

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Since it was a short week at SCCS, I thought I would take the opportunity to officially announce that the excitement is building in our school as we prepare for our Christmas Concert. This event is always a highlight of our school year-a time when our entire community gathers to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season.



This year, we are thrilled to announce that our concert will be held at:

**Portage Avenue Church** (1420 Portage Avenue)

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Start Time: 6:30 PM**

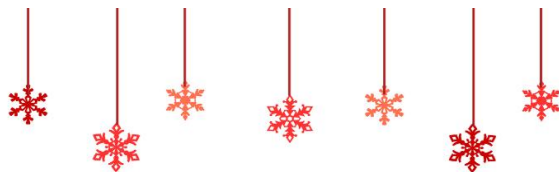
*Please note: there is no matinee performance.*

Given the growing size of our school community, finding a venue that can comfortably seat close to 1,000 people is essential. Hosting two performances in one day is no longer feasible or sustainable. This new location allows us to come together for one beautiful evening performance, offering:

- The best possible seating for families
- An enhanced stage and backstage experience for students
- A spacious, accessible venue ideal for a full-school production

We are also pleased to share that the concert will be live streamed, allowing extended family members who cannot attend in person to be part of this joyful celebration.

Our students and staff have been working incredibly hard, and from what I have seen so far, it is going to be a spectacular performance. Please save the date-your family's participation is an important part of making this evening meaningful. More details will follow in the coming weeks!



SCCS PRESENTS



**COME,  
BE MERRY**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

6:30 PM

PORTAGE AVE CHURCH  
1420 PORTAGE AVE

PRINCIPAL: ANETA PRETTIE  
DIRECTOR: CHRISTELLE GREGORCHUK  
ACCOMPANIST: MELISSA GINGRICH  
SOUND ENGINEER: EVANGEL ARCEGA



**WELCOME**

OH HOW JOYFULLY KL  
WREN

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN KF  
WORK

YOU'RE A MEAN ONE MR. GRINCH  
KINDER CHOIR  
SMITH

SEVEN FEET OF SNOW GR. 1  
ALBRECHT

CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING  
GR. 1/2  
DRENNAN

SWEET SILENT NIGHT GR. 2  
BECK

HOT CHOCOLATE GR. 1-2 CHOIR  
BECK

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY GR. 3  
DAVIS

AWAY IN A MANGER GR. 3/4  
MURRAY

FELIZ NAVIDAD GR. 4  
FELICIANO

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE  
GR. 5M  
TRAINOR

O COME O COME EMMANUEL GR. 5F  
NEALE

ONCE UPON A DECEMBER GR. 3-5 CHOIR  
FLAHERTY

THE PRAYER GR. 6-8 CHOIR  
FOSTER

MARY'S BOY CHILD GR. 3-8 CHOIR  
BONEY M

**CLOSING**

Congratulations to our amazing students on their  
wonderful performances!!



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

- ✓ MFIS PD Day
- ✓ Remembrance Day
- ✓ Pizza Fundraising Lunch
- ✓ SMA and SPHS presentations for Grade 8s on Thursday
- ✓ Lifetouch Picture Re-Takes
- ✓ SMA & SPHS presentations
- ✓ TRIVIA NIGHT on Friday

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- ❖ Musical Candygrams begin on Monday
- ❖ Volleyball Playoffs begin
- ❖ School Mass on Tuesday at 1030 am – ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ❖ Musical Bake Sale on Tuesday
- ❖ Wednesday Hot Dog/Subway Fundraising Lunch
- ❖ Term 1 ends & PowerSchool closes on Thursday
- ❖ Inservice on November 21st – No School – BASC available

## LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- Advisory on November 25th
- Kinder Open House on November 25th at 630 pm
- Grades 5-8 Manitoba Moose Hockey Game field trip on November 25th
- Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch on November 26th
- Grades 1-2 Manitoba Museum field trip on November 28th
- SCCS Christmas Market Craft Fair on November 29th here at SCCS
- Advent begins on November 30th

## 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 patient 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.

## 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.

## 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!

## KINDERGARTEN 2026 – OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Do you have a child ready for kindergarten next year? If so, please let the office know so we can add your information to our list.

**KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE**  
TUESDAY NOV. 25, 2025  
6:30 PM

**K-8 GENERAL OPEN HOUSE**  
TUESDAY JAN. 27, 2026  
6:30 PM  
KINDER FAIR 6:00 PM

EXPLORE THIS DYNAMIC GEM ON THE  
**WEST SIDE OF WINNIPEG**  
Educating children of today's world: a journey with  
Christ in excellence, love and transcendence.  
KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 8

**CALL AND BOOK YOUR  
APPOINTMENT TODAY!**  
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sec@stccs.ca

www.stccs.ca

information to our list.

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.

On Wednesday, an Open House card was sent home with the youngest child in each family. Please do not throw these cards away—feel free to share them with someone you know, post them at your workplace, or add them to a community bulletin board.

Our current families are truly our best ambassadors, and we appreciate your continued support in promoting our school.





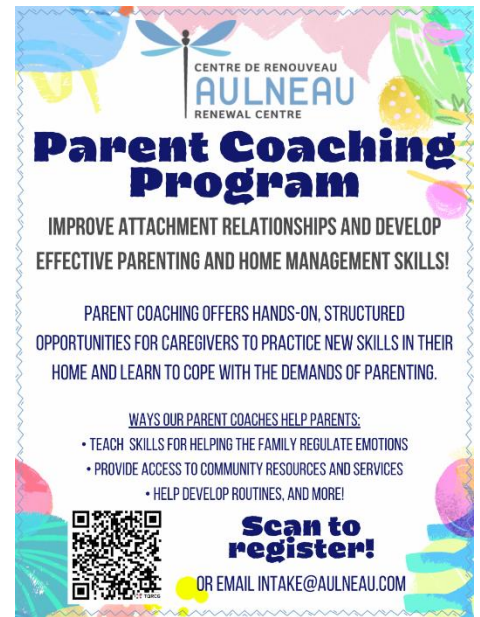
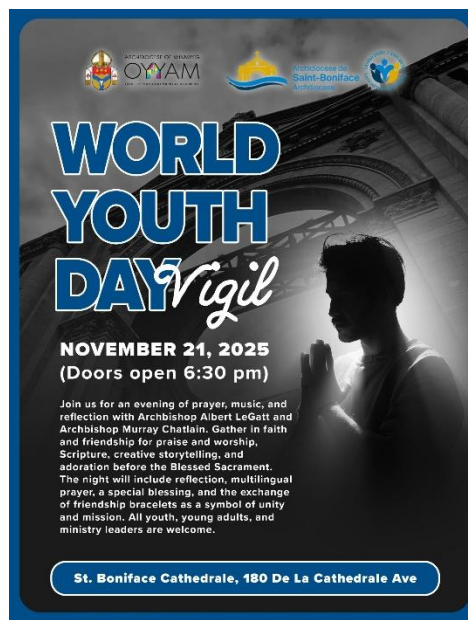
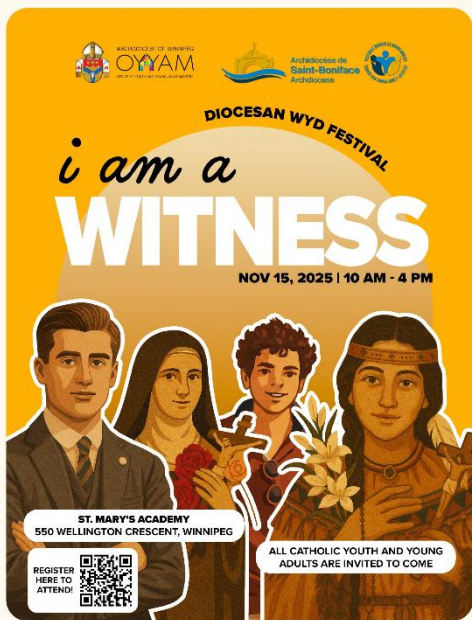
Join us for the **ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR** on November 29 from 10:00–3:00!

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!

## IN THE COMMUNITY



## BASC

Monday: BLINE

Tuesday: Winter Craft

Wednesday: Cheer & BLINE

Thursday: Hair Styling

Friday: No school — you must be registered to attend full day BASC.

Upcoming Events:

- Cheer Recital: Wednesday, November 26 at 4:20 PM
- BLINE Demo/Testing: Monday, December 15 at 4:30 PM



Please note that Curling will not be offered this winter. There are still a few spots available in December's Craft.

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](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](#)

## BAKE SALE



Our Musical Bake Sale is happening on Tuesday, and all items will be priced at \$1 or \$2.

Thank you for supporting our school musical!

## 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!

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.*

**Aneta Prettie PRINCIPAL**

