

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



As we move into March and prepare for a busy and meaningful season at SCCS, I want to extend my gratitude to our families for their ongoing support and partnership.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge our dedicated teachers and the remarkable work they do each day. Their commitment, creativity, and care for our students are at the heart of everything we accomplish as a school community. We are truly blessed with an amazing staff whose efforts make SCCS a vibrant place for learning and growth.

Our focus in March is on Term 2 wrapping up, with report cards, student-led conferences, and parent-teacher interviews approaching. This is an important time for parents to check in with teachers, ask questions, and seek support as we prepare to finish the year strong. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teachers. These conversations help ensure that every child is on a clear and confident path heading into the final months of the school year.

The coming weeks will be filled with learning, celebration, and community connection. I look forward to all that this next chapter will bring as we continue working together to support the growth and well-being of every student.

*"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9*

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK...

- **Enrichment**
- **Learn to Skate**
- **PML Lunch Hour Recital**
- **Grades 3-5 and 6-8 Choir Music Festival**
- **Musical practices**
- **Wednesday Pizza Fundraising Lunch**
- **Early Dismissal**
- **Term 2 ends PowerSchool closed**
- **BINGO Night**

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- **PML Term 3 begins on Monday**
- **Learn to Skate on Tuesday**
- **Advisory on Tuesday**
- **Musical practices**
- **Wednesday Hot Dog/Subway Fundraising Lunch**
- **Grade 7 & 8 Camp Wednesday to Friday**

LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ❖ **St. Patrick's Day Colour Day on March 17th**
- ❖ **Enrichment on March 17th**
- ❖ **Learn to Skate on March 17th**
- ❖ **Reconciliation on March 18th**

- ❖ Musical practices
- ❖ Pizza Fundraising Lunch on March 18th
- ❖ HCA Popcorn Day on March 19th; orders due by end of day on March 18th
- ❖ Science Fair on March 20th
- ❖ Report Cards distributed on March 20th
- ❖ PowerSchool re-opens on March 20th

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

Our SCCS Bingo Night was a wonderful success! It was fantastic to see families and community members come together for an evening of fun, connection, and school spirit. A heartfelt thank you to all volunteers and organizers whose hard work and enthusiasm made the event possible and enjoyable for everyone. Your dedication truly strengthens our community.

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

MUSIC FESTIVAL



This week, our Grades 3–5 and Grades 6–8 choirs performed at the annual Music Festival held at Portage Avenue Church. Each choir presented two beautifully prepared pieces, and both groups looked and sounded exceptional. We are incredibly proud of our students' hard work, dedication, and musical growth. Both choirs received an Excellent rating from the adjudicator. In addition, the Grades 3–5 Choir earned a Gold, and the Grades 6–8 Choir received a Silver—a wonderful accomplishment for all involved.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gregorchuk for her musical leadership and preparation, which were instrumental in guiding both choirs to such an impressive showing at this year's Music Festival.

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>

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.

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

BASC

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

- Monday: Car Racing
- Monday: *No BLINE scheduled*
- Wednesday: BLINE
- Thursday: Cheer



Reminders:

- BASC will close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27. Students must be registered by March 16 to attend.
- If your child has attended BASC and payment has not yet been submitted, please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.
- Our Easter Craft program still has a few spots available.
- April's Food Programs also have limited spaces remaining.

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

MUSICAL



MAY 4: 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 **\$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!

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

This week's generous supporters are:

Tommy and Ruth Fund

Thank you!

Have a great weekend!

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