

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



This week, our school has been filled with peaceful intention as we come together each morning to pray the Rosary in honour of Mary, Mother of God. As the perfect model of faith and leadership, Mary teaches us the power of quiet strength, trust in God's plan, and compassionate guidance. Through her example, our students are learning that true leadership begins with love, humility, and courage - values we see them practicing every day in both small and significant ways.

This same spirit of leadership and community is at the heart of our 25th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament, which took place on Thursday. This beloved tradition is more than a fundraiser—it is a celebration of the legacy of two remarkable leaders in our school's history: Mr. Robert Morrison, former principal, and Mr. Chad Friesen, former Board member. Their dedication, faith, and commitment to Catholic education continue to inspire us. We honour them by gathering as a community, supporting our school, and investing in the future of our students. To the many parents, staff, alumni, and supporters who make this event possible—thank you. Your generosity and involvement are what make St. Charles Catholic School such a strong and vibrant place to learn and grow.

Let us carry Mary's example into the week ahead, leading with grace and lifting each other up with kindness and purpose.

**“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”**

**— Luke 1:38**

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

- ✓ Advisory Groups
- ✓ Rooftop Photo Retake
- ✓ Wednesday Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch
- ✓ Golf Tournament

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Track Meet for all Grades 4-8 students on Monday
- Enrichment
- Seed Survivor Workshops for all Grades 1-4 students
- Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch – **THIS WILL BE THE LAST WEDNESDAY FUNDRAISING LUNCH FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR – THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**
- PAC Meeting on Wednesday
- K-8 Spring Concert at St. Paul's High School on Thursday
- Grade 7 & 8 field trip on Thursday
- Slurpee Truck Fundraiser is on Friday in support of the Grade 8 Farewell – everyone gets a Slurpee! Donations accepted.

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ❖ Grade 6 & 8 Immunization Day Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ❖ NED Show Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ❖ Enrichment
- ❖ PML Recitals at OLPH Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 630 pm
- ❖ Grade 7 & 8 Goldeyes Game Field Trip Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Founder's Day ASSEMBLY on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ 230 pm Early Dismissal Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ PowerSchool closes Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in preparation for Report Card writing
- ❖ Inservice Day Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> No School



## SCCS GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Charles Catholic School Golf Tournament. Thank you to our generous sponsors, donors, and supporters for helping make this event such a memorable one.

A special thank you to our dedicated volunteers and to Andrea Siwak, our tournament coordinator, for their time, energy, and commitment in organizing this event.

We were honoured to host this tournament in memory of Robert Morrison and Chad Friesen, two beloved members of our school community. Their families remain in our thoughts and prayers, and their legacies continue to inspire us. Thank you for supporting SCCS!

## CAMP MANITOU



### Thank You – Camp Manitou Success!

A heartfelt thank you to all the parent volunteers and our incredible staff who helped make our trip to Camp Manitou such a success.

The students had a fantastic time exploring the outdoors, building friendships, and enjoying new experiences. Special recognition goes to our dedicated teaching staff—Mrs. Froystad, Ms. McEvoy, and Ms. Chouzouris—for their thoughtful planning, leadership, and care throughout the trip.

We are so grateful for the support and enthusiasm that made this memorable experience possible for our students!



## FIRST PLACE PATROL TEAM – CONGRATULATIONS!



We are proud to share that our Grade 5 Patrols and Grade 6 Captains were awarded **First Place** within the Independent Schools Division by the Winnipeg Police Service School Engagement Officers.

This award recognizes the commitment, leadership, and responsibility our students demonstrate in keeping their peers safe each day.

Congratulations to our patrol team on this well-deserved honour! You make SCCS proud!



## A SPECIAL VISITOR AT SCCS!



On Thursday, we discovered that a duck has made a nest and **laid an egg** at the back of the school!

As ducks are a protected species under the **Wildlife Act**, the nest cannot be moved or disturbed. It may take up to **21 days** for the egg to hatch.

In the meantime, we've roped off the area to create a safe and peaceful habitat, and we're excited to observe and learn from this special moment in nature over the next few weeks. What a wonderful opportunity for our students!

## TRACK MEET REMINDER – MONDAY, MAY 26



Important information regarding the upcoming track meet was sent home by homeroom teachers. We are asking all families to drop students off directly at John Taylor High School that morning.

Please be sure to complete the Permission Click form that was sent to you in advance of the event.

In case of poor weather, a final decision will be made by **7:00 a.m. on May 26**.

We will communicate any changes by email, so please check your inbox that morning.

If no message is sent, the track meet will proceed as planned. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

## PARKING Information



Thank you to everyone in our community for following parking protocols and signage to help keep our students safe! Reminder: **DO NOT PARK in the Retreat centre parking lot. This is private property.**



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!

## GRADE 8 FAREWELL FUNDRAISERS

Congratulations to Mrs. Mardis, our Grade 3 teacher, who was the big winner of the marshmallow guessing contest by perfectly guessing the number - **496** marshmallows!

A special thank you to the Grade 8 parent representatives for organizing this fun contest. Thanks to their efforts and your generous support, we raised an amazing amount to help make the farewell event truly memorable for our students.



The SLURPEE truck is coming.....our next fundraiser is on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> by donation.

## FINAL PAC MEETING



Have you ever wondered what the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is all about, how you can get involved, or do you have ideas to share that could help grow and strengthen our SCCS community?

This is your open invitation to attend the final PAC meeting of the 2024–2025 school year, happening on Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 PM.

We'll be wrapping up this year's activities and also looking ahead to next year, including exciting VIP Hour opportunities and fresh ideas for parent engagement.

Whether you're curious about what we do or ready to get more involved, we would love to see you there! All parents and guardians are welcome.

## 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.

## BAND INFORMATION NIGHT – FOR GRADE 6–8 FAMILIES

We invite all families - especially those with current **Grade 5 students** and any **new families joining SCCS** - to attend our **Band Information Night on June 17th at 6:30 PM** as we prepare for next year's music program for Grades 6 to 8.



Come and enjoy a performance by our talented **Wind Ambassadors**, and take the opportunity to meet our music teacher, who will be available to answer questions about the program. Topics will include:

- Instrument rentals
- Practice tips
- Program expectations
- Live demonstrations of various band instruments

**Students are welcome to attend** with their parents or guardians, but attendance is not required.

Whether your child is new to band or continuing their musical journey, this evening is a great way to learn more and feel supported as we plan ahead for the new school year.

## BASC

Updates & Reminders

- Golf is on Tuesday
- Wednesday is the K-2 Cookie Bake.
- Thursday is the last Tennis



Thursday, June 6 – BASC Full Day Field Trip – Please register **by May 26<sup>th</sup>** to attend. Please submit your form & payment if your child has attended BASC and make sure your child has cutlery to eat lunch.

## 2025–2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATE



The school calendar for September to December of the upcoming school year is now available on our SCCS website.

We are currently finalizing the remainder of the calendar (January to June) and will share it with families as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience as we work to ensure all key dates are accurate and up to date.

In the meantime, please note the following important dates:

- Spring Break: March 30 – April 3, 2026
- Last Day of School for Students: Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Please continue to check the website for updates!

## THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

A heartfelt thank you to the St. Charles Catholic School Board of Directors for the delicious ice cream surprise last week!



A variety of ice cream sandwiches were delivered for all students and staff, bringing smiles and joy throughout the building. It was a thoughtful gesture that truly brightened our day. We are grateful for the continued support and generosity of our Board.



The **MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS** OF St. Charles Catholic School is seeking letters of interest for three "Parent Board Member" appointments. This position carries a two-year term, beginning July 1st, 2025. The Parent Board Member actively participates in Board decision-making and takes on a portfolio or leads a committee, depending on school and Board needs.

Currently, expertise in accounting/business, fundraising/marketing, policy development/secretary, and facilities maintenance is particularly valuable. If you have skills in these or other areas, we encourage you to apply. For more information, or to apply please contact Trish Farkas @ [boardchair@stccs.ca](mailto:boardchair@stccs.ca)

## PML REMINDER

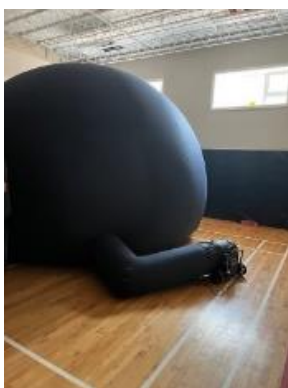


Mon June 2 - final week of PML

PML Year End Recital #1 Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm OLPH

PML Year End Recital #2 Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm OLPH

## STAR DOME



Our Grade 1 and 2 students recently enjoyed an exciting and educational presentation from **StarDome!**

Inside the portable planetarium, students explored fascinating topics

such as the **Earth, planets, sun, and moon**. They observed how the **sun's path changes with each season**, deepening

their understanding of the solar system in an interactive way.

One of the highlights of the experience was getting to **hold a real meteorite** - a truly unforgettable moment for our young learners!



**Dear SCCS Community,**

I'm writing to invite you to join the team, Keira's Crusaders, in support of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. We'd love to have you join the national

movement to end brain tumours and to honour the memory of a former SCCS student, Keira Bond. This year our *Keira Crusader Crew* will be meeting at Grant's Old Mill at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 14th. We will be walking together along Sturgeon Creek, a place Keira enjoyed.

To join our team, simply click on the link: [Join or Donate to Keira's Crusaders Team](#)

If you are unable to join the team to walk but would like to learn more about Keira or donate to the cause, click on the link above as well.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Froystad  
Grade 5 Teacher

## 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."

We do need some volunteers to transport a few items from the school to SPHS. If you can volunteer, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4EA9A72AA3FB6-57037678-volunteers>



## MUSIC AWARD



The Grade 3-5 Choir won the distinguished trophy for Best Choir at the Winnipeg Music Festival. The trophy presentation will happen at our K-8 Spring Concert.

## 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.

**Band**  
in  
**Bloom**



### BAND Photos

This week, photo envelopes were sent home. Please order by Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## NED SHOW



### Yo-Yo Sales – Order Form Attached

We're excited to offer a variety of yo-yos for sale as part of The NED Show experience at SCCS!

The NED Show promotes important values such as **N**ever giving up, **E**ncouraging others, and **D**oing your best—and they teach these lessons through fun and engaging yo-yo tricks that inspire students.

Yo-yos will be available for purchase outside after school and during lunch. Please see the attached order form for details. You may either:

- Print and return the order form with payment, or
- Send payment with your child, who can choose from the available selections at school.

Thank you for supporting this positive and educational program!

## FOUNDERS DAY Save the Date – Everyone is Welcome!

Mark your calendars and join us for this exciting upcoming event at SCCS! It's a wonderful opportunity for families, students, and friends of our school community to come together in celebration and connection.

Whether you're a current family, grandparent, or alumni—all are welcome to attend. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you!





Welcome Back to . . .

## St. Charles Catholic School

St. Charles Catholic School invites our alumni to join us for our Founders Day Celebration on June 5th at 10:30 a.m.

The celebration will include a school-wide assembly to honour our Founders and unveil the time capsule created on June 30, 2000. Guests are also welcome to join us for school tours to see what has changed—and what has remained the same—over the years. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by calling the school at 204-837-1520.

We would love to welcome back our past families, students, and staff.

## GRADE 1 SCIENCE IN ACTION – SUNDIAL EXPERIMENT

Our Grade 1 students recently explored how the sun can help us tell time by creating their own sundials! As part of their science learning, they observed how shadows move throughout the day and how this connects to the sun's position in the sky. It was a fun and hands-on way to learn about time and nature.

Here's a great class photo capturing their excitement and curiosity during this sunny experiment!



## TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help! So far, we have raised **\$92 095**. 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.

**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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**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**

QR code for donation

**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**

QR code for pledge

This week's generous sponsors are:

St. Paul the Apostle Parish

**Thank you for your generosity and support!**

*Have a great weekend!*

**Aneta Prettie PRINCIPAL**



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