

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LENT: Growth, Reflection, and Renewal



As we enter the fourth week of Lent and look ahead to Spring Break, we are reminded that this season is about renewal, reflection, and growth. This Sunday's Gospel, the Parable of the Prodigal Son, beautifully illustrates God's mercy and the importance of learning from our experiences. Just as the father in the parable welcomes his son with open arms, Lent invites us to reflect on where we are and how we can continue to grow.

This theme of growth also connects with our Parent-Teacher Interviews and Student-Led Conferences. These meetings provide an opportunity to celebrate each child's progress, acknowledge areas for improvement, and set goals for the months ahead. Just as we nurture faith and learning at school, these conversations help strengthen the partnership between home and school in supporting each student's journey. It was amazing to see all the families participate this year.

Spring Break offers a similar opportunity to pause, recharge, and spend time with family. Whether traveling or enjoying rest at home, this break can be a time to nurture faith, appreciate the blessings around us, and prepare our hearts for the final weeks of Lent

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ✓ **Scholastic Book Fair "The Magic of Books"**
- ✓ **Advisory Groups**
- ✓ **Wednesday Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch**
- ✓ **K-6 Student Led Conferences & Gr 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Interviews**
- ✓ **Staff Appreciation Lunch**
- ✓ **Inservice Day and BASC on Friday**

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- **Spring Break runs until Sunday, April 6th**
- **ROME 2025 School Trip**

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ❖ **Classes resume on Monday, April 7th**
- ❖ **Enrichment Classes on Tuesday, April 8th**
- ❖ **Reconciliation on Wednesday, April 9th for all Grade 5-8 students**
- ❖ **Kinder Grad & Grade 8 Farewell Lifetouch Picture Day April 9th**
- ❖ **Wednesday Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch (back-to-back Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunches both before and after Spring Break is correct)**
- ❖ **PML Lunch Hour Recital on Thursday, April 10th**
- ❖ **Early Dismissal on April 10th**
- ❖ **Inservice Day and BASC on Friday, April 11th**

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](#)



PARKING Information



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

Please remember that only one side of **Augier Avenue** is for stopping. The school side of the road is a no parking, stopping area.

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!



Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Scholastic Book Fair this year! All funds raised go directly back to the school, allowing us to enhance our classrooms and library. This year, we've purchased numerous books, as well as six large bean bag chairs and two carpets for the library from our Fall Fair.

A special thank you to our coordinators and the many dedicated volunteers who helped set up, organize, run, and clean up the event. Your incredible support and generosity make a lasting impact, but the greatest gift is the way we continue to build up our community together!

Exciting Winners from Our Family Event!

Family Event Door Prize Winner

Congratulations to Emilia from KF! Emilia won \$25 in books for herself and earned \$25 in books for her classroom.

"Guess How Many" Winner

A big congratulations to Bodie from Grade 1-2! He guessed the exact number of "magic wands" in the jar—119! Bodie will be sharing the fun prizes (gel pens, pencils, and glow bracelets) with his classmates and Mrs. Sherlock.

Classroom Artwork Winners

Each classroom had winners for their artwork entries—thank you to all the students for your creativity and effort! Your amazing submissions made this event even more special. Keep reading, St. Charles!





STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

On behalf of the entire staff, thank you for the delicious and thoughtfully prepared lunch! It was truly appreciated and such a wonderful treat. A special thank you to the Grade 1, 1-2, and 2 parents for coordinating everything—we are so grateful for your kindness and generosity. Many thanks and with gratitude!

WAY TO GO, CHARGERS!



Congratulations to the **Developmental Boys' Basketball Team** on an outstanding season! The team made tremendous progress in their skills, communication, and teamwork. Despite facing tough competition against older players, they showed resilience and determination, giving their best effort in every game. A heartfelt thank you to all the players and parents for their dedication and encouragement throughout the season.
Mrs. Cascenga



The **Developmental Girls' Basketball Team** had an incredible season! Our Grade 5 and 6 girls worked hard to develop their fundamental skills and stepped onto the court ready to compete in every game. They played with determination, always looking out for their teammates and creating opportunities for quick baskets. Miss Holle and Mrs. Boughton are incredibly proud of each player's effort, growth, and dedication this season.



The **Competitive Boys' Basketball Team** had a fantastic season! Coached by two dedicated parent volunteers, Edwin Esteban and Darren Ferenc, the team played with determination and heart. With their guidance, the boys finished the regular season with a balanced record of 4 wins and 4 losses, placing 8th out of 17 teams. They fought hard in the playoffs, securing a 7th-place finish overall. Congratulations to the team on a great season, and a huge thank you to our volunteer coaches for their time and commitment!
Ms. Copeland



Competitive Girls' Basketball Team had an incredible season, finishing 4th in the league out of 13 teams! Their teamwork, sportsmanship, and support for one another were truly inspiring. Each athlete showed dedication in practice, working hard to refine their skills and prepare for every game. No matter what the outcome, they played with heart, determination, and a positive attitude. I am so proud of each one of you!
Mrs. Chliboyko

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 8 STUDENTS



On **April 9th**, Lifetouch will be at SCCS to take photos for all Kindergarten and Grade 8 students—a cherished tradition at our school. Families will receive a package with ordering details. Kindergarten students should wear their uniform, while Grade 8 students should dress in their “Sunday best” for photos and change into their school uniform for the rest of the day. We look forward to capturing this special milestone!



We are looking to add more fun and engaging items to our outdoor play areas! If you have any gently used **sandbox toys** or **playhouse toys** that your family no longer needs, we would greatly appreciate your donations. These items help enhance creative play and outdoor learning for our students.

If you would like to contribute, please drop off any donations at the school office. Thank you for your generosity!



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.

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!

ROME 2025-Here We Go!



A group of 19 is gearing up for an unforgettable journey to Rome! We leave on Monday, March 31, and return on April 7, with Mrs. Prettie, Grade 7 & 8 students, and several parent chaperones all excited and ready for this adventure of a lifetime. Each day, we'll take part in guided tours, exploring Rome's most famous landmarks, with an Italian tour manager leading the way. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels and an incredible experience!

SCHOOL MUSICAL AT THE WAG



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 3 **gift baskets** to win, and tickets can be purchased in the front office and on May 5th.

Thank you for your support!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Incredible News – We've Surpassed Our Goal! ❤️👊

Our school community has exceeded our goal, raising an incredible **\$2,476** for Jump Rope for Heart! This is an amazing achievement—thank you for your generosity and dedication!

Your support and fundraising efforts are making a real difference, helping to fund vital heart and brain research and save lives.

Our fundraiser will remain open until **April 1st**, so if you'd like to continue fundraising, you can do so through our school's page: : [St Charles Interparochial School - Winnipeg | Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart](#) Thank you for your continued support!



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BAND – DONATE AN INSTRUMENT!

Do you have a band instrument sitting in storage, unused and collecting dust? Put it to good use by donating it to our school! Our music program is always in need of instruments to ensure every student can learn and play. If you have an instrument to donate, please bring it to the school office or contact Mrs. Gregorchuk. Thank you for your support!



BASC

Updates & Reminders

- BLINE is on Monday & Wednesday
- Tuesday is Wood Burning
- Friday April 11th is Full-day BASC. Students must be registered by Monday, April 7th to attend. Registration will not be accepted on Tuesday for Friday's BASC.
- There are still spots left in the Easter Craft.
- Reminder there is NO BASC on Easter Monday.
- BASC forms and payments must be submitted before attending BASC.
- May & June forms are in the front entrance and on Parent Zone:
 - May: Golf, Tennis, Mother's Day Craft & Cookie Baking
 - June: Field trip, Father's Day Craft, Donuts & Cake Baking

Summer Camp applications are now available! There are a few spots left! If interested, please contact Ms. Furutani: kfurutani@stccs.ca ☎️ **204-880-8245**



We have some chocolates left and are offering them at **50% off!**

- Almond cases – \$50 each
- Variety cases – \$45 each

Plus, when you purchase a case, you'll receive 1 VIP hour!

To get your cases, please visit the office—payment is required at pick-up.

Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS & BAND CONCERTS NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW!



*Sounds
of the
Season*

Our Christmas Concert and Band Concert are now available for viewing on Parent Zone under the Gallery section. The link provided will take you directly to a private YouTube account. Please note that these videos are not publicly searchable on YouTube.

We kindly ask all families to respect this privacy and enjoy the performances through the designated link.

A huge thank you to Mr. Aguilar, who filmed and edited all the concerts—it was a tremendous amount of work, and we truly appreciate your time and skill. Enjoy the shows!

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S 2025 SCIENCE FAIR – A HUGE SUCCESS!

The 2025 St. Charles Catholic School Science Fair was a fantastic event, showcasing 33 outstanding projects from our Grade 7 and 8 students. Their projects covered a wide range of scientific topics, including water purification, motor creation, sugar testing for cotton candy, random number generators, and more.

This year, we were thrilled to introduce a special addition—our Grade 5 and 6 Science Fair Club projects! These dedicated students chose to create their own projects and spent months working after school to bring them to life.


A huge thank you goes out to our judges, without whom this event would not be possible. We deeply appreciate the SCCS family members working in STEM fields who volunteered their time, the Geoengineering Society of Manitoba for providing judges, and the Graduate Students in Science from the University of Manitoba for their support.

Finally, congratulations to our Science Fair winners!

Engineering Design Category

 3rd Place: Mason M.

 2nd Place: Harrison B.

 1st Place: Joshua W.



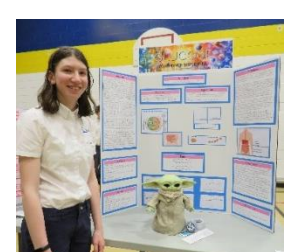
Scientific Research Category

 3rd Place: Charlie C.

 2nd Place: Charlotte G.

 1st Place: Maria F.

Congratulations to all participants for their hard work, creativity, and dedication! We are so proud of you!



Good Luck to those students moving on to the Regional Bison Fair!

BURSARY APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Bursary applications for the 2025-2026 school year are now available on Parent Zone under Forms & Documents. If you require a printed copy, please call the school directly.

The deadline for submission is May 16th at 4:00 PM. Applications should be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to Mrs. Prettie and submitted to the school office. All applications will remain confidential and will be reviewed by the bursary committee.

If you have any questions about the bursary process, please feel free to contact me directly.



TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help! So far, we have raised **\$72,095**. Amazing! You can track our progress on the website.



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

PLEDGE TODAY



FINAL DESIGN MAY VARY

“And let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.”

— Galatians 6:9

If you are traveling or staying home, have a wonderful break with your family and friends. Safe travels! Please keep our students and families traveling to Rome in your prayers.

Wishing you a restful and blessed break!

Sincerely,



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