charles, students and staff make a point to greet each other with a smile, say “hello,” or offer a quick “good morning.” And if that’s not enough, the administration is outside each morning—even in a -40 windchill—ready to welcome students with a cheerful greeting, a wave, and a warm smile (even if it’s hidden behind a scarf).

By making communication a priority, we give students the tools they need to express themselves in a way that builds trust and strengthens friendships. At St. Charles, our goal is to help every child develop the confidence and compassion to use their words in a way that uplifts those around them—because a kind word can go a long way, even **on the coldest days.**

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ✓ **Learn to Skate**
- ✓ **Re-registrations were distributed. Please return by Friday, February 21st**
- ✓ **Enrichment and Hockey Enrichment**
- ✓ **Kinder Fair and General Open House**
- ✓ **Wednesday Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch**
- ✓ **On Friday, SCCS staff attended a Faith Development Retreat**

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- FEBRUARY IS A VERY BUSY MONTH FULL OF ACTIVITIES AND FIELD TRIPS
- Learn to Skate on Monday
- Grade 7&8 Mid-Term Exam Week
- “I Love to Read Month” begins on Monday with an assembly at 245 pm
- A PML Lunch Hour Recital is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th down in the Music Room
- Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch for those who ordered
- 230 pm Early Dismissal on Thursday, February 6th
- BINGO Night is Friday, February 7th at St. Paul the Apostle

LOOK WHAT’S COMING UP...

- ❖ Catholic Schools Week begins on Monday, February 10th
- ❖ There is no PML during Catholic Schools Week
- ❖ “I Love to Read Month” activities continue through February
- ❖ February 10:
 - Learn to Skate continues
 - Grade 7&8 Ski Trip is on
- ❖ February 11:
 - School Mass at 1030 am – ALL ARE WELCOME!
 - Grade 7&8 Siloam Mission presentation
 - Grade 6 girls will attend a Science Symposium at Holy Cross School
- ❖ February 12:
 - K-2 Bowling field trip
 - Grade 5-6 Westwood Band presentation
 - Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch
- ❖ February 13:
 - K-2 100 Day Celebrations
 - Grade 5 & 6 Indoor Beach Volleyball field trip
- ❖ February 14:
 - No school as SCCS Staff participate in a Catholic Schools Day Professional Development Day
- ❖ Feb. 18 Musical Bake Sale
- ❖ Feb. 28 Popcorn Sale for Holy Childhood Association

Important PARKING Information

Parking & Loading Zone Reminder

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

🚗 **Reminder:** There is **NO** getting out of your vehicle in the **loading zone**. Your child must be able to exit the vehicle independently. I’m always happy to assist in the mornings to keep traffic flowing smoothly.

🧑 **Volunteers Needed!** We are always looking for extra hands to support this initiative. As a thank you, **FREE BASC (Before and After School Care)** is offered to our volunteers.

📅 **Sign up for Loading Zone Patrol (Monday–Friday) on Parent Zone!**



ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BINGO
night

Friday, February 7, 2025

St. Paul the Apostle Church
2400 Portage Ave.

Doors open at 6:00PM – Bingo starts at 6:30PM

BINGO CARD PRICES

3 card view – \$5
 9 card view – \$10
 Star Game – \$2
 Lucky 7 Game – \$1
 Pick 7 Special – \$1

each book contains all the cards needed to play all games except the Pick 7, Lucky 7, and Star Games

A night for Fun

- ✓ **Bingo games**
- ✓ **Silent Auction**
- ✓ **Canteen**



Bring your friends, co-workers or family to join the fun!
Don't forget your dauber!!

Must be 12 years old unless accompanied by a playing adult

Bingo cards can only be purchased at the event LGCA 2376-BI-46722

No registration or sign-up needed—just come and join us!

Volunteer Opportunity: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094CA5AB22A4F49-54480483-bingo>

VOLUNTEER NEEDED



The Book Fair committee is looking for an interested person/people willing to execute our Book Fair plans with the coordination of volunteers and Staff Liaisons (Ms. J and Mrs. Senderewich), to ensure the volunteers know what is expected of them for the smooth operation of the fair, setup and decoration, and take down of the fair along with the volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering as the Coordinator or a Volunteer Lead for the Book Fair, please send an email to stccspac@stccs.ca. Nikki will be delighted to discuss what the position entails and any questions you may have.

MINI WARRIORS ATHLETICS 2025



Every year Westwood puts on a Mini Warriors program for students Kinder to grade 6. It is a program to introduce and enhance skills in basketball and volleyball.

Here is the link to register: <https://forms.gle/LUTMEXDMterENbzo8>

OPEN HOUSE SUCCESS!



This week, we hosted our **Open House** and were thrilled with the incredible turnout for both the **Kinder Fair** and the **General Open House**!

🌟 **A huge shoutout to our Student Ambassadors**, who did an outstanding job leading prospective families through our school, answering questions, and sharing their experiences.

🗨️ Our **WIND Ambassadors** delivered a fantastic performance of *Storm Chasers*, leaving the audience in awe!

👏 We are so proud of our **Grade 6-8 students** for stepping up as leaders and representing our school with excellence.

🙏 **Thank you to our amazing staff**—your support and participation made this event a great success. Teaching and office staff were on hand to answer questions, making a strong impression on visiting families.

REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026

Re-Registration Reminder

This week, **Re-Registration Envelopes** were sent home with all students. These envelopes contain important forms that must be completed and returned to the school by **February 27th**.

📌 **If your family is not returning next year**, please indicate this on the form and return it to the office.

Your prompt attention to this helps us plan effectively for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your cooperation!



BASC

Updates & Reminders

- **Monday:** BLINE
- **Tuesday:** Valentine Craft
- **Wednesday:** BLINE
- **Thursday:** Early Dismissal

◆ **Reminder:** Monday marks the start of a new month—please ensure your BASC form is submitted before attending.

◆ **No BASC** on **Friday, February 14th & Monday, February 17th**.

◆ **Limited spots** available for March activities: Wood Burning, Tennis, Baking, and a Craft. Forms will be available in the front entrance next week.



◆ **Summer Care applications** are now available! If interested or for any questions, please contact Ms. Furutani.

For any questions, feel free to reach out:

✉️ kfurutani@stccs.ca

☎️ 204-880-8245

Thank you to our Academic Committee for organizing all of the activities for **I LOVE to READ Month!** If you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

♥ Contests

- Bookmark Coloring Contest: Starts Feb. 3
 - Bookmarks due Feb. 21
 - K-4 students design their own bookmark or color the provided bookmark
 - Grade 5-8 students design their own bookmark
 - Prizes - 1 winner/classroom
- Find the Book Character School Hunt: Starts Feb. 4
 - Class submissions due Feb. 21st.
 - Small book character pictures are scattered throughout the school. Write their location on the sheet provided.
 - Prizes - 1 classroom wins!



♥ Activities

- Assembly K to 6 on Feb. 3
- Book Joke/Riddle every Friday - read over the announcements.
- Flashlight Friday on Feb. 21: Please bring a flashlight from home!
- Guest Classroom Readers: MLA Logan Oxenham, Cst. Hees, Mrs. Narynski, and many more!
- Wednesday, Feb. 26: "Read to Us" Teacher Swap at 9:00am for 20 minutes
- Friday, Feb. 28: Flash Reading Mob at 2:15

♥ Colour Days

- Friday, Feb. 21: Dress as a Book Character Day

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

Attention Parents! 📢 Stay informed and never miss out on important updates! Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram for valuable information about BASC, Music, and more.

Follow our pages:

BASC: [stccsbasc](#)

School:

<https://www.instagram.com/sccswinnipegmb/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SCCSWinnipegMB/>

Music: [sccs.band choir](#)

Visit Parent Zone on our website to access our calendar and set up reminders sent directly to your phone. Follow us today to stay in the loop! 📅📱 If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out. We're here to help! 😊

CARPOOL FORUM



On our website, we have a dedicated **Carpool Forum** located in the Forms & Programs section. This forum is designed to help parents connect with others in their area who are interested in carpooling. We encourage you to visit the forum, share your availability, and see if you can find a match with other parents. By participating, you can help each other with transportation needs, reduce traffic congestion, and build a stronger community. Check it out today and start making valuable connections!

NEW! GRADE 5 AND 6 SCIENCE FAIR CLUB

This year, St. Charles Catholic School is thrilled to introduce a Grade 5 and 6 Science Fair Club! Students will have the opportunity to brainstorm, research, design, and create their own science fair projects, with guidance from two experienced science fair mentors.

The Science Fair Club will meet on **Thursdays** after school **and Fridays** at lunch

Students will showcase their projects at our SCCS Science Fair on March 21, 2025. Those interested in advancing their projects further can participate in the Bison Regional Science Fair on April 10, 2025, at Holy Cross School.

Please sign up here: <https://permission.click/9b6zE/ca>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Ms. Copeland and Mr. Domolewski



25th Annual SCCS Golf Tournament
May 22nd, 2025 @ Breezy Bend Golf Course

Kinder Donuts with Dad
Changed to Thursday June 12th, 2025

STAFF PHOTO – What an Incredible Team!

Each of you plays a vital role in the lives of our students at SCCS. We are grateful for your dedication and the impact you make every day!



STAFF LOYALTY RECOGNITION AWARDS



The Administration and School Board presented the **Staff Loyalty Recognition Awards** to honor staff members who have reached significant service milestones at St. Charles Catholic School.

The following staff were recognized for their dedication:

- **5 years of service:** **Mrs. Mardis & Mrs. Gregorchuk**
- **10 years of service:** **Ms. Thompson**
- **15 years of service:** **Ms. Furutani & Ms. Senderewich**
- **20 years of service:** **Mrs. Laufer**

Thank you for your hard work, commitment, and all that you do to make SCCS a thriving and faith-filled community!

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!

2024



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



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

**"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
– 1 Thessalonians 5:11**

This verse highlights the power of our words to strengthen and support those around us, reinforcing the importance of fostering a school culture where kindness and encouragement are at the heart of our communication.

Have a wonderful weekend ahead!

Sincerely,



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