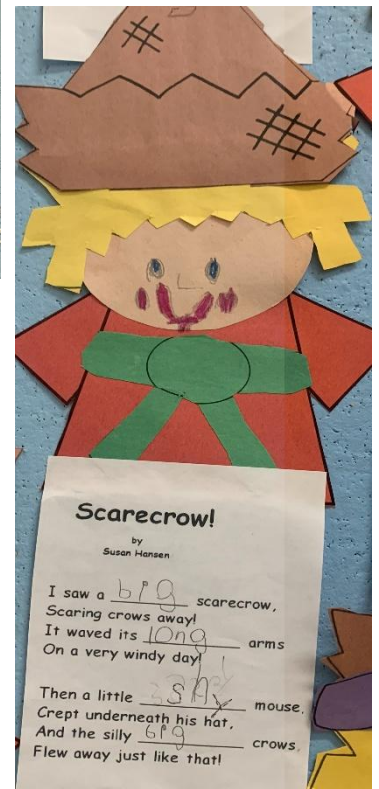


## PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, this is a wonderful time to pause and reflect on the many blessings we share as a school community. Gratitude reminds us to notice the good around us. Our families, our friends, our teachers, and the opportunities to learn and grow together in faith.

At St. Charles, we are thankful for our students, whose energy and curiosity bring joy to each day. We are thankful for our staff, whose care and dedication create a safe and welcoming place for every child to thrive. And we are thankful for our families, whose trust, support, and partnership make our community strong.

As you gather this weekend, may your homes be filled with laughter, love, and gratitude. Let us carry a thankful heart beyond the holiday, showing kindness and generosity to others every day.

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.”**

**Psalm 107:1**

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

- **Enrichment**
- **Wednesday Fundraising Lunch**
- **Holy Childhood Assembly**

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- ❖ **Thanksgiving Monday – No School/No BASC**
- ❖ **Enrichment on Tuesday**
- ❖ **Band Practice for all grade 6 students at 6PM on Tuesday**
- ❖ **Musical Tryouts on Wednesday**
- ❖ **Grade 3, 3-4, 4 field-trip to Manitoba Museum on Wednesday**
- ❖ **Grade 4 Bible celebration on Thursday**
- ❖ **Holy Childhood Popcorn Day on Friday**
- ❖ **Grade 8 Retreat on Friday**

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- Book Fair Week October 20th-23rd
- Grade 6 & 8 Immunization Day October 20th
- School Mass October 21st
- Parent Teacher Interviews October 22nd & 23rd 4-7 pm
- Staff Appreciation Day October 23rd
- MTS PD Day October 24th – No School/BASC Available
- Halloween Howl Dance October 24th
- Raffle Ticket Deadline October 24<sup>th</sup>

## ENRICHMENT COURSES



Students in Grades 7 and 8 participate in Enrichment Courses designed to inspire creativity, curiosity, and hands-on learning. This year's offerings include Cooking, STEM, Coding, and Art!

Students are mixed between grades, giving them a chance to collaborate with peers outside their usual classrooms, and they are also taught by different teachers, providing exposure to a variety of teaching styles and expertise.

These enrichment opportunities are an important part of the middle years experience at SCCS. They help students build confidence, discover their talents, and make connections between classroom learning and the real world.

## 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.

## GRADE 6 - EVENING BAND PRACTICE



Our Grade 6 Evening Band Practice will take place on Monday, October 14 at 6:00 PM, and it is very important that all Grade 6 students attend. This session is a key part of the Band program and will provide valuable learning and performance experience.

Students from Westwood High School will be joining us to offer hands-on guidance and support, helping our students strengthen their skills and confidence. Mrs. Gregorchuk will also be present to share details about the program, answer questions, and guide families through expectations for the year.

Parents are encouraged to attend, observe, and take the opportunity to ask questions. Please contact Mrs. Gregorchuk to confirm your attendance. We look forward to a productive and inspiring evening of music.



## 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](mailto: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 one more week. 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.



## SAVE THE DATE – SCCS MUSICAL 2026



We are thrilled to announce that our school musical will take place on Monday, May 4, 2026, at the Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG), with both a matinee and evening performance.

Auditions have already begun, and the excitement is building as students prepare to bring this year's production to life. To help support the event, we will be holding a series of bake sales in the coming months—thank you in advance for your support.

Please save the date and stay tuned for more details as we move closer to the big day. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Furutani.

## BASC

### Updates

- Wednesday – BLINE and Cheer
- Friday, October 24 – Full-Day BASC (Halloween Theme).  
Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 17.

### Reminders

- For pick-up after 4:00 PM, a parent fob is required. Fobs only work on the front door.
- The new @bascstccs Instagram account requires consent to view.
- November & December programs are now posted—don't miss out.
- November includes two full-day BASC days, one with a field trip.

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



## 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**.

## 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.



## HCA



Today, our students participated in an assembly introducing the Holy Childhood Association (HCA)—a global mission organization that encourages children to help other children in need through prayer, awareness, and acts of kindness.

At St. Charles Catholic School, our participation in HCA reminds us that even the smallest actions can make a big difference. During the assembly, we reflected on the Parable of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, where Jesus used a small gift—a few loaves and fish—to bless many. This story teaches us that when we share what we have, no matter how small, God can multiply our

kindness to help others in need.

In the weeks ahead, we will continue to live out this mission through small acts of service, including our upcoming Popcorn Days, which will help raise funds to support HCA's global efforts.

Together, we are answering God's call to care for one another and to make the world a kinder, more compassionate place.

## 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](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](#)



## ILLNESS REMINDER

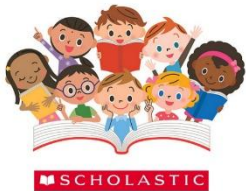
Students should remain at home if they have, or are suspected of having, any contagious illness. Some common examples include:

- 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!

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](#)



## 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.



## 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!

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**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 and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving.*

**Aneta Prettie PRINCIPAL**

