

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



As we enter the season of Lent, we are called to reflect, repent, and renew our faith. This sacred journey began with Shrove Tuesday, a day of sharing and generosity, followed by Ash Wednesday, where we received the sign of the cross, reminding us to turn our hearts toward God.

Throughout Lent, we prepare for Holy Week, walking with Jesus through His passion, death, and resurrection. It is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—an opportunity to grow spiritually and strengthen our community through acts of kindness and service.

Teachers will be incorporating this season into lessons across subject areas, helping students deepen their understanding of Lent through meaningful discussions, activities, and reflections. In addition, our school will come together for special whole-school activities that encourage prayer, generosity, and community.

Let us embrace this season with open hearts, drawing closer to Christ as we await the joy of Easter, the celebration of His resurrection and the promise of new life. Wishing you a blessed and meaningful Lenten journey.

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ✓ **Monday was Learn to Skate**
- ✓ **Grades 3-5 and 6-8 Choirs performed at the Musical Festival**
- ✓ **Tuesday Enrichment Classes and Hockey Enrichment**
- ✓ **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast**
- ✓ **Tuesday PML Lunch Hour Recital**
- ✓ **Ash Wednesday Mass**
- ✓ **Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch**
- ✓ **Thursday 230 pm Early Dismissal**
- ✓ **Friday Inservice**
- ✓ **PowerSchool Parent Portal is now closed to accommodate Report Card Writing and will re-open for families on Friday, March 21st**

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- **Learn to Skate on Monday**
- **Advisory Groups on Tuesday**
- **Hockey Enrichment has wrapped up for this school year!**
- **Wednesday Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch for those who have ordered**
- **Grade 7 & 8's will be at Winter Camp from March 12-14th**
- **March 13th is the Pizza Fundraiser Pick up**


LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...


- ❖ **Learn to Skate Mondays continue**
- ❖ **Monday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day Colour Day!**
- ❖ **Another sweet Musical Bake Sale on Monday, March 17th**
- ❖ **Enrichment Groups continue on Tuesdays**
- ❖ **Wednesday Fundraising Lunches continue for those who have ordered**
- ❖ **Science Fair on Friday, March 21st**
- ❖ **Report Cards will be distributed on Friday, March 21st**

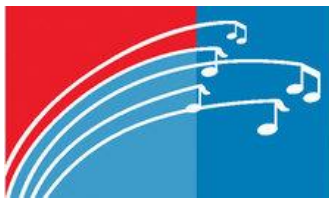
- ❖ Scholastic Book Fair runs from March 24th through to March 28th
- ❖ Parent Teacher Interviews/Student Led Conferences are on the calendar for Thursday, March 27th after school and Friday, March 28th in the morning– watch for the Sign Up Genius to come out so you can book your appointment!
- ❖ Staff Appreciation Day March 27th
- ❖ Spring Break

Important PARKING Information

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

 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!



WINNIPEG **MUSIC** Festival

Congratulations to our **Grade 6-8 and Grade 3-5 Choirs** for their wonderful performances at the Winnipeg Music Festival! Our Grade 6-8 Choir performed two songs and earned a Silver, while our Grade 3-5 Choir also performed two songs and achieved a Gold.

We are so proud of our students for their dedication, teamwork, and musical talent. A big thank you to our music teacher, Mrs. Gregorchuk, who supported them on this journey. Well done, everyone! Here is a link to the festival if you are interested in learning more: [Winnipeg Music Festival](#)

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](#)



THE 25th ANNUAL SCCS GOLF TOURNAMENT
IN MEMORY OF ROBERT MORRISON
& CHAD FRIESEN

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.

❖ Our school's fundraising page link is <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/84810>

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



Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair, The Magic of Books, is coming our way (YAY!). The Magic of Books is the power books have to transport readers to new worlds, expand their minds, and improve comprehension, vocabulary and creativity. Kids choosing their own books empowers and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND - as always - every purchase at the Fair benefits our school. Visit the BookFair in the cafeteria **March 24 - 28, 2025** Click the link to volunteer: [VOLUNTEER at our SCHOLASTIC "THE MAGIC OF BOOKS" BOOK FAIR March 24-28, 2025](#)

GYMNASTICS UNIT

In this unit, students developed fundamental gymnastics skills, focusing on balance, coordination, strength, and flexibility. They explored basic movements such as rolls, jumps, and balances while learning to control their bodies with precision. Through individual and group activities, students practiced safe landings, proper technique, and creative sequencing. Emphasis was placed on perseverance, body awareness, and confidence.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Thank you to our coordinators and parent volunteers for their time and effort in making our Shrove Tuesday celebration a success! We appreciate everyone who attended and contributed to this special event. Through your generosity, we were able to raise money to support the Holy Childhood Association. Your kindness and support reflect the spirit of our community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to come together in celebration





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!

LENTEN CHALLENGE

Encourage your child to "Walk with Jesus" this Lent by marking each day with ways they prepare their hearts for Easter. Students could draw a Lent symbol in the box if they did something to prepare their hearts for Jesus' Death and Resurrection. An information sheet and calendar were sent home with each student on Wednesday.

Focus on the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving!

Please return completed calendars by Thursday, April 24, for a chance to win a small Easter prize. Winners will be chosen Friday from each grade level!

Walking with Jesus Lenten Calendar						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
40 Days of Lent			1 Ash Wednesday March 14	2	3	4
1 st Sunday of Lent	5	6	7	8	9	10
2 nd Sunday of Lent	11	12	13	14	15	16
3 rd Sunday of Lent	17	18	19	20	21	22
4 th Sunday of Lent	23	24	25	26	27	28
5 th Sunday of Lent	29	30	31	32	33	34
Palm Sunday March 31	35	36	37	38 Holy Thursday April 1	39 Good Friday April 2	40 Holy Saturday April 3
Easter Sunday Christ is Risen! Alleluia!						

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!



BASC

Updates & Reminders

- BLINE is on Monday only.
- Tuesday is the K-2 Pizza Bake and 7&8 Wood Burning
- Wednesday is 3-6 Banana Bread
- Tennis starts Thursday.
- 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



Summer Camp applications are now available! There are a few spots left! If interested, please contact Ms. Furutani:

✉ kfurutani@stccs.ca

☎ 204-880-8245

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

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next week, you will receive an email with details about Student-Led Conferences and Parent-Teacher Interviews. K-6 students will participate in conferences in their homeroom classrooms, where they will present a portfolio of their learning to their parents. For Grade 7-8 students, as well as K-8 specialist teachers (French, Gym, and Music), parents will have the opportunity to schedule Parent-Teacher Interviews to discuss student progress. Stay tuned for more information in your inbox next week!

TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help! So far, we have raised **\$72,020**. 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.

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!

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

*"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning." Joel 2:12*

*The spirit of Lent is calling us to turn our hearts to God through reflection, prayer, and
renewal.*

Have a wonderful weekend ahead!

Sincerely,



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