

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PINK SHIRT DAY: A LESSON IN KINDNESS AND COMPASSION



This week, our school community came together to recognize **Pink Shirt Day**, a meaningful reminder of the importance of kindness, respect, and standing up against bullying. By wearing pink, our students and staff sent a powerful message: that we are committed to fostering a school environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and included.

As a Catholic school, we look to the teachings of Jesus to guide us in our daily actions. One of the most powerful lessons on kindness and compassion comes from the **Parable of the Good Samaritan** (Luke 10:25-37). In this story, a man is attacked by robbers and left injured on the side of the road. Many pass by without offering help, but a Samaritan—a stranger, and someone least expected to assist—stops, cares for the man, and ensures he is safe. Jesus uses this parable to teach us what it truly means to love our neighbor: kindness is not just about words, but about action.

This message ties beautifully into the origins of Pink Shirt Day, which began when a student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In response, his peers chose to wear pink as a sign of solidarity, showing that small acts of kindness can create lasting change. Their simple gesture sparked a movement, reminding us all that when we witness unkindness, we have a choice: to remain silent or to stand up for what is right.

At St. Charles, we strive to instill these values in our students each day. Whether it's including a classmate in a game, offering a kind word, or speaking up when someone needs support, these small but meaningful actions reflect Christ's love in our community. Let us continue to nurture a culture of kindness, ensuring that every child feels seen, heard, and valued.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a school where compassion and respect shine in all we do.

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ✓ **Learn to Skate**
- ✓ **Enrichment Classes and Hockey Enrichment**
- ✓ **Grade 4 & 5 Track Meet at the University of Manitoba**
- ✓ **Pink Shirt Colour Day**
- ✓ **Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch**
- ✓ **Holy Childhood Association Popcorn Sale**
- ✓ **"I Love to Read Month" wrapped up!**

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- **Learn to Skate on Monday**
- **Music Festival on Monday for Grade 6-8 Choir**
- **Enrichment and Hockey Enrichment on Tuesday**
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, March 4th from 7-9 am in our Cafeteria – donations will be accepted and will benefit the Holy Childhood Association**
- **PML Lunch Hour Recital on Tuesday, March 4th**
- **Ash Wednesday Mass will be held on March 5th at 1030 am – ALL ARE WELCOME!**
- **Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch for those who have ordered**

- Music Festival on Thursday for Grade 3-5 Choir
- 230 pm Early Dismissal on Thursday, March 6th
- Friday, March 7th is an Inservice. No School!

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...


- ❖ Learn to Skate
- ❖ Advisory Groups and Enrichment Groups
- ❖ Grades 7 & 8 Camp
- ❖ Wednesday Fundraising Lunches continue
- ❖ Monday, March 17th is a St. Patrick's Day Colour Day!
- ❖ Musical Bake Sale
- ❖ Science Fair
- ❖ Book Fair
- ❖ Report Cards
- ❖ Parent Teacher Interviews/Student Led Conferences
- ❖ Staff Appreciation Day
- ❖ Spring Break!!!


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!**

IMPORTANT OFFICE REMINDER



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.**

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](#)




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>
- ❖ THANK YOU to the many supporters who have already donated!!!



SHROVE TUESDAY



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What: Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

When: March 4th from 7am to 9am

Where: SCCS Cafeteria

Who: Everyone welcome!

Any donations accepted during the event for the Holy Child Association - Thank You!

Join us for a **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](#)

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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



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. Thank you everyone for your support and understanding.

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

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

Stock up on delicious, easy meals while supporting both our school and a local business!

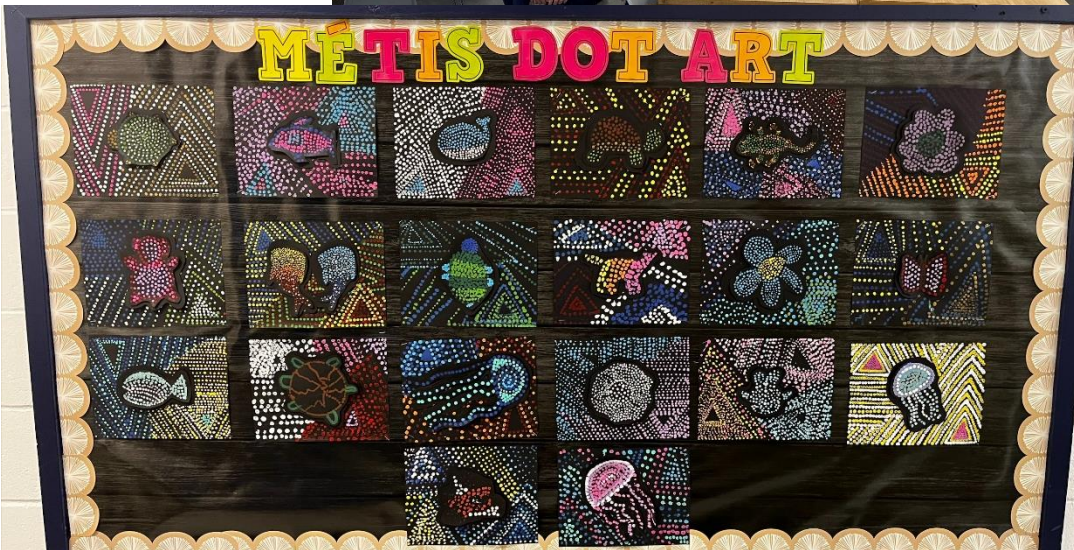
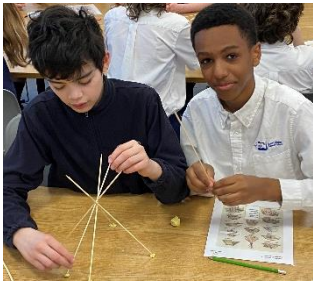
All proceeds go toward the Turf Campaign, helping us improve our school grounds.

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

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

WISE Kid-Netic Energy.

Grade 7 students explored *Indigenous Structures*, learning about traditional designs, forces, and stability while creating their own models. Grade 8 engaged in an *Optics* dissection, examining the parts of an eye in a fascinating, hands-on activity.



Grade 6M explored the origins of Métis dot art, examining various examples to deepen their understanding of Indigenous culture and nature's significance. They also applied their knowledge of mathematical triangles to design their backgrounds. Fantastic work, 6M!

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT



As part of our Lenten journey, we are participating in *40 Cans for Lent*, a food drive rooted in Catholic values of compassion and service. This initiative encourages us to give to those in need by collecting non-perishable food items for Winnipeg Harvest.

Starting next week and continuing until Easter, students can bring donations to their homeroom teacher's

collection boxes. Together, we can make a difference by living out our faith through generosity and kindness. Thank you for your support!

Support our school musical by indulging in some delicious treats! On **March 17th**, we will be holding a bake sale to help raise funds. Students can purchase a variety of baked goods, with all proceeds going toward costumes, props, and other musical expenses. Thank you for your support—every treat helps bring our show to life!



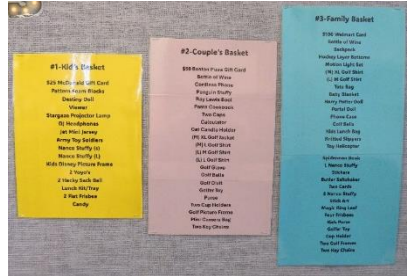
MUSICAL



Thank you for your support!

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.



♥ CONTESTS

Bookmark Coloring Contest

Winners

KF – Jovie KL – Everly 1 – Alik 1-2 – Liam
 2 – Briar 3 – Ashlyn 3-4 – Addison 4 – Liam
 5 – Victoria 6C – Dane 6M – Addy and Rayala (tie)
 7 – Maria 8 - Kaitlyn

Find the Book Character School Hunt Contest

Winners: Grade 1-2 and Grade 4 Classrooms

♥ Activities

“Read to Us” Teacher Swap promotes a love for reading by exposing students to different teachers, storytelling styles, and book choices.



KL and Gr. 5



Flash Reading Mob is a fun and spontaneous event that promotes enthusiasm for reading, builds a sense of community, and encourages peer learning.

♥ Colour Days





In January, **Project 11** held a contest for Manitoba teachers to win a class set of Pink Shirt Day T-shirts, and Ms. Copeland was fortunate to be selected as a winner—a digital draw determined Mrs. Froystad's Grade 5 class. On Wednesday, the students proudly wore their pink shirts! Thank you,



Project 11!

BASC

Updates & Reminders

- BLINE is on Monday and Wednesday.
- Tuesday is the St. Patty's Craft
- Tennis starts Thursday.
- Friday, March 7th is a full-day BASC with a field trip—We are FULL!
- All March program forms were due - there is room in Wood Burning only!
- Friday, March 28th full day BASC closes at 4PM.
- 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



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.

For any questions, feel free to reach out:

✉ kfurutani@stccs.ca

☎ 204-880-8245

TRACK & FIELD



On Tuesday, our **Grade 4 and 5 students** had the exciting opportunity to participate in an indoor track and field relay meet at the University of Manitoba. This event brought together teams from both Independent and Public Schools, creating a spirited and competitive atmosphere.

Throughout the meet, they demonstrated determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship, giving their best effort in every event.

Beyond their athletic performance, our Chargers stood out for their enthusiasm and support for one another, cheering on their teammates and celebrating each other's successes. It was wonderful to see their energy and school spirit on display.

TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

Grade 4 Girls

- *4x200m Relay*: Addison, Eleeza, Sadie, and Maya placed **10th** out of 50 teams.
- *8x40m Shuttle Relay*: Mary, Valentina, Ava, Zoe, Addison, Eleeza, Sadie, and Maya placed **12th** out of 34 teams.
 - *Shot Put Relay*:
 - Team A (Addison, Eleeza, Sadie, Maya) placed **6th**.
 - Team B (Sable, Summer, Augusta, Yadel) placed **8th**.

Grade 4 Boys

- *Shot Put Relay*: Team C (Jack, Jacob, Paul, Xander) placed **10th** out of 51 teams.

Grade 5 Girls

- *Shot Put Relay*: Rose, Meera, Isabella, and Sarah placed **11th**.

Grade 5 Boys

- *8x40m Shuttle Relay*: Andy, Wesley, Grayson, Lucas, Amen, DJ, Johan, and Aldo placed **8th** out of 28 teams.
 - *Shot Put Relay*:

- Team A (Andy, Grayson, Johan, Lucas) placed **3rd**, contributing to the Grade 5 boys' **7th place overall** in the event.

Way to go, Chargers! ❤️💛

SCIENCE WORKSHOP

This week at SCCS, the KID-NETIC program returned, bringing hands-on learning and teamwork to our students. Grades 7 & 8 partnered with Grade 3 to create bird feeders, blending science with buddy time. Students worked together by following instructions, helping one another, and enjoying a fun, educational experience. They were excited to take their feeders home—just in time for the warm weather we're having!



Turf Campaign

We are asking for your help! So far, we have raised **\$72,020**. You can track our progress on the website.

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.

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!

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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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

PLEGE TODAY

FINAL DESIGN MAY VARY

This week's generous sponsors are:

The Mutcher Family

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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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