

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As we begin a new month, I am filled with gratitude for a meaningful week marked by two special opportunities to come together as a school community. On Orange Shirt Day, our students reflected on the history and legacy of residential schools and our shared commitment to truth and reconciliation. On Friday, students and staff participated in our Christian Service Day and Terry Fox Walk/Run, putting faith into action through service, compassion, and support for others. Through these experiences, our students witnessed how acts of remembrance, generosity, and kindness can make a meaningful difference in the world around them.

As you read through this week's update, you will see many examples of our students growing academically, spiritually, and socially through faith formation, field trips, literacy initiatives, service opportunities, and community partnerships. Together, we continue to build a school where every child is known, valued, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

One of the most effective ways to support your child's learning is through conversation. Spend a few minutes each day asking open-ended questions such as, *"What was the best part of your day?"*, *"What challenged you today?"*, or *"What new thing did you learn?"* These simple conversations strengthen communication skills, build confidence, and help children make meaningful connections between home and school. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

ORANGE SHIRT DAY: Honouring Truth and Reconciliation

On Orange Shirt Day, our Grade 7 and 8 students visited the Assiniboine Residential School Monument to deepen their understanding of the history and legacy of residential schools in Canada.



Through reflection, prayer, and learning, students honored the Survivors, remembered the children who never returned home, and considered the importance of truth, reconciliation, and respect for Indigenous Peoples. This meaningful experience encouraged students to reflect on how we can all contribute to healing and building a more just and compassionate future.



Families who wish to support our fundraising efforts can donate through our school's Terry Fox page: [Support Our Terry Fox School Run](#). Every contribution, big or small, helps continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. Thank you for supporting this meaningful cause and helping our students make a difference.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE: Faith in Action



On Friday, our students put their faith into action during Christian Service Day. Our Grade 7 and 8 students spent the day volunteering at Siloam Mission, learning firsthand about the importance of serving others and supporting members of our community with dignity and compassion.

Meanwhile, students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 participated in a variety of service projects at school, creating thoughtful items such as placemats, door hangers, and

friendship bracelets for organizations and individuals within our community. Through these acts of kindness, students experienced how even small gestures can bring joy, encouragement, and hope to others.



We have another exciting week planned at BASC!

- **Monday:** BLINE
- **Tuesday:** Golf
- **Wednesday:** Swimming
- **Thursday:** Kindergarten to Grade 2 Donut Decorating

Friday, October 9 will be a full-day BASC program featuring a Halloween theme. Please remember that registration must be completed by Wednesday to secure a spot.

There are still a few spaces available in our Cookie and Cheesecake Workshops, and all students are welcome to register for the Halloween Craft activity.

Safety Reminder: When picking up your child from BASC, please ensure a staff member is aware that you are leaving. A quick wave, goodbye, or having your child check in with us helps ensure every student's safe departure. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Furutani.

ROME Information Night



Families of Grade 7 and Grade 8 students are invited to attend our Rome 2027 Information Night on Tuesday, October 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

The evening will provide an overview of the itinerary, travel dates, estimated costs, supervision, and next steps for those interested in participating in this exciting faith-filled and educational journey.

Reminder: Please complete the Rome 2027 interest survey before the information night.

Wednesday, October 21 3:45-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 22 3:45-7:00 p.m.

An email containing additional information and the link to sign up for interviews will be sent to all families on October 5th, 2026.



LUNCH PROGRAMS



School Lunch Program.

Monthly menu: [Meal Program - St. Charles Catholic School](#)



Fundraising Lunch Program.

Wednesdays only: Hot Dog/Pizza/Subway/Booster Juice: [MunchaLunch - St. Charles Catholic School](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WE NEED YOU!

- We are looking for several enthusiastic volunteers to fill many of our fundraising coordinator positions!
- This is a fantastic opportunity to become involved in our **school community** while earning those **VIP hours**.
- This year you will have a team of veterans to help you navigate this new position before you take over for subsequent years.
- If any of the descriptions below peak your interest, please send an email to address listed below for more inquiries and information!

CONTACT: FUNDRAISING@STCCS.CA

TRIVIA NIGHT
NOV. 10, 2026

- date & venue availability
- food & liquor options/pricing
- ticket pricing & sales
- attain proper licenses
- decor
- Delegate trivia questions (presentation)
- secure MC
- volunteers
- prizes

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WINTER CRAFT FAIR
NOV. 28, 2026

Operations Coordinator

- secure vendors
- raffles and licenses
- food service
- communications
- lead a team of volunteers on the day
- blended roll with Creative coordinator

Creative Coordinator (filled)

- Marketing and advertising
- organize vendors
- coordinate exterior advertising signs
- festive decorations
- lead a team of volunteers on the day
- blended roll with operations coordinator

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BINGO NIGHT
FEB. 19, 2027

- date & venue availability
- food & liquor options/pricing
- Attain proper license
- Confirm Bingo games
- decor
- secure MC
- volunteers
- prizes
- advertising/promoting attendance

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PARKING

[St. Charles Catholic School: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | 2026-2027 PARKING LOT/LOADING ZONE PATROL](#)

Wednesday Lunches

[VOLUNTEER AT OUR WEDNESDAY FUNDRAISING LUNCHES 2026-2027](#)

LEARNING COMES TO LIFE ON THE FARM!



Our Grade 3, 3-4, and 4 students recently enjoyed a memorable field trip to the *University of Manitoba's Bruce D. Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre*.

Students explored the journey of food from farm to table, learned about Manitoba agriculture, and experienced hands-on activities that highlighted the important role farming plays in our daily lives.

We extend our thanks to the staff at the Food Discovery Centre and to our parent volunteers who helped make this enriching learning experience possible.





REGISTRATION NOTICE

Enrollment in our First Communion and Confirmation preparation program is now open until **October 18th**. Registration is limited to 15 participants per sacrament due to the availability of volunteer catechists and educators.

Priority registration is given to registered St. Charles Parish families, followed by students attending St. Charles Catholic School. Families are encouraged to register at their family parish.

FIRST COMMUNION

GRADE 2 & UP

Children in Grade 2 and up are invited to prepare for First Communion through our parish sacramental program, where they learn about the Eucharist, the Mass, and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

CLASSES:
Held on the last Sunday of every month
October 25 to May 10:35 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

GRADE 8 & UP

Confirmation preparation helps young people deepen their faith and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they continue their journey as active members of the Catholic Church.

CLASSES:
Held on the last Sunday of every month
October 25 to March 10:35 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION
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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2026-2027



Students in Grade 7 and older who wish to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join the Confirmation preparation program at **Saint John XXIII Parish**. Sessions will begin on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 1:15 p.m. and will continue on designated Sunday afternoons throughout the year in preparation for the celebration of Confirmation in Spring 2027. For registration or more information, please contact the Saint John XXIII Parish Office at 204-832-7175 or office.stjohnxxiii@gmail.com.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and conclude the Season of Creation, Saint John XXIII Church invites families to a Blessing of Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the south door of the church. Bring your pets and other small animals for a special blessing as we celebrate God's creation and our responsibility to care for it.

Have a great weekend.

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