

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone for your incredible support this week. It was a busy one at St. Charles, and I am truly grateful for how our community always steps up.

First, Trivia Night-A heartfelt thank-you to the organizers! Your hard work, organization and teamwork made the night a wonderful success. Having the event at the school created such a welcoming atmosphere. The trivia questions, the food, and the energy in the gym were fantastic. (And I'm still amazed that Manitoba has that many Canadian Tire stores!) Community involvement was strong, and the extra volunteers who came out made a meaningful difference. It was a great evening of fun and connection.

This week also saw several Sign-Up Genius emails go out as we prepared for the Craft Fair and the Kinder Open House. These are two major events which happen very close together, and the way our community responded-quickly filling the volunteer roles and providing what was needed, speaks volumes about everyone's generosity and commitment. I am so grateful for all the support.

Looking ahead, we have two large field trips next week, The Manitoba Museum and the Moose game. Once again, we see many parents volunteering their time to help. A reminder that both field-trip days will be colour days for the students and staff attending.

Thank you, SCCS parents for everything you do to support our students, our staff, and the life of our school community. You should be very proud of the impact you have. If you have not had a chance to volunteer yet, I invite you to get involved-every contribution helps strengthen our community.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as stewards of God's grace" - 1 Peter



TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- Musical Candygrams
- Volleyball Playoffs started
- School Mass
- Musical Bake Sale
- Wednesday Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch
- Term 1 ended & PowerSchool was closed for Report Card writing
- Inservice Day

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Advisory on Tuesday
- Kinder Open House on Tuesday
- Grades 5-8 Manitoba Moose Hockey Game field trip on Tuesday
- Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch
- Grades 1-2 Manitoba Museum field trip on Friday
- SCCS Christmas Market Craft Fair on Saturday

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ❖ Advent begins on November 30th
- ❖ PML Term 2 begins on December 1st
- ❖ Enrichment on December 2nd
- ❖ PML Lunch Hour Recital on December 2nd from 1135 am – 1230 pm
- ❖ Grades 5 – 8 Reconciliation on December 3rd
- ❖ PML Recital on December 3rd at St. Mark's Lutheran Church from 430-830 pm
- ❖ Wednesday Subway/Hot Dog Fundraising Lunch
- ❖ 230 pm Early Dismissal on December 4th
- ❖ Report Cards distributed on December 4th
- ❖ PowerSchool re-opens on December 4th
- ❖ St. Nicholas Day Assembly on December 5th
- ❖ Raffle Draw on December 5th

MUSICAL CANDY CANE FUNDRAISER



Spread a little Christmas cheer while supporting our school musical. You can order a special candy cane for your child, a friend, classmates, or even a favourite teacher!

Each candy cane is \$1 and comes with a festive Christmas tag. Candy canes will be delivered to classrooms on Tuesday, December 16th.

All orders must be submitted by Friday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Please use the Permission Click link below to place your order:

<https://permission.click/rVpNg/ca>

Thank you for supporting the musical and helping us make this season bright!

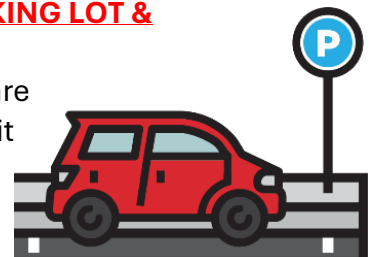
PARKING REMINDER

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](#)**

The crosswalk near the church: you cannot pass the lineup of cars that are waiting for patrols or waiting for the loading zone. Please be patience and wait in line and DO NOT PASS vehicles at any time.

Parking: Please do not park or block our neighbours' driveways.



Your support makes a real difference in ensuring safety for our students and families.

REPORT CARDS

This year, you will notice a new Learning Behaviours comment box on your child's report card. This section provides specific feedback on important skills such as responsibility, work habits, collaboration, and overall readiness to learn.

Providing comments in this area is important because learning behaviours deeply influence a child's success in the classroom. They help families understand how their child approaches learning, how they interact with others, and where support may be needed. These habits form the foundation for academic growth and future learning.

We hope this addition gives families a clearer picture of how students are growing as learners.

KOATS FOR KIDS



St. Charles Catholic School was proud to support United Way's "Koats for Kids" program again this year.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping to keep our community warm this winter.

We are in need a volunteer to pick up the donated items from the school and drop them off at YMCA on Portage on Monday. Please contact school reception if you can volunteer. Thank you in advance!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Will take place on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30 PM at Portage Avenue Church (1420 Portage Avenue). There will be no matinee performance.

The concert will also be live streamed for those unable to attend.

Our students and staff have been working hard—please save the date, as your family's presence helps make the evening special.



LICE REMINDER FOR FAMILIES



As we move through the school year, we kindly remind families to regularly check their children's hair for head lice. Lice are common and can spread easily in environments where children are in close contact. Please take a few minutes each week to inspect your child's scalp, especially behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. If lice or nits (eggs) are found, please treat promptly and notify the school. Early detection helps prevent further spread.

Lice FAQs:

- Is an itchy head always a sign of lice? Not necessarily. While itching can occur, many children with lice do not feel itchy at all.
- Can lice jump from head-to-head? No. Lice do not jump or fly—they crawl. They spread through direct head-to-head contact.
- Do lice live on pets? No. Head lice only live on human scalps, not on pets.
- What do nits look like? Nits are tiny, oval-shaped eggs that stick to the hair shaft close to the scalp. They can look like dandruff but don't flake off easily.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy!

HOCKEY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who registered for the Hockey Enrichment Program. Unfortunately, due to low enrollment, the program will not run this year. We appreciate your support and hope to offer it again next year. JP Vigier will follow up to finalize registrations.

TEACHER GIFTS



Join our St. Charles tradition of Homeroom Teacher Gifts from the Class! Participation is voluntary, and any amount is appreciated. Monetary donations due Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Donate:

- Online: <https://permission.click/GwVrY/ca>
- Cash/Cheque: Envelope labeled with teacher's name, "Christmas Gift Donation," and student's last name.

Please note: Gifts for other staff should be done individually.

Thank you for your generosity! Contact your class rep with questions.

KINDERGARTEN 2026 – 2027

Do you have a child ready for kindergarten next year? Do you know someone who does? If so, please contact the school office.

We are excited to invite families to our Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 PM. The evening will include an information session, a school tour led by our student ambassadors, and a small reception.

Our current families are truly our best ambassadors, and we appreciate your continued support in promoting our school. We are expecting a big turn out this year!



Join us for the **ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR** on November 29 from 10:00–3:00!

Enjoy a wonderful day of local vendors, handmade goods, delicious treats, and our festive hot chocolate bar.

It's the perfect way to start your Christmas shopping while supporting our school community.

331 St. Charles Street - We can't wait to see you there!

BASC

- Monday: BLINE
- Wednesday: Cheer Recital at 4:20 PM
Please note: there is no BLINE on Wednesday.
- Thursday: Hair Styles

A few reminders:

- Next week begins a new month.
- There are still a few spots left in the Christmas Craft.
- January registration forms will start new BASC program sessions.

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



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](#)

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!

2024



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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.



Donate Today



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.

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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