

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

What an Incredible Team! Each of our staff members play a vital role in the lives of our students and the families at SCCS. We are grateful for your dedication and the impact you make every day!

## STAFF LOYALTY RECOGNITION AWARDS



Every year, the Administration and School Board present Staff Loyalty Recognition Awards to honor staff members who have reached significant service milestones at St. Charles Catholic School. The following staff are recognized for their dedication:

- 5 years of service: Mrs. Christle
- 10 years of service: Ms. Jaremowich & Mr. Vechina
- 15 years of service: Mrs. Lazatin
- 20 years of service: Mrs. Prettie

Thank you for your hard work, commitment, and all that you do to make SCCS a thriving and faith-filled community!

**“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-5**



Mrs. A. Barnes



Mrs. R. Bermitt-Cascegn



Ms. A. Carreiro



Mrs. N. Chliboyko



Mrs. C. Christle



Ms. K. Copeland



Mr. L. Domolewski



Mrs. S. Fiangos



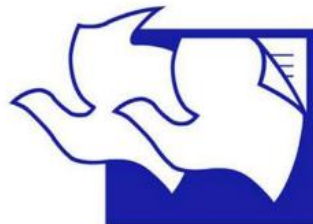
Mrs. N. Frostad



Ms. K. Furutani



Mrs. C. Gregorchuk



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Ms. T. Jaremowich



Mrs. S. Langlois



Mrs. C. Laufer

Staff  
2025 - 2026



Mrs. M. Lazatin



Ms. C. Levesque



Ms. L. Lynne-Molloy



Ms. C. Mardis



Ms. M. McEvoy



Ms. J. Mulvena



Mrs. E. Newman



Mr. C. Penner



Mrs. A. Prettie



Mr. N. Sanchez



Ms. D. Santos



Mrs. L. Senderewich



Mr. B. Shepherd



Mrs. A. Sherlock



Ms. A. Steininger



Ms. A. Thompson



Ms. A. Van Hellevert



Mr. J. Vechina

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

- School Mass
- Musical Bake Sale
- Musical practices
- Pizza Fundraising Lunch
- “Toonies for Tuition” Colour Day

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Re-registrations distributed on Monday
- Enrichment on Tuesday
- Kinder Fair & General Open House on Tuesday
- Musical practices
- Wednesday Hot Dog/Subway Fundraising Lunch
- PML Lunch Hour Recital on Thursday
- Holy Childhood Association Popcorn Day on Thursday
- No School Friday

## LOOK WHAT’S COMING UP...

- ❖ February is “I Love to Read Month” – activities all month!
- ❖ Assembly on February 2nd
- ❖ Pizza Fundraising Lunch on February 4th
- ❖ Middle Years Exams February 3rd to 6th
- ❖ Musical practices February 4th and 5th
- ❖ 230 pm Early Dismissal on February 5th

## KINDERGARTEN 2026



If your family has a child who will be starting Kindergarten, please ensure that a registration form has been completed. We are now beginning to process Kindergarten applications and will soon be making placement decisions and sending acceptance letters.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or need support with the registration process.

### Kindergarten Fair

Families with children entering Kindergarten are invited to attend our Kindergarten Fair on January 27 at 6:00 p.m. This evening is designed especially for children, giving them an opportunity to explore the school, visit Kindergarten spaces, and begin feeling comfortable and confident about their transition to kindergarten!

## SCCS OPEN HOUSE



We invite families to attend our Open House for Grades 1–8 on January 27 at 6:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit classrooms, meet staff, and learn more about our programs.

Please help spread the word by sharing this invitation with friends and family who may be interested. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

We are looking for volunteers and support. Please sign up using the link below:

**[VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to assist with our Kinder Fair & General Open House on January 27, 2026](#)**

## REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026



On Monday, re-registration envelopes will be sent home with students in kindergarten to Grade 7. These envelopes contain important forms that must be completed and returned to the school by February 20th to ensure we hold a spot for your child for next year.

If your family is not returning next year, please indicate this on the form and return it to the office. Your prompt attention to this helps us plan effectively for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your cooperation!

## JAZZ BAND



We are excited to launch a new Jazz Band for students in Grades 7 and 8 on Fridays during the lunch hour! This program offers students the opportunity to explore a unique musical style, strengthen their listening and improvisation skills, and grow their confidence as ensemble performers. Jazz Band has been introduced to give interested students an additional, fun, and collaborative way to make music together while building skills that support all areas of their musical learning.

## GRADE 3 WISE WORKSHOP DAY



Mrs. Mardis' Grade 3 class enjoyed two hands-on WISE Kid-Netic Energy workshops. Students explored the basics of coding through fun, interactive activities in Code Makers Jr., and then learned about forces and stability while building traditional Indigenous-inspired structures. It was a creative, collaborative day of learning!



## GRADE 4 DETECTIVE CLUB



The Grade 4 Detective Club begins on Monday, February 2. Students will work together to solve age-appropriate mysteries using deductive reasoning, collaboration, and critical thinking. We can't wait to see our young detectives in action! A big thank you to Mrs. Fliangos for leading the club for chess students in Grade 4.

## STUDENT AMBASSADORS



Our Student Ambassadors continue to represent our school with outstanding leadership, kindness, and pride. Their time, effort, and genuine love for our school community shine through in everything they do.

We often hear from prospective families about how impressed they are with our students-their confidence, helpfulness, and welcoming spirit make a lasting impact on our school. Your gift of leadership is truly appreciated, and we are so proud of you.



## CHESS CLUB



Our Grade 5 and 6 students are sharpening their strategic thinking and problem-solving skills in Chess Club! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn the game, challenge themselves, and enjoy friendly competition with their peers.

A big thank you to Mrs. Froystad for leading the club. We appreciate it!

## GRADE 8 SCIENCE

Open Heart Surgery – Students dissected a pig heart to deepen their understanding of the *Cells and Systems* unit as part of the WISE Kid-Netic Energy program.

This hands-on investigation helped students make meaningful connections between anatomy and physiology—an exciting learning moment they won't soon forget! Thank you to Ms. Copeland for organizing this learning experience.



## I LOVE to READ Month

Thank you to our Academic Committee for organizing all of the activities for I LOVE to READ Month! If you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

## PARKING



St. Charles Street, the parking lot, and the bus loop are single-lane traffic areas. Passing another vehicle is not permitted at any time.

This behaviour is dangerous and creates serious safety risks and confusion during drop-off and pick-up.

Drivers must remain in line and wait their turn while vehicles move through the loading zone. Failure to follow these procedures compromises the safety of students, staff, and families.



With the cold weather, there are no student patrols outside, so please be extra cautious and watch for students crossing. We do have a staff member assisting, but for everyone's safety, please follow all traffic expectations during drop-off and pick-up.

Thank you for your immediate cooperation in keeping our school grounds safe and accessible for all.

A colorful poster for 'I Love to Read Month!'. At the top, it says 'I ♥ to READ MONTH!' with a heart and glasses icon. Below this, there are several activities listed with corresponding icons: 'Feb. 2: Kick-Off Assembly at 9:30' with a book icon, 'Feb. 4: Silly Socks, Stories &amp; Jokes' with a sock icon, 'Feb. 11: Be a Good Sport – Wear a Jersey &amp; Read a Sports Book' with a jersey and book icon, 'Feb. 20: Flashlight Friday &amp; PJ Day' with a flashlight and book icon, and 'Feb. 27: Teacher Swap &amp; Reading Mob' with a teacher and students icon. The background is a light yellow with various reading-related illustrations.



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](#)

## MUSICAL

Support our Musical program by purchasing tickets for musical baskets! Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased through the school office or at WAG on May 4.

This year's baskets include:

- Kids' Basket – valued at \$150
- Couples' Basket – valued at \$300
- Family Basket – valued at \$375

Thank you for your continued support of our school Musical!



## THE 26th ANNUAL SCCS GOLF TOURNAMENT



In Memory of Robert Morrison & Chad Friesen

Our annual tournament is coming up on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Breezy Bend Country Club.

Sponsorship packages and additional information are available on the Parent Zone.

Please help support this important event!

## PIZZA FUNDRAISER



We are excited to announce that we are seeking a Volunteer Coordinator for our upcoming Frozen Pizza Fundraiser-one of our most delicious and successful community events each year! This role is a wonderful opportunity for someone who enjoys organizing, connecting with families, and helping bring an important fundraiser to life. If you are interested in taking on this important role or would like to learn more, please reach out to our Fundraising Team at [fundraising@stccs.ca](mailto:fundraising@stccs.ca).

We truly appreciate your support-our school community thrives because of amazing volunteers like you!

## BASC

Here's what's happening in BASC this week:

- Monday: *Tempura Fry* — No BLINE scheduled
- Wednesday: *BLINE*
- Thursday: *Cheer*
- Friday: *No School* — BASC is **full**



As we head into a new month next week, please ensure your BASC forms are submitted if your child will be attending.

If you have any outstanding BASC fees, kindly submit your payments.

Reminder emails have already been sent out.

BASC Tax Receipts will be sent home by the end of February.

Please note: There is no BASC during Spring Break.

Summer Care forms will be available in February.

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



Our BASC program now has its own Instagram account!



You can find us at [@bascstccs](https://www.instagram.com/bascstccs).

Because the account is private and for SCCS families only, please send me your Instagram username so I can approve your request to join.

Thank you, Kim Furutani

## UNIFORMS

A reminder that students are expected to follow the school Uniform Code of Conduct and wear the complete, properly fitted uniform each day. Please note the following key reminders:



- Skirt lengths must be no more than two inches above the knee.
- Socks and tights must meet uniform guidelines (no leggings with socks).
- Pants worn from outside the supplier must meet uniform requirements (no elastic waists or cuffs).
- Uniform shoes must be blue or black only.
- Long-sleeved shirts or turtlenecks may not be worn under uniform shirts.

Uniform compliance will be monitored, and families will be contacted if corrections are needed. Thank you!

## HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER



Our Wednesday hot lunch fundraiser continues!

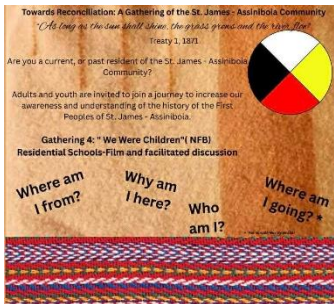
Reminder: All orders must be placed through Munch-a-Lunch at [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com) ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

If you have questions, please contact [fundraising@stccs.ca](mailto:fundraising@stccs.ca).

We also are in need and have many volunteer opportunities available: **[VOLUNTEER for WEDNESDAY FUNDRAISING LUNCHES 2026](#)**

## TOWARDS RECONCILIATION: COMMUNITY GATHERING

*On behalf of St. Ann's Parish*



Current and former residents of the St. James–Assiniboia community are invited to an evening of learning and reflection focused on the history of the First Peoples of this area. This month's gathering features the NFB film *We Were Children*, followed by a facilitated discussion on Residential Schools.

Date: Monday, January 26

Time: 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Location: St. James Public Library (2nd Floor), 1910 Portage Ave.

Cost: Free. Casual dress. Light refreshments provided.

For more information, contact Leanne at [leanne.rm.boyd@gmail.com](mailto:leanne.rm.boyd@gmail.com) or Patrick at [patrickmacdougall1975@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmacdougall1975@gmail.com).

## FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION



**Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church (3390 Portage Avenue)** will be holding an Introductory Meeting for parents/guardians and children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 9 of the church. To register, please call 204-832-7175 or email [scamier.stjohnxxiii@gmail.com](mailto:scamier.stjohnxxiii@gmail.com). During the meeting, the preparation program will be explained, and families will receive schedules, workbooks, and handouts. The tentative celebration dates are:

- First Reconciliation: Friday, March 13, 2026
- First Communion: Sunday, June 7, 2026



## PAC MEETING

# PAC NEWS

Please join us for our next PAC meeting on Wednesday, January 28, at 6:30 PM right here at the school. Whether you've been to every meeting or this is your very first time, all parents are welcome and

encouraged to attend. It's a great way to stay connected with what's happening in our school community.

We would love to see you there!

## TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help! So far, we have raised **\$98 095**. 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

 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



*Have a great weekend!*

**Aneta Prettie PRINCIPAL**



