

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ✓ Louis Riel Day!
- ✓ Advisory Groups and Hockey Enrichment
- ✓ Musical Bake Sale
- ✓ The Grade 3 and 4 students went to Fort Whyte
- ✓ Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch
- ✓ The Grade 7 and 8 students went to the Manitoba Museum
- ✓ Jump Rope for Heart Assembly today!
- ✓ "I Love to Read Month" activities continued
- ✓ The Re-registration due date was today

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Learn to Skate continues on Monday
- "I Love to Read Month" activities continue
- Enrichment and Hockey Enrichment continue on Tuesday
- Grade 4 and 5 Track Meet is on Tuesday
- Pink Shirt Colour Day is planned for Wednesday
- Wednesday Subway/HotDog Fundraising Lunch for those who have ordered
- There is a Popcorn Sale in support of the Holy Childhood Association on Friday


LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...


- ❖ Learn to Skate Mondays continue
- ❖ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, March 4th
- ❖ Enrichment and Hockey Enrichment continue
- ❖ Ash Wednesday School Mass on Wednesday, March 5th at 1030 am – ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ❖ Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch for those who have ordered
- ❖ PML Lunch Hour Recital on Thursday, March 6th down in the Music Room
- ❖ 230 pm Early Dismissal on Thursday, March 6th
- ❖ Friday, March 7th is an Inservice Day

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!

FORT WHYTE

The Grade 3, 4, and 3-4 classes enjoyed an exciting field trip to Fort Whyte, where they participated in the **Vive le Voyageur** program.



Their day was filled with hands-on activities, including a scenic snowshoe hike, traditional Voyageur games, delicious snow taffy making, thrilling tobogganing, and an engaging fur trading experience.

Students also had the opportunity to explore the **Indoor Wildlife Prairie Museum**, where they learned about local wildlife and prairie ecosystems.

MANITOBA MUSEUM



The Grade 7 and 8 students had an exciting and educational field trip to the Manitoba Museum, where they engaged in interactive learning experiences tailored to their grade levels.

The Grade 8 students explored the fascinating world of ancient civilizations through the *Mummies & Societies Through Time* program, where they learned about the customs, traditions, and burial practices of different societies. They also participated in a **Pottery Workshop**, where they had the opportunity to create their own clay pieces while gaining insight into the significance of pottery in historical cultures.

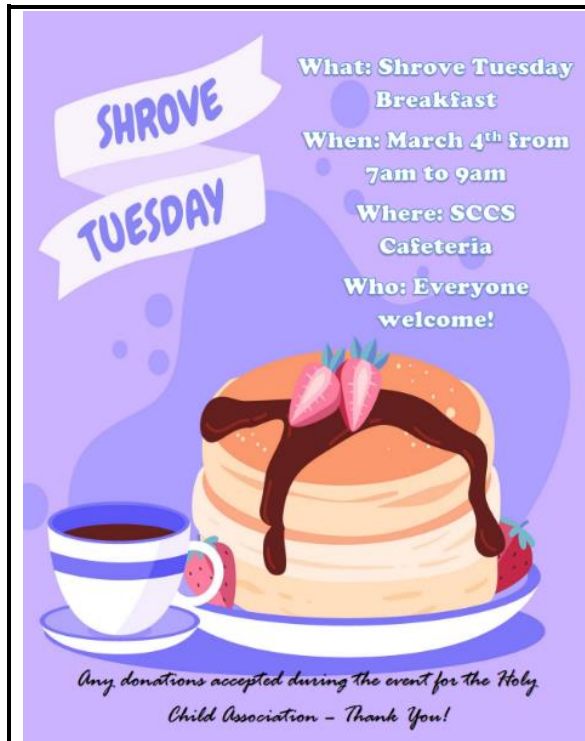
Meanwhile, the Grade 7 students focused on environmental studies with the *Climate Change in Manitoba* program, where they examined the local impacts of climate change and discussed ways to protect our planet. In addition, they took part in the **Lapidary Workshop**, where they learned about rocks and minerals, including the process of shaping and polishing stones to create unique pieces. It was a fantastic day of hands-on learning and discovery for both grades!

IMPORTANT OFFICE REMINDER

ALL
VISITORS
MUST
SIGN IN

For the safety of all students and effective school management, all parents must check in at the school office upon entering the building. Parents are not permitted to go directly to classrooms for drop-off or pick-up, at **ANYTIME**.

SHROVE TUESDAY



Join us for a **free hot breakfast** for the whole family as we celebrate our **Shrove Tuesday Breakfast!** Our yearly tradition to bring our SCCS community together is on Tuesday March 4th from 7am to 9am at the School Cafeteria – everyone is welcome!

Fun Fact: Did you know that Shrove Tuesday is the final Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday? It marks the closing of the pre-Lenten season. *Any donations are gladly accepted at the event for the Holy Child Association, thank you for your generosity!*

Link to volunteer or donate: [**VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME OR DONATE REFRESHMENT ITEMS for SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Tuesday, March 4th, 2025**](#)

SCCS GOLF TOURNAMENT



Save the Date! This year's Golf Tournament is Thursday, May 22, 2025 @ Breezy Bend Golf Course, please mark it in your calendars!

We need help from the entire St Charles community to make this a success.

Golfer Registration Form:

[GolferREGISTRATION2025PDF Document - 197 KB](#)

Sponsorship Form: [SCCSSponsorshipPACKAGE-2025PDF Document - 193 KB](#)

TAX RECEIPTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP



Tuition, Learn to Skate, and PML tax receipts are ready for pick-up at the front office reception desk. They will be available until Wednesday, February 26th. Any receipts not picked up by then will be mailed out.

LUNCH ORDERS

Reminder if your child is away or going on a field trip to receive a lunch credit you must text Ms. Furutani by 9am. ☎ **204-880-8245**

GRADE 5 DETECTIVE CLUB



Sharpening Minds One Mystery at a Time!

Each week, the Grade 5 Detective Club tackles a new mystery, from missing items to anonymous notes, using logic, deduction, and teamwork to crack the case. Presented with extra details to sift through, students must think critically, collaborate effectively, and work within a time limit to uncover the truth. Working in teams of 4-5 students, our young detectives follow in the footsteps of Sherlock Holmes or Nancy Drew, making this an exciting and engaging way to develop critical thinking skills. It's been incredible to see their sharp reasoning and creative problem-solving in action!

ARCHIE'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Feb 12th - Feb 28th
Delivery Date: Thursday, March 13th

**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT SCCS!
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE
TURF CAMPAIGN!**

EASY, QUICK AND DELICIOUS THIN CRUST PIZZAS \$14
HOMEMADE CHEDDAR PEROGIES \$12
PIZZA SCREENS \$8

See Permission Click for Details

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| Nalaway Cheddar Perogies (2 kg) - \$12 | 12' Pizza Screen - \$8 |
| Pizzas - \$14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBQ Chicken • Pepperoni/Bacon • Cheese Lovers • Double Pepperoni • Pepperoni/Mushroom • Vegetarian (mush/tom/onion/peppers) • Hawaiian • Deluxe (pep/mush/bacon/onions/peppers) • Meat Lovers (pep/salami/kielbasa/ham/bacon) • Favourite (pep/mush/ham/bacon) • Gluten Free <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cheese Lovers, Double Pepperoni, Favorite, or Meat Lovers | |

Contact the coordinator:
Amber Hemminger via at ahemminger@gmail.com



Pizza Fundraiser – Support Our School & a Local Business! 🍕 Stock up on delicious, easy meals while supporting both our school and a local business! All proceeds go toward the Turf Campaign, helping us improve our school grounds.

Life gets busy, and having a quick, tasty meal on hand is a game-changer—plus, this pizza is amazing! Don't just take our word for it—check out this review: [Pizza proving to be a hot commodity – Our Communities](#)

Order today on Parent Zone and make a difference! 🍕 ✨

Link to order: [Permission Click](#)
Order by February 28

I LOVE TO READ MONTH:

If you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

♥ Contests

- Bookmark Coloring Contest: Starts Feb. 3
- Find the Book Character School Hunt: Starts Feb.

♥ Activities

- Book Joke/Riddle every Friday - on announcements.
- Flashlight Friday on Feb. 21:



- Guest Classroom Readers
- Wednesday, Feb. 26: "Read to Us" Teacher Swap
- Friday, Feb. 28: Flash Reading Mob at 2:15
- Buddy Reading all month

♥ Colour Days

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



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BASC

Updates & Reminders

- BLINE is on Monday and Wednesday.
- Friday, March 7th is a full-day BASC with a field trip—you must be registered to attend by MONDAY. Spots are limited, so don't miss out!
- Friday, March 28th full day BASC closes at 4PM.
- All March program forms were due today, if interested in the craft, pizza, banana bread, wood burning you need to be registered by Monday to attend.
- BASC tax receipts were sent home
- BASC forms and payments must be submitted before attending BASC.

📞 Last-minute BASC? If you need BASC or need to cancel on the same day, please text me directly at 204-880-8245. I provide the attendance list to teachers daily, so there's no need to contact the office.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Ms. Furutani

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

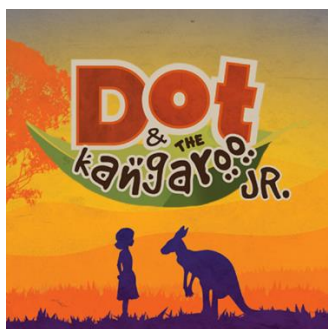


- ❖ Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – a fundraiser that will encourage our students to get active, build healthy habits and give back.
- ❖ Support heart health with Jump Rope for Heart.
- ❖ Our school's fundraising page link is <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/84810>

At today's **Jump Rope for Heart** assembly, students engaged in an important learning session about recognizing the warning signs of heart-related emergencies and understanding how they can take action to help others. This initiative not only promotes heart health awareness but also empowers students with valuable knowledge that could make a difference in critical situations.

In addition to the assembly, students will be incorporating this theme into their gym classes, where they will focus on developing their skipping skills. Jumping rope is a fun and effective way to improve cardiovascular fitness, coordination, and endurance. Through these activities, students will not only build their physical skills but also reinforce the importance of maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle.

MUSICAL



St. Charles Catholic School is performing Dot & the Kangaroo Jr. at the Winnipeg Art Gallery on **May 5th** with a matinee and evening show. Tickets are available in the school front office or please contact Ms. Furutani.

There are also three gift baskets to win, and tickets can be purchased in the front office and

on May 5th.

Thank you for your support!



POWERSCHOOL



Some families have received an email from PowerSchool regarding the cybersecurity breach. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 833-918-7884, Monday through Friday, 8:00am through 8:00pm Central Time (excluding major US holidays). Please note that St. Charles does not store personal information, such as SIN numbers, in PowerSchool as we do not have access to that information.



We are so happy that the weather has allowed for outdoor play again! Please pack extra uniform clothing, including an additional pair of socks, in your child's backpack. This will ensure they have a dry change of clothes if they get wet while playing outside.



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

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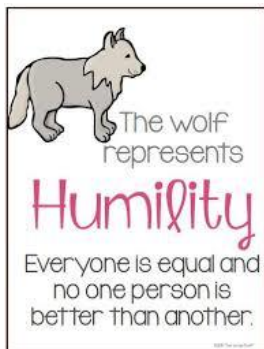
✉ kfurutani@stccs.ca

☎ 204-880-8245

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

I wanted to recognize the dedication of our educators and support staff in advancing Reconciliation in our classrooms.

In September, Indigenous School Leads collaborated to share feedback, explore resources, and strengthen support for students and colleagues on their Reconciliation journey. Manitoba requires all school employees to complete Treaty Education Training by December 2025, and we are proud that the staff at SCCS will all be finished by April 2025. This year, treaty education curriculum lessons are integrated across all subject areas, ensuring all students engage with this important learning.



Guided by our Elder, Father Stan Fontaine, the Truth and Reconciliation Committee is committed to fostering learning through the Seven Sacred Teachings. This year, our community is focusing on Humility, exploring how it connects with Catholic values through meaningful activities and discussions. We are grateful to our School Leads and entire school community for their commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. By embracing Indigenous history and traditions, we continue to enrich the learning experience for students, parents, and staff.

📣 EXCITING NEWS! 🎉

We are thrilled to share that **Mrs. Boughton**, our Resource teacher, is expecting a baby! ❤️🌟 Please join us in congratulating her on this wonderful news. We wish her all the best during this special time! 🍷👶❤️

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!

 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 Catholic School

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>

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."
Colossians 3:12-14

As we prepare our hearts for Lent, this passage reminds us to embrace virtues that bring us closer to Christ—kindness, patience, and love. It is a time to practice forgiveness and unity as we journey toward spiritual renewal.

Have a wonderful weekend ahead!

Sincerely,



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