

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Our school is once again participating in **Jump Rope for Heart**, supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Students took part in an assembly today where they learned about keeping their hearts and brains healthy. Each student received a postcard with a QR code linking directly to our school's fundraising page to make contributing simple and accessible.

You can also access our fundraising page here: [St Charles Catholic School - Winnipeg | Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart](#)

As part of our Lenten journey, we are participating in the **40 Cans for Lent** initiative. We invite families to donate canned goods and non-perishable items throughout the season. All items can be brought to the school office or directly to your child's classroom.

One of the most meaningful lessons we can teach our children is the joy and responsibility of giving to others. When children learn to share what they have, they begin to understand compassion, empathy, and the call to care for our neighbours.



You play an important role in helping your child learn generosity.

Here are simple ways to nurture giving at home:

- Choose pantry items together to donate.
- Pick a donation while grocery shopping and talk about helping others.
- Encourage earning and giving through small chores and setting aside a portion for charity.

Thank you for helping us make a meaningful impact during this season of giving.

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." **Proverbs 11:25**

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- ✓ Musical Bake Sale
- ✓ Advisory
- ✓ Grades 4 & 5 Track & Field
- ✓ Pink Shirt Colour Day
- ✓ Musical practices
- ✓ Hot Dog/Subway Lunch
- ✓ Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
- ✓ Grades 7 & 8 MB Museum field trip
- ✓ "I Love to Read Month" Teacher Swap and Reading Mob

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...IT'S MARCH!!!!

- ❖ Enrichment on Tuesday
- ❖ PML Lunch Hour Recital on Tuesday
- ❖ Gr.3-5 Music Festival Performance on Tuesday
- ❖ Musical practices
- ❖ Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch



- ❖ Gr.6-8 Music Festival Performance on Wednesday
- ❖ 230 pm Early Dismissal on Thursday
- ❖ Term 2 ends PowerSchool closes on Thursday
- ❖ BINGO Night at SCCS on Thursday
- ❖ Inservice on Friday | BASC Available

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- PML Term 3 begins on March 9th
- Advisory on March 10th
- Musical practices
- Wednesday Hot Dog/Subway Fundraising Lunch
- Grade 7 & 8 Camp March 11th to March 13th

VIP Hours



Please ensure VIP hours are entered in a timely manner and check carefully to avoid duplicate submissions. Many families still have outstanding hours that have not yet been entered. If you are looking for volunteer opportunities check out the **red links** throughout the Update. They are also featured on our website. Here is the direct link to Parent Zone: www.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!

Please visit Parent Zone for more information.

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

COMMUNITY SURVEY



As part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening our school and planning responsibly for the future, we are conducting a strategic survey to gather meaningful feedback from our community. Your perspective as a parent is essential. The insights you share will help us better understand our strengths, identify areas for growth, and prioritize our work in the years ahead. All responses are confidential, and the survey takes approximately 10–15 minutes to complete. Parent Survey: <https://forms.gle/7ewdzwJNaXLTEHzi7> Due: March 15, 2026

I LOVE to READ Month

Thank you to our Academic Committee for organizing all the activities for I LOVE to READ Month! Here are a few pictures from Valentines Day and Flashlight Friday.



MUSIC FESTIVAL



students as they proudly represent St. Charles Catholic School. Please visit Parent Zone for more information.

Next week, our Grades 3–5 and Grades 6–8 choirs will be performing in the annual Music Festival. This long-standing event gives our students the opportunity to grow as musicians, strengthen their confidence, and experience the joy of sharing their gifts through song. Each year, our choirs participate in this festival and being adjudicated by professional musicians is an important part of the experience. The festival also celebrates their hard work, and students look forward to the excitement of receiving gold or silver recognition for their ensemble performance. Parents are warmly invited to attend and cheer on our

The SCCS Lapel Pin Legacy Project is a new tradition that allows students to leave a lasting mark on our school community.

Current families, alumni, extended relatives, and supporters are all welcome to order. Each pin is professionally produced from the student's artistic vision and is 1 inch in diameter. Pins cost \$5 each. Please place your orders by March 6, 2026. Pins are anticipated to be ready for pick-up before Spring Break. To order a lapel pin, please use this link: <https://permission.click/EYkj6/ca>



HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER



Our Wednesday hot lunch fundraiser continues! 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](#)**

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF SAFETY REMINDER

We continue to see students getting in and out of vehicles in unsafe areas. This increases the risk of accidents. The problem areas continue to be:

- The bus loop
- Cars stopping on St. Charles Street (both sides)



For everyone's safety, please use only the designated loading zone, parking lot, behind the church or any side streets for student drop-off and pick-up. Your cooperation helps keep all students and families safe.

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**](#)

BASC

As we begin a new month, here's what's happening in BASC next week:

- Monday: BLINE
- Tuesday: St. Patty's Craft
- Wednesday: BLINE
- Thursday: Cheer
- Friday: Full Day BASC (*now full*)



If your child will be attending early dismissal

BASC on Thursday, please ensure the required form and payment are submitted.

- There is still space available in upcoming craft sessions.
- A reminder that Friday, March 27, BASC will be open only until 4:00 p.m.
- April BASC forms are now available, including new cooking program options.

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

GRADE 5 SIMPLE MACHINES PROJECTS



Our Grade 5 students completed their annual Simple Machines Projects, a long-standing tradition that brings their science learning to life. As part of the curriculum, students explore how tools like levers, pulleys, wheels and axles, and inclined planes make work easier. They applied this knowledge by designing and building a model that demonstrates how a simple machine functions.

This project strengthens problem-solving, creativity, and communication skills-and remains a favourite Grade 5 tradition each year.



GRADES 4 & 5 TRACK MEET

Our Grades 4 and 5 students participated in Athletics Manitoba's Indoor Track Elementary Relays on Tuesday. They demonstrated outstanding teamwork and school spirit, enthusiastically cheering on St. Charles throughout the various events. We are proud of their effort, sportsmanship, and commitment to representing our school so well.



MUSICAL



Tickets can be purchased in the school office.

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

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



2026–2027 School Year Key Dates

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

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



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

PLEDGE TODAY



FINAL DESIGN MAY VARY

Have a great weekend!

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