

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As we head into Spring Break, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for a truly wonderful and very busy-week at the school. It was uplifting to see so many families in the building over the past several days. Your presence, partnership, and support make such a meaningful difference. Our students had a great time participating in the many activities happening throughout the week, and we hope all families enjoy a restful and joy-filled Spring Break.

We would also like to acknowledge that Ms. Autumn Steininger, our Grade 2 teacher, has now completed her term with us. We are grateful for her hard work, professionalism, and care for her students. We wish her all the very best in her new position.

At the same time, we are very pleased to welcome back Ms. Melissa McIsaac, a valued member of our school community. Ms. McIsaac is returning following a maternity leave and is genuinely excited to be back in her Grade 2 classroom.

As we move into the break, we are reminded of the words from Philippians 4:4:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”

May this time bring rest, joy, and renewal to all. Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and refreshing Spring Break.

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- **Book Fair Week**
- **“Guess the Candy Count” Fundraiser**
- **Lost & Found tables**
- **Advisory**
- **Musical practices**
- **Hot Dog/Subway Fundraising Lunch**
- **Jump Rope for Heart Day**
- **K-6 Student Led and Gr7-8/Specialists Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **Staff Appreciation Day**
- **Inservice/No School on Friday**
- **BASC until 4 pm only on Friday**

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- **Spring Break – No School/No BASC**

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- **Easter Monday: No School/No BASC**
- **First day back to school after Spring Break is TUESDAY, April 7th**
- **230 pm Early Dismissal on April 9th**

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK



This week, our staff were incredibly grateful for the thoughtful gestures and generosity shown by our school community. Thank you to our Grade 1, Grade 2, and 5F families for providing a delicious lunch-it was truly appreciated. We also extend our sincere thanks to our parent representatives for coordinating and organizing these efforts so seamlessly.

In addition to the lunch, our staff were treated to a variety of extra surprises throughout the week, including gift cards, cupcakes, and pizza. These acts of kindness made our team feel valued and celebrated. Thank you to all families for your continued support and appreciation

SCIENCE FAIR



Congratulations to all Middle Years students on a highly successful Science Fair. Your hard work, curiosity, and commitment to excellence were clearly evident throughout the event. A special acknowledgment goes to this year's award recipients.

Engineering Design Category

- Third Place: William - *Ice Cream Machine*
- Second Place: Alexandra - *Ducky Boat Float*
- First Place: Hailey - *Parking Lot Control System*

Scientific Research Category

- Third Place (three-way tie):
 - Charlie - *Now You See Me Now You Don't*
 - Paige - *Relief Starts Here*
 - Selina & Emily - *Loaded Bears*
- Second Place: Rebecca - *Light Sources and Vitamin C*
- First Place: Lincoln - *The Shape of Speed*

Thank you to all our volunteer judges. Your time, expertise, and support were essential to the success of this event, and we are very grateful.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success and raised valuable funds for our school. Thank you to our amazing and dedicated coordinators for your effort, organization, and ongoing support, as well as to our parent volunteers for your time and commitment.

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

Congratulations to our contest winners!



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

CELEBRATING OUR LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM



We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to JP for leading this year's Learn to Skate program. His organization, expertise, and genuine care for our students made the program an outstanding success. Students showed tremendous growth on the ice and looked forward to every session. We also heard wonderful feedback from parents and teachers about how well-structured and engaging the program was. Below is a message from JP!

Dear Mrs. Prettie, Staff and Parents,

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to both the families and the school for allowing us the opportunity to work with your students during the Learn to Skate program.

It has been a pleasure being on the ice with such a great group of kids. Watching their confidence grow, their skills improve, and their enjoyment of skating has been incredibly rewarding for our entire team. We truly appreciate the support from the school and the trust from parents in allowing us to be part of your child's development and experience on the ice.

Thank you again for making this program such a positive and successful experience. We hope to continue working together in the future.

Warm regards, JP Vigier

Thank you to JP and his staff for their dedication and for creating such a positive experience for our school community.

GUESS THE CANDY COUNT Grade 8 Fundraiser



Our Easter "Guess the Candy Count" fundraiser was a great success, and we extend our thanks to everyone who supported the Grade 8 Farewell.

Congratulations to Audrey in Grade 1, whose guess of 798 was closest to the total of 800 candies. Well done!

40 CANS for LENT

As part of our Lenten journey, our school community participated in the 40 Cans for Lent initiative. Donations were picked up on Friday, and we are grateful for the numerous boxes of food items collected. The generosity of our families was truly evident-faith and service in action. Thank you for helping us make a meaningful impact this season.



BASKETBALL

The developmental girls' team demonstrated a season filled with determination and growth. Over the course of practices and games, the players showed noticeable improvements in endurance, skill, and self-confidence. They consistently supported one another and showed a strong desire to better understand the game and improve their performance. Ms. Cascegna and Mrs. Van Helvert are incredibly proud of the team's progress and dedication throughout the season.

This season, the developmental boys' basketball team showed great effort and commitment from start to finish. The boys consistently tried their best, pushing themselves in practices and games while building confidence on the court. Throughout the season, they improved their skills and teamwork during games. They also improved their understanding of the game and how to support one another during play. Most importantly, the team worked well together, showing positive attitudes and learning the fundamentals of basketball. -Mr. Vechina



The Competitive Girls' basketball team finished their season ranked 5th in Tier 1 going into playoffs. The girls showed a lot of improvement over the season, and we are very proud of their hard work, sportsmanship and perseverance in some tough games! Thank you also to our volunteer coaches Edwin Esteban and Nikki Robert for sharing your time to help the team improve and refine their skills. Congratulations to the team on an excellent season! -Mrs. Chliboyko

The competitive boys' basketball team had an outstanding season! They worked hard, improved their skills and enjoyed working together. They finished the regular season second in the league winning 7 games and losing 1. During play offs the boys played hard and ended up coming in second place! Congratulations Chargers! A special thank you to the parent volunteer coaches Edwin and Darren it would not have been possible without you! -Kelsey Copeland



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](#)**

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Our Bursary tuition applications are available online for the 2026-2027 school year. Please submit all completed applications to the school office by May 15, 2026. The forms can be found on Parent Zone under Forms & Programs. Tuition assistance is available for families, and those wishing to apply must complete and submit all required documentation as part of the application process. We are committed to supporting families and encourage anyone with questions to contact the school office.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



So far, our school community has raised over \$1,220 through Jump Rope for Heart! Thank you for your outstanding fundraising efforts and for continuing to follow the EASY healthy habits:

- Eat fruits and vegetables
- Active for one hour or more
- Screens for two hours or less
- Yes to water, no to sugary drinks

You should be very proud of the difference you are making in support of heart health and lifesaving research. We hope you enjoyed participating in our Jump Event and that you continue to stay active while practicing the EASY habits for a healthy heart and mind.

Our fundraiser remains open until April 8. If you would like to help us reach our \$2,000 goal, donations can be made or shared through our school's fundraising page: [St Charles Catholic School - Winnipeg | Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart](#)



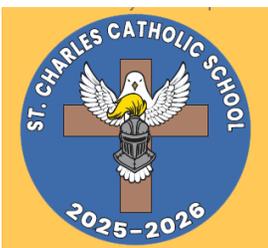
	UNIFORM FITTING DAYS & HOURS: Thursday, April 30th - Noon to 6PM Friday, May 1st - 9am to 2pm.	UNIFORM ORDERS DUE: May 8th, 2026
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Uniform fittings will take place in the small gym. Envision staff will be onsite to support families with orders and answer any questions. Sample garments will be available to try on. Next year, we are pleased to offer long-sleeve polo shirts as part of our uniform options! Please visit: www.envisionuniforms.ca to view all available uniform items.

To help us manage busy times, we kindly ask families to book a fitting appointment. SignUp link: [BOOK YOUR UNIFORM FITTING Thursday, April 30th, 2026 12-6 pm or Friday, May 1st, 2026 9 am-2 pm](#)

And here is the link for families to volunteer to assist at uniform fittings: [VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH UNIFORM FITTING DAYS Thursday, April 30th & Friday, May 1st, 2026](#)

SCCS LAPEL PINS



We are pleased to share that SCCS lapel pins are now available for purchase in the school office. If you have already placed an order, your pin is ready for pickup. Families who would still like to purchase a pin may do so in the office for \$5 (cash). Please note that only a limited number of pins remain.

MUSICAL



Tickets for the Musical may be purchased in the school office and after school. Tickets are \$10 each.

You can also support our Musical program by purchasing tickets for our musical basket raffle. Raffle tickets are \$2 each and are available 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.

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 return, please take note of the following important reminders and program updates:

- There will be no BASC on Monday April 6.
- Wednesday programming will include BLINE, and Thursday will feature Cheer, along with early dismissal.
- K-2 Cookies and Grades 3-5 Donuts programs are now full.
- The Grades 6-8 Dehydrating Food program still has available spots.
- Both the Spring Craft and Mother's Day Craft sessions also continue to have spaces available.
- A new BASC program for May is being offered, with registration due April 10.
 - This program is presented by WISE Kid-Netic Energy and provides a hands-on, curriculum-based science experience.
- The Cheer Recital will take place on Thursday, April 16.
- BLINE testing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29.
- May and June BASC programs, including golf and tennis, are now posted on the school website.



If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Furutani.

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

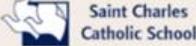
2026–2027 School Year Key Dates
 Still more dates to come regarding Statutory holidays, Inservice Days, and Early Dismissals.

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!

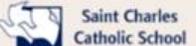
You can track our progress on the website and donate. There is also an attached QR code below.



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 an amazing SPRING BREAK!!!

Aneta Prettie PRINCIPAL

