

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

One of the greatest strengths of our school is the partnership between parents, teachers, and students. When all three work together, our community thrives. Students feel more connected, teachers feel supported, and families feel engaged in the life of the school.

This connection is not just helpful- it is foundational to who we are as a Catholic school community.

Throughout the year, there are many opportunities for parents to be involved. Volunteering allows families to take an active role in school life, and it shows students that their education is valued not only in the classroom, but also at home and within the wider community. When parents give their time-whether it is helping at an event, supervising a hot lunch, or lending a hand behind the scenes-it strengthens our sense of belonging and shared responsibility.

In each weekly update, I highlight these volunteer opportunities in red, and all information is also available on Parent Zone for easy access. We would like to draw your attention to our Hot Lunch Fundraiser, which is one of the five major fundraisers for our school. Each week, we struggle to fill the volunteer spots and often need to send out reminder emails on Tuesday mornings. If parents are able to sign up in advance, it would greatly help our organizers plan more efficiently. We are also looking for support with picking up the orders each week, and anyone interested can reach out directly to our Fundraising Committee. Also, we are in need of parent representatives for a few classrooms. If you're interested in becoming a class rep or would like more information, please contact Andrew Slobodian, PAC Chair, at stccspac@stccs.ca.

When we volunteer, we do more than help with a task- we model service, build community, and show our students what it means to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

Thank you for continuing to support St. Charles with your time, presence, and care.

Serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ❖ Thanksgiving Monday
- ❖ Enrichment
- ❖ Band Practice
- ❖ Musical Tryouts
- ❖ Grade 3, 3-4, 4 field-trip to Manitoba Museum
- ❖ Grade 4 Bible celebration
- ❖ Holy Childhood Popcorn Day
- ❖ Grade 8 Retreat



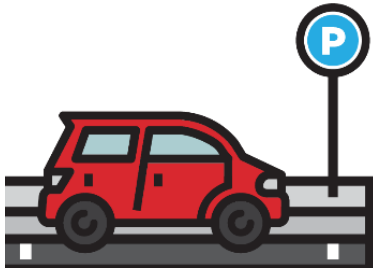
LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Book Fair Week
- Grade 6 & 8 Immunization on Monday
- School Mass on Tuesday
- Wednesday Fundraiser Lunch is Hot Dog/Subway
- Musical tryouts on Wednesday
- Parent Teacher Interviews from 4-7 pm on Wednesday & Thursday
- Staff Appreciation Day on Thursday
- St. Mary's Academy Movie Night on Thursday 6-9PM for Grades 7&8
- MTS PD Day on Friday – No School/BASC Available
- SCCS Halloween Howl Dance on Friday for Grades 7&8
- Raffle Ticket Deadline on Friday

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- Enrichment
- Musical Bake Sale on October 30th
- Halloween on October 31st

PARKING REMINDER



Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school grounds safe and accessible for all. To help support this effort, we are looking for **parent volunteers** to assist with our parking lot and loading zone patrol.

Please sign up using the link below: [2025-2026 Volunteers Needed /Parking Lot & Loading Zone Patrol](#). Your support makes a real difference in ensuring safety for our students and families.

JOIN THE PAC – CLASSROOM REPS NEEDED



What makes the St. Charles Catholic School community so special is the incredible involvement of our parents. Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) reps and volunteers play a key role in supporting school events and strengthening our community spirit.

We are currently looking to fill Class Representative positions for the following classes:

- Grade 1-2
- Grade 3
- Grade 5M
- Grades 7–8

We would love to have two representatives per class to share responsibilities. Each rep earns 10 VIP hours for the year just for participating.

If you're interested in becoming a class rep or would like more information, please contact Andrew Slobodian, PAC Chair, at <mailto:stccspac@stccs.ca>.

Your time and involvement make a real difference. Thank you for helping keep SCCS such a strong and connected community.

REPORT CARD UPDATES – KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8



We want to inform families that our K–8 report cards will look a little different this year. These updates are the result of extensive planning and collaboration between administration and teachers that began last year. For Kindergarten to Grade 6, the report card will now use a 4–3–2–1 achievement scale, aligning with Provincial Assessment Standards. This change helps provide a clearer picture of student progress and achievement based on provincial learning outcomes.

In addition, we have added a new comment box for Learning Behaviours and Attitudes for all students in K–8, allowing teachers to provide more personalized feedback on learning habits and classroom engagement.

The Middle Years (Grades 7–8) report cards will continue to use percentage-based grading rather than the 4–3–2–1 scale. We will continue to provide more information to families in the weeks to come and leading up to Term 1 report cards.

SAVE THE DATES-SO MANY GREAT THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER

TRIVIA NIGHT

Invite your friends, form the best team, and conquer all categories in Trivia Night!

Friday
14 NOVEMBER, 2025
Starts at
6:15 PM- 9:30 PM
ST. CHARLES SCHOOL
331 St. Charles St.

DINNER PRIZES FUN

Kids will be invited to the small gym for movie night after dinner!

SAVE THE DATE

ADULT TICKETS: \$25
KIDS TICKETS: \$15

JUNIOR MOVIE NIGHT

Grade 7 & 8

COME JOIN US TO WATCH

Disney • PIXAR
Coraline

CANTEEN TO BUY SNACKS! CASH ONLY!

Thursday **23** OCTOBER

FREE ADMISSION

Please sign up by October 20th
6:00-9:00PM
Pickup 8:45 - 9:00PM

Bring blanket or lawn chair

St Mary's Academy
550 Wellington Crescent

In case of bad weather the movie will be moved inside



VOLUNTEER NEEDED – PRODUCE PICK-UP COORDINATOR



We are looking for a Volunteer Produce Pick-Up Coordinator to help with our school's weekly produce deliveries. The role involves picking up produce from Safeway every Wednesday morning and delivering it to the school. You do not need a large vehicle—everything will comfortably fit in a car. If you are available and interested in helping, please contact our Fundraising Committee at fundraising@stccs.ca for more details. Your support helps keep our school programs running smoothly—thank you for considering this volunteer opportunity.

CROSS COUNTRY PROVINCIALS



We are so proud of our athletes who represented St. Charles Catholic School at the Cross Country Provincials last week.

Congratulations to Henrik, who placed 3rd in the U12 Boys category, and Paige, who placed 2nd in the U14 Girls category.

Both students demonstrated outstanding effort, determination, and school spirit. What an incredible achievement—way to go, Chargers!

FALL WEATHER REMINDER



The fall weather is here, and with it come **cool, damp mornings** that often turn into **warmer afternoons**. Please make sure your child has an **extra school uniform** to keep in their locker. If students get wet during recess, it's helpful for them to have something dry to change into.

We go outside **three times a day**, and being prepared keeps everyone comfortable and ready to learn. And don't forget to pack an **extra pair of socks**—they often come in handy on wet days.

Thank you for helping us keep students warm, dry, and happy during this changing season.

RAFFLE BOOKLETS – REMAINING STOCK



We have just over 30 raffle booklets remaining. Families who would like to purchase additional booklets may do so by picking them up from the school office between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, starting next week.

If you have not yet picked up your allotted and prepaid booklet, it is also available for pick-up at the office.

Booklets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Thank you for supporting our school fundraiser.

BASC



Updates

- Monday – BLINE
- Wednesday – Cheer (no BLINE scheduled)
- Friday – No school; Full-Day BASC available for registered students only. This program is now full.

Reminders

- November programs are almost full, so please register soon to secure your spot.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in BASC.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Furutani.

HALLOWEEN HOWL – GRADES 7 & 8 DANCE



We are very excited to announce that St. Charles will be hosting a Halloween Howl School Dance as a fundraiser in support of the Grade 8 Farewell in June.

Date & Time: Friday, October 24, 2025, from 7:00–10:00 PM

Who: Grades 7 & 8 students from SCCS, with invitations also extended to all Winnipeg Catholic Schools

Where: St. Charles Catholic School

We encourage Grade 7 & 8 parents to volunteer and help make this event a success.

Volunteer here: **[VOLUNTEER FOR OUR GRADE 7 & 8](#)**

[HALLOWEEN HOWL SCHOOL DANCE OCTOBER 24th, 2025](#)

We look forward to a fun evening of music, friends, and school spirit.

HOCKEY SKILLS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



An exciting opportunity for students in Grade 6-8

2 Links for Registration:

- JP Vigier form: **<https://form.jotform.com/241214617217247>**
- SCCS Permission Click form: **<https://permission.click/3zryB/ca>**

HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER



- Reminder: All orders must be placed through Munch-a-Lunch at www.munchalunch.com ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.
- If you have questions, please contact fundraising@stccs.ca.
EVERY WEDNESDAY we need volunteers, please sign up using the link below: [Volunteer for Wednesday Fundraising Lunches 2025](#)

ILLNESS REMINDER

Students should remain at home if they have, or are suspected of having, any contagious illness. Some common examples include:

- Respiratory illnesses: colds, influenza (flu), COVID-19, strep throat
- Gastrointestinal illnesses: stomach flu (norovirus), diarrhea, vomiting
- Childhood illnesses: chickenpox, measles, mumps, whooping cough (pertussis), hand-foot-and-mouth disease, pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Skin and scalp conditions: lice, scabies, impetigo, ringworm
- Fever: Students with a fever should remain at home until they have been fever-free (without medication) for at least 24 hours

Reporting Illness

If your child is ill, please notify the school office by phone or email. This allows us to track illnesses, maintain awareness, and help prevent further spread within the school community.

OCTOBER SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Our October Scholastic Book Fair is coming to SCCS, and we are so excited for it to arrive! This year's theme, "Get Wrapped Up in a Good Book" (mummy style!), is sure to bring some fun and excitement just in time for the Halloween season.



We are looking for volunteers to help make our Book Fair a success. Please sign up here to volunteer: ["GET](#)

[WRAPPED UP IN A GOOD BOOK" SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR Volunteers needed October 17-24, 2025](#)

Thank you for supporting literacy and our school community. Let's get reading, St. Charles!

HALLOWEEN AT SCCS – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

This year, students and staff are invited to dress up for Halloween. In the past, this was a black and orange Colour Day, and that option is still available. Students may also wear a costume or Halloween-themed accessory to school.

Costume Guidelines:

- Costumes must be school-appropriate.
- Masks and headwear may be brought to school to show but cannot be worn during the day.
- Accessories that may interfere with learning can be shown, then placed in lockers or cubbies.
- Costumes that are suggestive, too scary, or otherwise inappropriate for school will be addressed, and students will be asked to remove them.

The day will end with a costume parade and costume prizes! We are excited to celebrate together as a school community.



Families are asked to book an appointment with their child's classroom teacher and specialist teachers. Our specialist teachers: French, Music, and Physical Education are also available for bookings.

These are one-on-one interviews, providing an opportunity for teachers to share your child's strengths, goals, and next steps. Each meeting is scheduled for 10 minutes, so please arrive on

time, as missed appointments cannot be rescheduled this week.

Here is the link to sign up: **[BOOK YOUR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS Wednesday, October 22nd and Thursday, October 23rd, 2025 4-7 pm](#)**



We will be holding a Gently Used Uniform Sale during Parent-Teacher Conferences and the Book Fair on Wednesday, October 22 and Thursday, October 23 from 3:00–6:00 PM at the school. All items are in excellent condition and priced at \$5 each. We accept cash or cheque payments. This is a great opportunity to grab some extra items.

Please note that we are not accepting uniform donations at this time.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with sales on both days. If you are available to assist, please sign up here: **[HELP US WITH OUR USED UNIFORM SALE October 22nd & 23rd, 2025](#)**

TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help! So far, we have raised \$97 095. Amazing!
You can track our progress on the website



**Saint Charles
Catholic School**

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!



2024



**Saint Charles
Catholic School**

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


Wishing you all a great weekend.

Aneta Prettie PRINCIPAL

