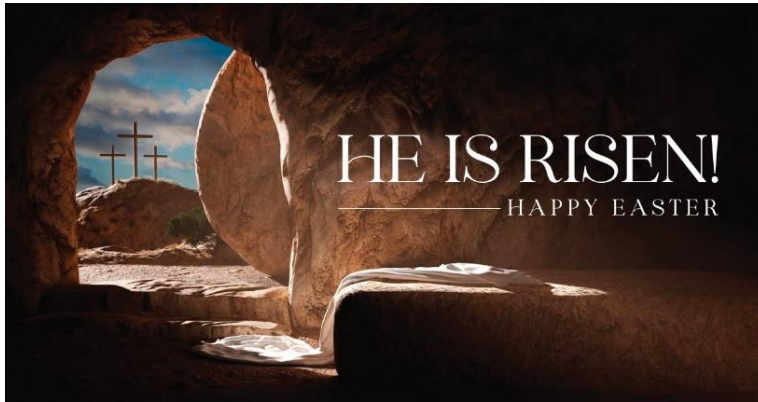


# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

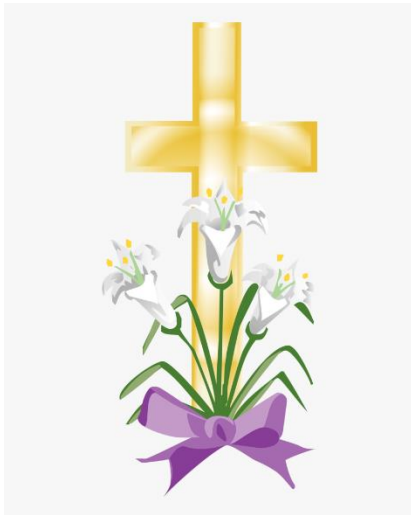
## ALLELUIA!



With Lent now behind us, we enter the **Easter season** with hearts renewed by the promise of hope, joy, and new life. This week at school, our focus has shifted from the quiet reflection of Lent to the celebration of the Resurrection. Students have been learning about the Road to Emmaus—the powerful story of two disciples who, while walking and grieving, are joined by the risen Jesus. Though they do not recognize Him at first, their hearts are stirred by His words, and they finally recognize Him

in the breaking of the bread. This story reminds us that Jesus walks with us in our everyday lives, often when we least expect it.

Alongside our Easter celebrations, we have also taken time each morning to honour the life of **Pope Francis**, whose recent passing has deeply touched the global Church. As a sign of respect and mourning, the flag at our school is flying at half-mast. Each day, we have shared prayers and reflections on Pope Francis's life—his humility, compassion, and unwavering call to care for the poor and the Earth. Many believe his greatest legacy will be his commitment to building a Church of mercy—one that welcomes and embraces all.



As we continue through the Easter season, may we carry forward both the joy of the Resurrection and the example of Pope Francis in how we live out our faith with kindness, courage, and hope.

May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts this Easter season. May we continue to walk in faith, just as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus—open to God's presence in our lives. May we live with the humility, compassion, and hope that Pope Francis so beautifully exemplified. And may our school community be a place of peace, kindness, and renewed purpose in the light of the Resurrection.

Wishing you and your family continued blessings throughout this sacred season.

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

— *Micah 6:8*

This verse speaks to the kind of life Pope Francis modeled—one rooted in humility, justice, and mercy—and it connects with the message of Easter: that Christ walks with us, calling us to live out our faith in everyday ways.

## TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ✓ Easter Monday
- ✓ Blue and Green Colour Day & Take Pride Winnipeg Assembly in celebration of Earth Day
- ✓ Enrichment
- ✓ Musical Practices at lunch
- ✓ Badminton Practices
- ✓ Wednesday Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch
- ✓ Musical Practice (Saturday)

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Advisory Groups
- Badminton Tournament April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch
- Musical Practices at lunch
- Band & Instrument Picture Day Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> for Grades 6 to 8 students
- 230 pm Early Dismissal Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Uniform Fitting Days Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 am to 6 pm
- Musical Practice (Saturday)

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ❖ School Musical "Dot & the Kangaroo Jr." at the WAG Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Enrichment
- ❖ Grade 8 Farewell Fundraiser May 6-9<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Badminton Tournament May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ PML Lunch Hour Recital Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Wednesday Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch
- ❖ HCA Popcorn Day Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Kinder Mother's Day Tea Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

## 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](#)



## BAND PHOTOS – April 30th at 9:00 AM

Lifetouch will be at the school on Tuesday, April 30th starting at 9:00 AM to take individual and class photos of all students in Grades 6–8 who are part of the band program. These photos will serve as a keepsake of the students' participation in the music program. They also provide families with a special way to commemorate their child's involvement in band. All students will receive a photo package with details on how to place an order.



## 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!

**SCCS PRIVATE MUSIC LESSON (PML) PROGRAM** is now open for the 2025–2026 school year! This year, registration and payment will be handled conveniently through Permission Click.



Lessons are offered during the school day on a variety of instruments, and students will be accepted until program capacity is reached. Once accepted, an invoice will be issued for payment.

### Important:

- Continuing students are guaranteed their spot if registered by May 12th.
- New students are encouraged to register early, as spaces fill quickly.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Gingrich, PML Coordinator at [mgingrich@stccs.ca](mailto:mgingrich@stccs.ca). Here is the link to sign up: [Permission Click](#)

## UNIFORM FITTING DAYS – MAY 1ST & 2ND



Uniform fittings will take place at the school on May 1st and 2nd. Our uniform provider, *Envision*, will be on-site to assist with fittings, take orders, and answer any questions you may have.



Please use the link below to book your appointment:

**BOOK YOUR UNIFORM FITTING Thursday, May 1 or Friday, May 2, 2025 11 AM - 6 PM**

We are also looking for volunteers to help out during the fitting days. Please sign up here:

**VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH UNIFORM FITTING DAYS Thursday, May 1 and Friday, May 2, 2025**

Thank you for your support!

## GRADE 8 FAREWELL FUNDRAISER



Get ready for a sweet challenge coming your way—all to support the Grade 8 Farewell!

Can you guess how many marshmallows are in the jar? Soon, you'll have the chance to enter your guess in our "**S'mores Than Meets the Eye**" fundraiser! The rules are simple:

- Guess the number of marshmallows in the jar.
- The closest guess without going over wins a fun prize!

Every guess helps support our Grade 8 students as they prepare for their special farewell celebration. Stay tuned for more details—it's going to be *s'more fun* than you think!

## 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!



## CHOCOLATES



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.

## BASC

Updates & Reminders

- BLINE is on Monday
- BLINE Testing takes place Wednesday, 4:30–5:10 PM in the gym
- Tennis starts Thursday
- May & June Programs are nearly full! K–2 Baking, K–3 Tennis, and Gr. 1–3 Golf are now full
- Thursday is Early Dismissal – Please submit the required form and fee if your child will attend BASC
- Wednesday is the start of a new month – Don't forget to submit your monthly BASC forms
- Monday, May 5 – No milk or hot lunch service available
- Thursday, June 6 – BASC Full Day Field Trip – Please register!



**Summer Camp Applications** are due April 30 – Some weeks are already full! Interested? Contact Ms. Furutani: [kfurutani@stccs.ca](mailto:kfurutani@stccs.ca) | 204-880-8245

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT!



As we begin planning our fundraising efforts for next year, we're asking all parents to complete our Fundraising Survey. Your feedback is incredibly important—it helps us understand what works, what doesn't, and where we can improve.

Please take a few minutes to share your insights and help shape the future of fundraising at our school. Here is the link:

[ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDRAISING SURVEY](#)



## SCHOOL MUSICAL AT THE WAG



St. Charles Catholic School is performing Dot & the Kangaroo Jr. at the Winnipeg Art Gallery on May 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your support!

**Doors open 1 Hour before.**

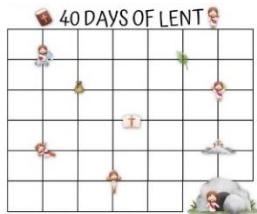
### Help Needed: Prop Transport to the WAG

We need your support in moving props and set pieces from the school to the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

We're looking for one or two trucks to assist with transporting items on **Sunday, May 4th around noon.**

**If you're available and able to help, we'd greatly appreciate it!**

## LENTEN WALKING WITH JESUS CHALLENGE – WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT



Thank you to all students and staff who participated in this year's *Lenten Walking with Jesus Challenge*! It was truly inspiring to see our school community come together in prayer, reflection, and action throughout the Lenten season. Each of these students received a prize in celebration of their efforts!

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding participation and spirit:

Kindergarten: Imissi, Madeline, Everly, Milo

Grade 1-2s: Bronson, Veronica, Liam

Grade 3-5s: Trevina, Zoe, Anu, Janice, Ashlyn, Sarah, Rose, Brooklyn E.,

## HOCKEY ENRICHMENT SKILLS PROGRAM– PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR



WE'RE EXCITED TO BEGIN PLANNING NEXT year's Hockey Enrichment Skills Program for students in Grades 6–8!

To help us gauge interest, all current Grade 5–7 students have received a Permission Click survey.

This is just a survey at this stage—not a registration form.

We'd really appreciate it if you could take a few seconds to complete the survey. Knowing our numbers early helps us with planning and logistics.

Thanks for your support!

**Click the link based on the class your child is in currently.**

**Grade 5:** <https://permission.click/QP2WI/ca>

**Grade 6M:** <https://permission.click/n8yLv/ca>

**Grade 6C:** <https://permission.click/Xj2wb/ca>

**Grade 7:** <https://permission.click/2xeWX/ca>

## IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL ENTRY PROCEDURES



At St. Charles, our top priority is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. To help us maintain a secure and calm environment, we kindly ask all parents and visitors to follow these important guidelines:

- All visitors must enter through the main front doors.
- Please check in at the front office—even if you're just dropping something off or need to grab something from your child's cubby or locker.
- Parents should not be going upstairs, down the classroom hallways, or into the kindergarten area for drop-off, pick-up, or to help their child with something. These areas are for students and staff only during school hours.
- All student drop-offs and pick-ups must be done outside. Parents waiting in the hallways is disruptive and causes confusion for both reception and staff.

We recognize that most parents are doing their best to follow these expectations, and we sincerely thank you. However, there have been ongoing challenges with some individuals entering areas of the school without checking in or using alternate entry points. Even if the intentions are good, this puts added pressure on our staff and compromises the careful safety procedures we have in place. We are asking for your support and cooperation to help reinforce these expectations. It takes a collective effort to keep our school safe, respectful, and focused on learning. Thank you for helping us protect the integrity of our learning environment and maintain the safety and security of our community.

## K-8 SPRING CONCERT



Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's High School Multiplex 2200 Grant Ave

Students should arrive at 6:00 p.m. in colour clothes and are encouraged to wear their "Sunday Best."

## Grade 6-8 Spring Band Concert



Thursday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.

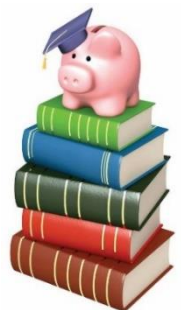
St. Charles Catholic Parish 320 St. Charles Street

Students should arrive at 6:00 p.m. in their best school uniforms, with their instruments and music. Percussion instruments will be transported to the church for students.

## 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

Here is an amazing message I received from one of our fabulous staff members.... *“It is Friday! The sun is shining, the music is blaring, the kids are running all around the GREENEST field ever and the vibes are so positive! Thank you for all the upgrades this year.”*  
Yes, we play music for the kids at recess...and we take requests...we love seeing them so happy and dancing 😊



We are asking for your help! So far, we have raised **\$83 095**. 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!

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### 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!





### 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



Generous Donors Supporting Our Turf Campaign	
The Perry-Parker Family	
The Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg	
Thank you!	

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Aneta Prettie PRINCIPAL

