

## PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



*This week has been filled with faith, fun, and community spirit as we recognized All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day – three important days in the life of the Church.*

*All Hallows' Eve, or Halloween, marks the evening before All Saints' Day. It reminds us that joy and light overcome fear and darkness. As Catholics, we can celebrate with fun and creativity while remembering that this day has roots in faith and hope.*

*All Saints' Day, celebrated on November 1, is a time to honour all the saints - those known and unknown - who have lived lives of holiness and service to God. It reminds our students that sainthood is not just for a few special people but something we are all called to strive for through kindness, courage, and love.*

*All Souls' Day, on November 2, invites us to remember and pray for those who have gone before us. It is a gentle reminder of our connection to the communion of saints and the importance of praying for one another, both the living and the departed.*

*This week also brought a new tradition to St. Charles - our first-ever Halloween celebration. The day was filled with excitement, laughter, and school spirit. Students participated in a lively costume parade and assembly, enjoyed creative costume prizes, and ended the day with a whole-school dance performance that had everyone smiling. It was a wonderful way to build community and celebrate together.*

*As we move into November, may we carry forward the lessons of these holy days - to live with gratitude, to honour those who inspire us, and to share joy and faith wherever we go.*

***"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16***

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

- **Enrichment**
- **Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch**
- **Musical Bake Sale**
- **Halloween**

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- **Enrichment on Tuesday**
- **St. Charles Day Assembly on Tuesday**
- **PAC Meeting at 630 pm in our Cafeteria on Wednesday**
- **Wednesday Hot Dog/Subway Fundraising Lunch on Wednesday**
- **PML Lunch Hour Recital from 1135 am to 1230 pm on Thursday**
- **230 pm Early Dismissal on Thursday**
- **Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday**

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ✓ **MFIS PD Day-No School-BASC available on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>**
- ✓ **Remembrance Day-No School-NO BASC on Nov.11<sup>th</sup>**
- ✓ **Pizza Fundraising Lunch on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**
- ✓ **Lifetouch Picture Re-Takes on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>**
- ✓ **TRIVIA NIGHT on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**

## 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.



## REPORT CARD UPDATES: UNDERSTANDING THE 4-3-2-1 ACHIEVEMENT SCALE



Beginning this year, Kindergarten to Grade 6 report cards will use a 4-3-2-1 achievement scale to reflect student learning in alignment with Provincial Curriculum Standards. This scale helps describe how well a student demonstrates their understanding and ability to apply skills that have been taught.

### 4 – Very Good to Excellent

The student meets grade-level expectations independently and can apply skills to new situations. Work shows confidence, accuracy, and transfer of learning.

### 3 – Good Understanding

The student meets grade-level expectations independently with familiar material. There may be small errors, but overall understanding is strong.

### 2 – Basic Understanding

The student shows partial understanding and often needs teacher support or prompting. Skills are emerging but not yet consistent.

### 1 – Limited Understanding

The student does not yet meet the grade-level expectations, even with support, and needs re-teaching or additional practice.

This scale provides a more accurate reflection of how well students are progressing in relation to the curriculum. More information will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

## MFIS



On Monday, Mr. Vechina and three Grade 6 students—Amen, Ruby, and Meera—attended the Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools (MFIS) reception for MLAs at the Manitoba Legislature.

This event provided a wonderful opportunity to:

- Meet the Minister of Education and other leaders in the field,
- Connect with students from other independent schools,
- And engage with our local MLA, Logan Oxenham.

Mr. Oxenham has been a strong supporter of our school. He continues to show genuine interest in getting to know our community and finding ways to support us. Last year, one of our Grade 8 students was honoured with a Leadership Scholarship from his office—a testament to his commitment to youth and education.

## KOATS FOR KIDS



St. Charles Catholic School is proud to support United Way's "Koats for Kids" program again this year. From November 3-17, we will be collecting gently used winter clothing to help families in need.

Donations of mitts, hats, boots, ski pants, and winter jackets can be placed in the collection boxes near the school entrance. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to keep our community warm this winter.

## CANDY BUY BACK!



Got Halloween candy your kids can't eat? Whether it's due to allergies or just too much sugar, we've got you covered! Bring your candy to:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DQcmQ0JkxiQ/?igsh=MXExYjBpcnllYXFLOA==>

We'll pay kids cash for their unwanted treats! Let's make Halloween sweet for everyone - even without the candy!

## B&G UPDATE

On Monday, our boilers were temporarily turned off to allow Ambassador Mechanical to map out specific areas of the school and correctly identify the four heating zones. Once that work was completed, only two boilers and one pump were needed to restart the system.

This restart caused some of the unusual sounds, visible smoke, and noticeable smells near the back of the building that some of you may have experienced. Please be assured that our contractors were on-site the entire time and fully aware of the situation.

By Wednesday, most of the necessary work was completed. As with any building, ongoing maintenance and repairs are part of keeping things running smoothly. We're fortunate to have Secure Construction Group supporting us, and we trust their expertise in caring for our facility.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
331 St. Charles St.

DINNER  
PRIZES  
FUN

REGISTER HERE!



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

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

This week, we sent out an email to all families about our upcoming **Trivia Night** and also included a note in students' agendas.

Unfortunately, there was an issue with the Permission Click website on the same day, and the registration link appeared to be incorrect. We're happy to report that the link is now working properly, and registration is open!

Trivia Night is one of our biggest fundraisers and a wonderful opportunity to connect as a school community. We encourage everyone to register, come out, and enjoy the evening together.

This year, the event will be held at the school. After dinner, the trivia fun begins for adults, while students will head to the small gym to enjoy a movie.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## BASC



### Updates

- Monday – Grades 7 & 8 *Sushi Rolling*
- Tuesday – Grades 3–5 *Cookie Baking*
- Wednesday – *Cheer* and *BLINE*
- Thursday – Grades 6–8 *Hair Styles* (Early Dismissal Program 2:30–4:00 PM)

### Reminders

- Early dismissal is at 2:30 PM on Thursday.
- A new month begins on Monday-please ensure all BASC forms are submitted before attending.
- In the mornings, please send your child directly into the school.
- A BASC form must be submitted for every program attended.
- For last-minute changes, please text Ms. Furutani directly (no need to contact the office). She updates teachers daily before the last bell to ensure safety and accurate attendance.

### Upcoming Programs

- Full-Day BASC on November 10 and November 21 are full.
- We are gauging interest for Curling-please submit your form if interested.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Furutani.



Thank you for supporting the school musical first Bake Sale!

## HOCKEY SKILLS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



We've sent out two emails this month inviting Grade 6–8 students to register for our upcoming program, which begins in January and runs for just 10 weeks. At this time, registration numbers are still low, and unfortunately, we may need to cancel the program if we don't receive a few more sign-ups. If your child is interested and you'd like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or JP Vigier directly. Thank you for your support!



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](http://www.munchalunch.com) ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.
- If you have questions, please contact [fundraising@stccs.ca](mailto:fundraising@stccs.ca).
- EVERY WEDNESDAY we need volunteers, please sign up using the link below: [Volunteer for Wednesday Fundraising Lunches 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



### 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



### 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.

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