

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As we move into this busy and exciting season at our school, I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible partnership we share with you. Every day, your trust allows us to guide, support, and inspire your children, and we do not take that responsibility lightly.

Our students continue to amaze us with their curiosity, their resilience, and their willingness to grow. Whether they are preparing for conferences, engaging in their learning, participating in extracurricular programs, or contributing to our faith community, they show us what is possible when children feel safe, supported, and valued.



I am deeply proud of the commitment our staff bring to their classrooms and programs. Their dedication ensures that each child is known, encouraged, and challenged in meaningful ways. Together, we create an environment where students thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, your involvement, and your belief in our school. We are stronger because of the community we build together.

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- PML Term 3
- Learn to Skate
- Advisory
- Musical practices
- Hot Dog/Subway Fundraising Lunch
- Grades 7 & 8 Camp

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- ❖ St. Patrick's Day Colour Day on Tuesday
- ❖ Enrichment on Tuesday
- ❖ Learn to Skate on Tuesday
- ❖ Reconciliation on Wednesday
- ❖ Musical practices
- ❖ Pizza Fundraising Lunch on Wednesday
- ❖ HCA Popcorn Day on Thursday; orders due by end of day on Wednesday
- ❖ Science Fair on Friday; parents are welcome to tour from 2:00 to 3:25PM
- ❖ Student Report Cards distributed on Friday
- ❖ PowerSchool re-opens on Friday



LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- **Book Fair Week**
- **“Guess the Candy Count” weekly Fundraiser**
- **Lost & Found tables out March 23rd to 27th**
- **Advisory on March 24th**
- **Musical practices**
- **Wednesday Hot Dog/Subway Fundraising Lunch**
- **K-6 Student Led and Gr7-8/Specialists Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **Staff Appreciation Day on March 26th**
- **Inservice/No School on March 27th**
- **BASC until 4 pm only on March 27th**
- **Spring Break March 30th through to April 6th inclusive**
- **First day back to school after Spring Break is April 7th**

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

CONFERENCES

We are excited to celebrate student learning and connect with families this spring.

- Kindergarten to Grade 6: Student-Led Conferences
Students will guide their parent(s) through a portfolio.
- Kindergarten to Grade 8 Specialist Teachers: Parent-Teacher Conferences
Meet one-to-one with (Resource, French, Music, and Physical Education) teachers.
- Grades 7–8: Parent-Teacher Conferences
Meet one-to-one with (Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies) teachers.



Conference Dates:

- Thursday, March 26 3:45-7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 27 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Here is the link: [SIGN UP FOR K-GR6 STUDENT LED CONFERENCES & GR7/8/SPECIALISTS 1:1 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS March 26 & March 27, 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

GUESS THE CANDY COUNT Grade 8 Fundraiser



Get ready for a sweet challenge! Our Easter “Guess the Candy Count” fundraiser will run March 23–26 during Book Fair week. Tickets are just \$1 per guess, and all proceeds support school initiatives.

Our Grade 8 students will be selling tickets each day at lunch—thank you for supporting their leadership efforts as they’re fundraising for their Grade 8 farewell in June! Hop on over, take a guess, and join the fun!

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. 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>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! The fair will run March 23–27 in the cafeteria. Families can shop after school, and students will also have the opportunity to purchase items during lunch hour.

Please send cash in a labeled envelope if your child will be shopping at lunch. Our wonderful parent volunteers will be on hand to assist students as they browse. There will also be fun contests throughout the week to help celebrate our love of reading!

Every purchase helps us add new books to our classrooms and school library, directly supporting literacy for all our students.

Here is the link to volunteer: [Volunteers needed for our "HATS OFF TO READING" SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR March 23-27, 2026](#)

40 CANS for LENT



As part of our Lenten journey, we are participating in the 40 Cans for Lent initiative. Families are encouraged to donate canned goods and non-perishable items, which can be dropped off at the school office or in classrooms.

Giving teaches children compassion, empathy, and responsibility. You can help nurture generosity at home by:

- Choosing pantry items together to donate
- Selecting a donation while grocery shopping and discussing its impact
- Encouraging children to earn and set aside a portion for charity

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

RECONCILIATION



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on March 18th for Catholic students in Grades 3–8 who have already received their First Communion. This is a meaningful opportunity for students to pause, reflect, and deepen their faith through the sacrament of forgiveness.

Students who are not participating in the sacrament will remain with their classroom teacher and continue with planned learning activities.

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](#)**

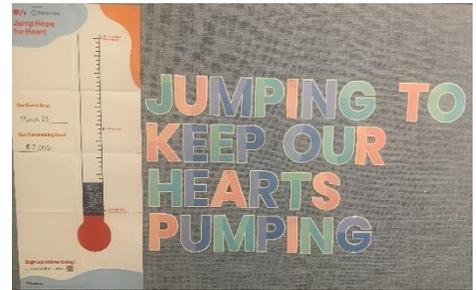
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Our school is once again participating in Jump Rope for Heart in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Students attended an assembly today to learn 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 easy.

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



	UNIFORM FITTING DAYS & HOURS: Thursday, April 30th - Noon to 6PM Friday, May 1st - 9am to 2pm.	UNIFORM ORDERS DUE: May 8th, 2026
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Uniform fittings will take place in the small gym. Envision staff will be onsite to support families with orders and answer any questions. Sample garments will be available to try on.

To help us manage busy times, we kindly ask families to book a fitting appointment. A SignUp Genius link will be shared shortly. All orders placed in May will be delivered to the school in June (date TBD).

Exciting update: Next year, we are pleased to offer long-sleeve polo shirts as part of our uniform options! Please visit: www.envisionuniforms.ca

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

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

- BLINE: Monday & Wednesday
- Cheer: Thursday

A reminder that Friday, March 27th is a no-school day, and BASC will close at 4:00 p.m. Students must be registered to attend.

To participate in April BASC programs, please ensure registration is completed by March 27th. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Furutani.



MUSICAL



MAY 4: Tickets can be purchased in the school office. Tickets are \$10

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 a Kids' Basket – valued at \$150, a Couples' Basket – valued at \$300 and a Family Basket – valued at \$375

LICE Reminder



Head lice are common in school settings and can occur at any time of year. Regular checks at home are an important part of prevention, as early detection helps stop lice from spreading to others. If your child has lice, we ask that you notify the school office. This is similar to how we report other illnesses-your communication allows us to provide timely reminders to families and take appropriate steps to reduce further spread. Thank you for helping us keep our school community informed.

BASKETBALL Update



Our developmental and competitive teams wrapped up an exciting season!

- Competitive Girls team finished in 5th
- Competitive Boys team finished in 2nd
- Good luck in playoffs!

A heartfelt thank you to all our coaches for your tremendous dedication, leadership, and support. Your time and commitment are truly appreciated.

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

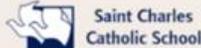
Still more dates to come regarding Statutory holidays, Inservice Days, and Early Dismissals.

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
Victoria Day	May 24, 2027
Last Day of School	June 30, 2027

TURF CAMPAIGN

We are asking for your help! So far, we have raised **\$108,095**. Amazing!

You can track our progress on the website and donate. There is also an attached QR code below.



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!



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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