PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



WE PRAISE YOU FOR ALL OF THE CREATION
YOU HAVE DONE FOR US.
I ASK YOU TO WATCH MY FAMILY AND
FRIENDS FOR ME.
I OFFER TO BE A BETTER LISTENER TO MY
TEACHER.
PLEASE HELP ME WORK VERY HARD AT
SCHOOL AND HOME.
THANK YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL LIFE.
AMEN.
FROM TAMILORET



This week, our focus has been on gratitude—taking time to recognize and give thanks for the many gifts we have been given, as well as the safe and caring environment we share at St. Charles.

Each student has gifts from God. For some, these gifts are visible and easy to see artistic talents, athletic abilities, or academic strengths. For others, their gifts may be quieter, hidden, or still developing. But what unites us is that everyone has talents and gifts that make our community stronger.

Alongside our gifts, each of us also has struggles and challenges. This is part of being human, and it is why understanding, and kindness are so important. When we remember that everyone is carrying both gifts and challenges, we are better able to interact with one another with compassion, patience, and respect.

October is here, and what a great month it is to be grateful—grateful for how far we have come this year and for the opportunities still ahead. It is also a time to prepare for the coming winter months. This October, students will enjoy two long weekends, and in just a few weeks parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss progress and growth. Exciting opportunities are also underway for students to get involved in our School Musical, and Halloween excitement is already in the air.

Our hope is that every child at SCCS continues to grow in gratitude for their gifts, works to develop their talents, and learns the value of kindness in both words and actions. Together, we can nurture a community where students feel thankful, safe, and encouraged to become the people God calls them to be.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- √ Orange Shirt Colour Day
- ✓ National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- √ Wednesday Fundraising Lunch
- ✓ Early Dismissal
- ✓ Alumni from St. Paul's High School volunteered in classrooms

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Enrichment on Tuesday
- Wednesday Fundraising Lunch
- Holy Childhood Assembly on Friday at 12:45

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- Thanksgiving October 13th No School/No BASC
- Enrichment on October 14th
- ❖ Band Practice for all grade 6 students at 6PM on October 14th
- Musical Tryouts on October 15th
- Grade 3, 3-4, 4 field-trip to Manitoba Museum on October 15th
- Grade 4s Bible celebration on October 16th
- Holy Childhood Popcorn Day on October 17th
- * Raffle Tickets Due October 13-24th

BASC

Updates

- Monday & Wednesday BLINE
- Tuesday Golf (last class)
- Wednesday Cheer
- Halloween Craft A few spots are still available

Reminders

- Students must be registered by the due dates to attend full-day BASC.
- Spots are limited, so please register early.
- If you have any questions about BASC, please contact Ms. Furutani.

PARKING REMINDER



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

• Students should not be getting into or out of vehicles anywhere on **St. Charles Street.** Please use the loading zone or side streets. It causes confusion for vehicles behind you not to mention the safety concern for students.

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. If you are able to help, 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.



CATECHISM REGISTRATION



Families who would like their child to attend Catechism are asked to register directly with the parish program. Classes offered this year include First Holy Communion & Reconciliation (Grade 2 and up) and Confirmation (Grade 8).

The deadline to register is October 12th. Please contact the parish at stcharls@mymts.net to complete your registration. Catechism is a wonderful opportunity for students to grow in their faith, prepare for sacraments, and strengthen their connection to the parish community.

FOOD DRIVE FOR HARVEST MANITOBA

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the next two weeks.

All donations can be placed in the containers located in the front entrance of the school. At the end of the drive, all proceeds will be donated to Harvest Manitoba to support families in need. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make a difference in our community.



UNIFORM UPDATE - POLO SHIRTS

The new polo shirts have been a big hit with our students and families. Not only do they look great, but they also stay tucked in better than the oxford shirts.

Originally, polo shirts were planned as a summer-only option (September and June). However, we are pleased to share that they will now be available as a uniform option for the entire school year. If you would like to place an order, please reach out directly to **Envision**.

CROSS COUNTRY MEET - CRESCENT DRIVE PARK

We had an excellent turnout at the Cross Country Meet on October 1 at Crescent Drive Park, with 45

students from Grades 4–8 proudly representing St. Charles. The weather was beautiful, and our student athletes gave their best effort, running hard and cheering one another on. It was wonderful to see such strong school spirit throughout the day.

We are proud to recognize the following athletes for their outstanding performances:



- Selina C 1st place, Grade 8
 Girls
- Paige G 2nd place, Grade 7
 Girls
- Margaret C 3rd place, Grade 7 Girls
- Sarah N 2nd place, Grade 6 Girls
- Henrik F 1st place, Grade 5 Boys
- Addison DH 3rd place, Grade 5 Girls
- Rhett G 5th place, Grade 4 Boys

Congratulations to all our runners for their determination and teamwork. Go Chargers!



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



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-andmouth 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.

HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Reminder: All orders must be placed through Munch-a-Lunch 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.
- Orders must be placed and paid one week in advance. Any orders not completed by the cutoff will be cancelled.

If you have questions, please contact <u>fundraising@stccs.ca</u>.

If you can give your time, please sign up using the link below: Volunteer for Wednesday Fundraising Lunches 2025



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.



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







Have a great weekend.

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