

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As we begin 2026 and return from the Christmas break, I hope your time away was restful and filled with moments shared with family and friends, as well as the creation of new memories.



This first week back was a meaningful one at St. Charles. Students learned about the conclusion of the Christmas season, and as decorations gradually came down, it provided a natural opportunity to reflect and transition into the next chapter of the school year. It was a full and productive week focused on re-establishing routines, reconnecting as a community, and settling back into learning.

It has been wonderful to see students return with positive energy and readiness to engage. The calm and steady return to routine sets a strong foundation for the months ahead, and we look forward to continuing the important work of learning, growth, and community building together.

Thank you for your continued support as we move forward into the new year.



TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

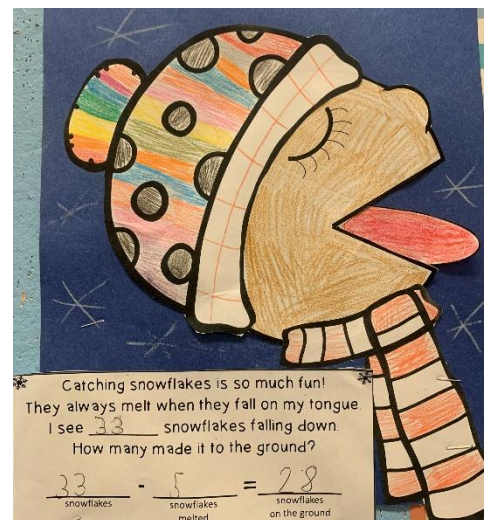
- **First day back to school after Christmas Break**
- **Advisory**
- **Learn to Skate**
- **Musical practices**
- **Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch**
- **Early Dismissal**

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- **Enrichment on Tuesday**
- **Musical practices**
- **WISE workshops for Grade 3 & 8 on Thursday**
- **Wednesday Hot Dog/Subway Fundraising Lunch**

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- **School Mass at 1030 am on January 20th**
- **Musical Bake Sale on January 20th**



- **Musical practices**
- **Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch on January 21st**
- **“Toonies for Tuition” Colour Day on January 23rd**

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.

INFORMATION SESSIONS & OPEN HOUSES



Several high schools will be hosting upcoming information sessions and open houses. We have printed the information forms and made them available to our grade 8 students, and they are also posted in the front entrance of the school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the office.

HCA

Thank you to our families for supporting the Holy Childhood Association Advent Box initiative. If your child participated, please ensure that any money collected is submitted to the school office as soon as possible. Your generosity helps support children in need around the world, and we appreciate your continued commitment to living out our faith through service.



PARKING REMINDER

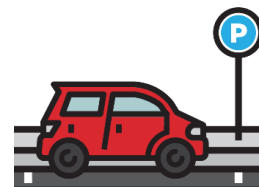


St. Charles Street, the parking lot, and the bus loop are single-lane traffic areas.

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. Thank you for your immediate 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**



BASKETBALL



Our school basketball season will run from January 19 to March 20. We are excited to offer several teams this year and are grateful to the coaches who support our student athletes.

Teams & Coaches:

- Developmental Girls: Mrs. Van Helvert & Mrs. Cascega
- Competitive Girls: Mrs. Chliboyko
- Developmental Boys: Mr. Vechina
- Competitive Boys: Mr. Ferenc & Mr. Esteban (Parent Volunteers)

Important Reminder:

Students are required to wear their school gym uniform for all basketball practices and games. We look forward to a great season ahead and appreciate the continued support of our families. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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!



SCIENCE FAIR



We are looking for **volunteers interested in serving as judges for our upcoming school Science Fair**. No previous judging experience is required-however, a background or interest in science is helpful. If you enjoy encouraging student learning and curiosity, we would love to hear from you!

Please reach out to me if you are interested.

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!

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SCHOOL APPAREL

BASC Program



- Tax receipts will be sent home in February.
- Friday, January 30 will be a full-day and students must be registered by Monday in order to attend.
- When submitting a payment, a completed registration form must also be submitted.

Upcoming activities:

- **Monday:** BLINE begins
- **Tuesday:** Kindergarten-Grade 2 Cake Bake & Decorate
- **Wednesday:** New Year Craft. There are still spots available in the craft activity.
- **Thursday:** Cheer/POM begins

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



HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER



Our Wednesday hot lunch fundraiser continues in the new year! 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.

We also are in need and have many volunteer opportunities available: **VOLUNTEER for WEDNESDAY FUNDRAISING LUNCHES 2026**

TURF CAMPAIGN

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



Have a great weekend!

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