

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



This past week, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week, a special time dedicated to recognizing and giving thanks for the gift of Catholic education. It was an opportunity to reflect on who we are, what we stand for, and the unique role our school plays in forming students academically, spiritually, and socially.

Catholic Schools Week was about community, faith, learning, and service. It highlighted the strong partnership between home, school, and Church, and reminded us that Catholic education nurtures the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. At St. Charles, our faith is woven into daily learning, relationships, and decision-making, and this week allowed us to celebrate that shared mission in meaningful ways.

Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of engaging activities. We hosted STEM workshops, celebrated Valentine's Day, marked the 100th Day of School, and took part in several fun and collaborative group activities. Each class also went on a special field trip, extending learning beyond the classroom and strengthening our sense of community.

We concluded the week with an in-service day on Friday. Our teaching staff joined educators from other Catholic schools for a shared professional workshop. This time together allowed our teachers to collaborate, deepen their practice, and continue growing in their vocation as Catholic educators.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the parents who volunteered throughout the week. We truly could not have done it without you. Your willingness to give your time and energy speaks volumes about the strength of our community and the value you place on being actively involved in your child's education. Your presence and support make a meaningful difference.



Thank you for your continued partnership in making St. Charles such a vibrant and thriving community.

**“Let all that you do be done in love.” 1  
Corinthians 16:14**



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

- Catholic Schools Week activities
- "I Love to Read Month" activities
- NO PML this week
- Enrichment
- Musical practices
- Wednesday Hot Dog/Subway Lunch
- No School Friday



## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Louis Riel Day on Monday– No School/No BASC
- Musical practices
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast 7-9 am
- Advisory
- Ash Wednesday Mass at 1030 am
- Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch
- Re-registrations are due Friday



## LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ✓ Advisory on February 24th
- ✓ Musical Bake Sale on February 23rd
- ✓ Grades 4 & 5 Track & Field Relays on February 24th
- ✓ Pink Shirt Colour Day on February 25th
- ✓ Musical practices
- ✓ Wednesday Hot Dog/Subway Day
- ✓ Jump Rope for Heart Assembly on February 27th
- ✓ Grades 7 & 8 MB Museum field trip on February 27th



## 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.

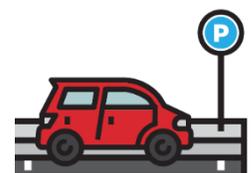
Drivers must remain in line and wait their turn while vehicles move through the loading zone. Failure to follow these procedures compromises the safety of students, staff, and families.



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 outside to assist, 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.

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**

## REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027

**Re-register  
NOW!**

**Registrations are due** February 20<sup>th</sup>.

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!

## SHROVE TUESDAY BREAKFAST



Join us on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00–9:00 a.m. in the SCCS Cafeteria for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast! It's a perfect chance to gather as a school community, enjoy some tasty food, and start the day with great company. Students must be accompanied by an adult.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! While the event is free, we will be gratefully accepting donations for the Holy Child Association.

### What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday is a long-standing Christian tradition marking the day before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, families would use up rich ingredients like eggs, butter, and sugar before beginning the Lenten season-hence the custom of enjoying pancakes. Today, it remains a joyful day of community, celebration, and preparation for Lent.

KF, KL, and Grade 5M families are organizing this event and were sent this link to volunteer: **VOLUNTEERS & ITEMS NEEDED for our SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE**

## **BREAKFAST Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

### BASC

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

- Wednesday: *BLINE*
- Thursday: *Cheer*

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 after the long weekend.

Please note: There is no BASC during Spring Break.

Summer Care forms are available!

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



## I LOVE to READ Month

Thank you to our Academic Committee for organizing all the activities for I LOVE to READ Month! Up next is PJ Day and Flashlight Friday! If you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

## 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!

## 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**

## THE 26th ANNUAL SCCS GOLF TOURNAMENT

In Memory of Robert Morrison & Chad Friesen

Our annual tournament is on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Breezy Bend Country Club. Sponsorship packages and additional information are available on Parent Zone.

Please help support this important fundraising event for the school!

Our golf tournament is just around the corner, and we are currently looking for a few coordinators to help support planning. If you are interested and available, please contact [fundraising@stccs.ca](mailto:fundraising@stccs.ca)



## BINGO NIGHT at SCCS

St. Charles Catholic School

# BINGO NIGHT

Wine & Beer Bar Available during the evening

Bring your family, friends, and co-workers for a fun evening of games, prizes, and good company!  
\*Must be 12 years old unless accompanied by a playing adult.

DATE & TIME	LOCATION	PAYMENT ACCEPTED
March 5, 2026 6:30 pm Doors open 6:00	St. Charles Catholic School 331 St. Charles Street	Cash Debit Credit

**Card Prices**

- 3 View Card - \$6.00
- 9 View Card - \$15.00
- Pick 7 - \$1.00
- Lucky Star Game - \$2.00

**Card Packages**

**\$50 Pack (\$54 value)**

- 2 x 3 View Cards
- 2 x 9 View Cards
- 4 x Pick 7 Cards
- 4 x Lucky Star Game

**\$30 Pack (\$34 value)**

- 2 x 3 View Cards
- 1 x 9 View Card
- 3 x Pick 7 Cards
- 2 x Lucky Star Game

**\$20 Pack (\$24 value)**

- 1 x 3 View Card
- 1 x 9 View Card
- 1 x Pick 7 Card
- 1 x Lucky Star Game

**50/50 Tickets**

- \$2 x 1 Ticket
- \$10 x 10 Tickets
- \$20 x 30 Tickets

**DON'T FORGET YOUR DAUBERS!**

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Join us for a fun-filled evening at our St. Charles Catholic School Bingo Night held at the school on March 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.).

Bring your family, friends, and co-workers for a night of games, prizes, and great company! A Wine & Beer Bar will also be available throughout the evening.

Please note: Guests must be 12 years or older unless accompanied by a playing adult.

Payment Accepted: Cash, Debit, and Credit  
We'll have a variety of card options and packages available, along with 50/50 tickets for purchase.

Don't forget to bring your daubers!

Come out and enjoy a lively community evening- you won't want to miss it!

**[HELP NEEDED BINGO NIGHT AT SCCS March 5th, 2026](#)**

### 2026–2027 School Year Key Dates

Still more dates to come regarding Statutory holidays, Inservice Days, and Early Dismissals.

<b>First Day of School for students</b>	September 9, 2026
<b>Last Day Before Christmas Break</b>	December 18, 2026
<b>Students Return After Break</b>	January 4, 2027
<b>Grade 7 &amp; 8 Exams</b>	February 1-5, 2027
<b>No School / No BASC – Good Friday</b>	March 26, 2027
<b>Spring Break / NO BASC</b>	March 29 – April 2, 2027
<b>No School / No BASC – Easter Monday (in lieu of March 29)</b>	April 5, 2027
<b>Last Day of School</b>	June 30, 2027

# 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.



### Investing in Our New School Artificial Field

Join our mission to raise \$250,000 for a new school field. With your support, we'll transform dreams into reality, providing a safe, state-of-the-art space for our students to play, learn, and grow. Every contribution counts. Be a part of our journey today!



### 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 LONG weekend!

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