

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



It has been another wonderful week at St. Charles, full of energy, learning, and connection.

One of the biggest highlights has been the addition of **new tetherball poles** on our playground. They have been a huge hit. Our PE teachers introduced the game, and students have quickly caught on, already showing impressive skills, strategies, and even a few clever tricks. It has been so much fun to watch friendly competitions happening throughout the day. Tetherball is helping build coordination, quick reflexes, and sportsmanship, while giving students one more reason to love being active outside together.

We also hosted our annual **Meet the Teacher evening**, which was an incredible success. The gym was packed with families eager to connect with our staff and learn more about the year ahead. The evening began with a formal presentation and was followed by a warm and welcoming reception organized by our PAC. Thank you to our amazing volunteers and to everyone who donated food items to help make this event so special.

I also want to take a moment to thank our staff. Their professionalism, dedication, and genuine care for this community are evident in every detail of how they welcomed students and families back. Their efforts have set a positive tone for the year and speak volumes about their commitment to our school.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

— Psalm 118:24

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- [PML Term 1](#)
- [Enrichment](#)
- [Lifetouch Picture Day](#)
- [Meet the Teacher](#)

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- [School Mass on Tuesday at 1030 am – PLEASE JOIN US!](#)
- [Christian Service Day on Friday](#)
- [Terry Fox Day on Friday](#)
- [Colour Day on Friday](#)

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ❖ Orange Shirt Colour Day on Sept. 29th
- ❖ National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – No School/No BASC
- ❖ Fundraising Lunch begins Oct. 1st
- ❖ 230 pm Early Dismissal on Oct. 2nd

PARKING REMINDER



To help keep drop-off and pick-up times safe and efficient, please follow these guidelines:

- Do not park in the loading zone. This area is for drop-off and pick-up only, and drivers must remain in their vehicles.
- Do not park in the bus loop at any time.
- Please do not block driveways or the golf course entrance.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school grounds safe and accessible for all.



Cross Country



It's a short but busy season for our Cross-Country team, and we are excited to get started. Practices will take place as part of our Running Club at lunchtime and afterschool. Please check the website for the schedule! All Grade 4–8 students are welcome to join. Students just need parental permission and a desire to run.

Our first race will be on October 1st at Crescent Drive Park, and we are already looking forward to the energy and excitement of the day.

Last year was an incredible season, with several of our students even qualifying for the provincial race—a huge accomplishment for our athletes. Cross Country is a great opportunity to challenge yourself, build stamina, and represent our school with pride. Go Chargers!



School Mass at St. Charles Parish

As a Catholic school, gathering for Mass is an important part of our faith life at SCCS. Once a month, our entire school community comes together at St. Charles Parish to celebrate Mass. This is a time for us to pray, sing, and reflect as a community, deepening our connection with God and with one another.

Our students play an active role in the celebration. Grade 3 students volunteer to serve at the altar, and Grade 6 students volunteer as readers.

Younger students are paired with student buddies to help them participate with confidence.

Masses begin at 10:30 a.m., and everyone is welcome to attend. Students who have received their sacraments are invited to receive Communion, while students who have not been invited to come forward for a blessing. We hope to see some families join us for our first school Mass on September 23rd.

Colour Days at SCCS



Throughout the year, we have Colour Days, which are non-uniform days where students may wear clothing of their choice, either for a special theme (such as *Orange Shirt Day*) or simply to enjoy a break from uniforms. Please refer to the school agenda for more details.

Guidelines for Colour Day attire:

- Clothing must be appropriate for school.
- Shorts and skirts should be just above the knee. Mini-skirts and short shorts are not permitted.
- No cut-outs in clothing.
- Leggings must be worn with a longer top.
- Tops must cover the shoulders and midriff; spaghetti straps, halter tops, and belly shirts are not allowed.
- Shoes with heels are not permitted.
- Any words or images on t-shirts must be appropriate for school.

For themed days, such as *Pink Shirt Day*, students are encouraged to wear the color or theme if they are able. However, if your child does not own a shirt of that color, any colored shirt is acceptable. Families should not feel the need to purchase new items—students are welcome to wear what they already have. Colour Days are a fun way for our students to express themselves while still ensuring attire reflects the respect and standards of our school community.

IT Professionals Day



We are so thankful for our own IT team here at St. Charles—**Ms. Senderewich, our IT Director, and Mr. Penner, our IT Technician.** They work behind the scenes to keep our computers, networks, and systems running smoothly. Because of their knowledge, patience, and dedication, our students and staff can learn, teach, and communicate every day with confidence.

Technology is a big part of our world and our classrooms, but it doesn't just “work” on its own—it takes hard work, problem-solving, and teamwork. Ms. Senderewich and Mr. Penner give us that support with professionalism, kindness, and care for our

community.

Volleyball



Volleyball season is underway at St. Charles, and we are proud to be part of the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association.

Tryouts have begun, and students in Grades 6–8 will be placed on either a developmental team or a competitive team, giving all players the chance to grow their skills, experience teamwork, and enjoy this exciting sport.

We are grateful to our dedicated coaches who make this possible: Mr. Vechina, Mrs. Chliboyko, Mrs. Froystad, Ms. McEvoy, and Mrs. Van Helvert. Together, they are

leading our four teams with enthusiasm and commitment. We look forward to a great season. Go Chargers!

COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY



Cell phones, iPads, tablets, and Smartwatches (all communication devices) can be distracting in a classroom setting and are not permitted for use during school hours (7:00 AM – 6:00 PM). These items must be kept in lockers during this time.

Catechism

Please see the flyers below from the Catechism teachers at St. Charles Parish. Flyers were also sent home in agendas this week for all grade 2 and 8 students.

Families who would like their child to attend Catechism are asked to register and sign up directly with the parish program. Catechism is a wonderful opportunity for students to grow in their faith, prepare for sacraments, and strengthen their connection to the parish community.



Get ready for a joyful journey as children prepare to receive Jesus for the first time through the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. With faith, fun, and family learning, they'll grow closer to God every step of the way.

This year, we're excited to use a new program called **Word of Life** — a home-based, family-friendly experience that includes both a book and virtual component. Families will work through each unit at home, then come together once a month on the last Sunday to review and share what they've learned.

When: In person class last Sunday of each month

Time: 10:35-11:30

Who: All baptized children in 2nd grade and up are invited!

Registration Deadline October 12th

Link to registration:



Catholic confirmation offers religious instruction to prepare individuals to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which deepens one's commitment to the Catholic faith and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These classes teach fundamental Catholic beliefs, the significance of Confirmation, and empower candidates (called "confirmands") to live out their faith. Preparation involves weekly take home assignments with a monthly in-person class on the last Sunday of each month. The students will have a component of community service with planning and leading a "Birthday Party For Jesus" in the beginning of December ran by the confirmands for the younger catechism students.

When: Weekly take home instruction with In person class on last Sunday of each month starting November 30th

Time: 10:35-11:30

Who: All baptized children in 8th grade and up are invited to register

Registration Deadline October 12th

Link to registration:



AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL

A friendly reminder that parents are responsible for supervising their children from 325-340PM if they are playing on school grounds.

Enrichment Opportunity



Hockey Skills Enrichment Program

An exciting opportunity for students in Grade 6-8!

Link to register: <https://permission.click/3zryB/ca>

HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER – STARTING OCTOBER 1



We are excited to launch this year's Hot Lunch Fundraiser, running every Wednesday from October 1 to May 27.

All orders must be placed through MunchaLunch at www.munchalunch.com.

- If you are new, please create an account and follow the directions online.
- Returning families may continue using their existing accounts.

Important Dates:

- First due date for orders (for October 1 lunch) is **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**.
- Orders must be placed and paid one week in advance. Any orders not completed by the cutoff will be cancelled.

Here is the link to volunteer:

[VOLUNTEER FOR WEDNESDAY FUNDRAISING LUNCHES 2025](#)

If you have questions, please contact fundraising@stccs.ca.



Weekly Programs

- Monday – BLINE
- Tuesday – Golf
- Wednesday – BLINE and Cheer

Reminders

- Morning BASC: Please drop your child off at the bus loop and then send them in.
- After school: After 4:00 PM, families must use a fob to enter the building.
- Registration: Students must be registered to attend any BASC program or full-day program.

Coming UP:

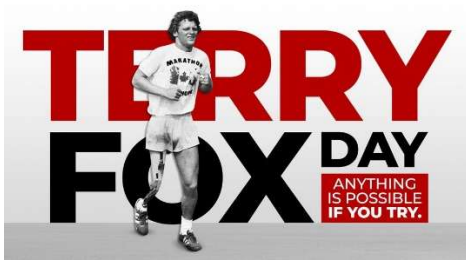
- Halloween Craft
- Friday, October 24 – Full-day BASC (Halloween Party theme)
- K-2 Donuts
- Grades 3-5 Cookies
- Grades 6-8 Sushi Roll
- Winter Craft
- New Program: Hair Styles
- Monday, November 10 – Full-day BASC with a field trip
- Friday, November 21 – Full-day BASC (Christmas Party theme)

Registration

Spots are limited for all programs. Forms are available in the front entrance and will be posted on the website soon. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Furutani.

CHOCOLATES & RAFFLE BOOKLETS

We will be reaching out to families very shortly regarding chocolate and raffle book pick up dates and times. There will also be an opportunity to volunteer with distribution. Please look out for an email.



It's the 45th anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. This year, our school is going all out to fundraise for cancer research! We're super excited to take part! Please support our student's fundraising efforts and donate today.

St. Charles Catholic School Fundraising Page:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/StCharlesCatholicSchoolWinnipeg>

Thank you in advance for your support.

TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help! So far, we have raised **\$97 095**. 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!

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

Have a great weekend.

Aneta Prettie PRINCIPAL

