

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION



As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving weekend, I am reminded of the many blessings that make St. Charles Catholic School such a special community. This season invites us to pause and reflect on all that we are grateful for: our students, families, staff, parish community, volunteers, and donors who work together to support learning, faith, and growth.

Over the past few weeks, our students have demonstrated compassion, generosity, and service through activities such as our Christian Service initiatives, the Terry Fox Walk/Run, and ongoing efforts to support our community. These experiences remind us that gratitude is more than simply saying "thank you"—it is expressed through our actions, our kindness, and our willingness to serve others.

As families gather around Thanksgiving tables this weekend, I encourage you to take a few moments to ask your children what they are thankful for and how they have shown gratitude to someone else this week. These simple conversations help children recognize the many gifts in their lives and develop an appreciation for the people who support them.

On behalf of all of us at SCCS, thank you for your partnership, trust, and continued support. We wish you and your family a joyful, restful, and blessed Thanksgiving weekend filled with faith, gratitude, and time together.

Happy Thanksgiving!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

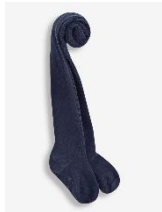
Psalm 107:1



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.

UNIFORMS

Thank you to our families for supporting our school uniform expectations. As the weather becomes cooler, we would like to remind families of the following guidelines:

Girls wearing socks with their uniform skirt or skort must wear navy knee-high socks. Ankle socks are not permitted. 	Girls may wear navy tights with feet only. Leggings are not part of the uniform, even when paired with socks. 	Turtlenecks and long-sleeved shirts are not to be worn underneath the uniform shirt. Students can purchase uniforms sweaters or vests for added layers. 
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We understand that students may feel cold during outdoor recess. Students are welcome to wear splash pants or jogging pants over their uniform when outdoors to stay warm and comfortable.

We appreciate your attention to these details and your support in helping students maintain a neat, consistent, and professional appearance throughout the school year.

HALLOWEEN



On Friday, October 30, students are invited to come to school dressed in costume and join in the fun. Our staff will be getting into the Halloween spirit too!

To ensure a safe and enjoyable day for everyone, costumes must be school-appropriate, free of weapons or overly scary elements, and allow students to participate comfortably in all learning activities throughout the day.

We will wrap up the day with a short Halloween assembly, where students and staff can showcase their costumes, enjoy some

music, and celebrate together. A few fun prizes will also be awarded! We look forward to a day filled with creativity, community, and Halloween fun.

Early Literacy Screening (DIBELS)



This fall, students in kindergarten to Grade 2 will participate in DIBELS Early Literacy Screening, a Manitoba Education requirement that helps teachers understand each child's early reading development and identify any support that may be needed.

- Parents, make reading a daily habit. Read aloud together, take turns reading, talk about the story, and ask questions such as, "*What do you think will happen next?*" or "*Why did the character make that choice?*" These simple conversations help children become stronger, more confident readers while fostering a lifelong love of books.
- Research shows that reading with your child for just 10 minutes a day exposes them to thousands more words each year, strengthens vocabulary, improves comprehension, and helps build the foundation for future academic success.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Get ready for the Cozy Capybara Scholastic Book Fair, coming to St. Charles Catholic School from October 16–23, 2026! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to discover new books, foster a love of reading, and help support literacy initiatives within our school. Here is the link to volunteer: ["COZY CAPYBARA SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR" Volunteers needed October 16-23, 2026](#)

We look forward to another successful Book Fair and thank our volunteers in advance for helping make this exciting event possible!



We have another exciting week ahead at BASC!

- **Tuesday:** Last Golf Session
- **Wednesday:** Swimming
- **Thursday:** Grade 3-5 Cookie Bake
- **Friday, October 23:** Full-Day BASC (currently full)

Important Reminder: If your child's BASC schedule changes, please contact Ms. Furutani directly. Changes should not be communicated through the front office or classroom teachers. BASC staff provide teachers with daily attendance lists, and accurate information is essential for student safety. Looking ahead, November programs will include:

- Winter Craft
- Kid-Netic Energy
- Parkour Basics

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Furutani. We look forward to another fun and active week at BASC!

HARVEST Manitoba

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." — Matthew 25:35

Throughout the month of October, St. Charles Catholic School will be collecting food donations for Harvest Manitoba.

We invite families to donate non-perishable food items such as canned goods, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, and soup. Every donation, no matter the size, helps provide nourishment and hope to those in need.

As a Catholic school community, we are called to care for our neighbours and serve others with compassion. Please drop off donations in the front entrance of the school. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of Manitoba families through your generosity.



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

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

CONTACT: FUNDRAISING@STCCS.CA

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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GOLF TOURNAMENT

SPRING 2027

- Secure sponsors for each hole
- collect prizes for silent auction baskets
- collect names for golfers
- arrange event with golf course

***We are looking for 3-4 people to share this position**

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BOOK FAIR

"COZY CAPYBARA SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR" Volunteers needed October 16-23, 2026

PARKING

St. Charles Catholic School: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | 2026-2027 PARKING LOT/LOADING ZONE PATROL

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

VOLUNTEER AT OUR WEDNESDAY FUNDRAISING LUNCHES 2026-2027

ST CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Craft Fair

NOVEMBER 28

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

331 ST CHARLES ST

FOR VENDOR APPLICATIONS
PLEASE EMAIL:
craftfairfundraiser@stccs.ca

*Faith ♥ Friends ♥ Family
Stronger Together*

St. Charles FAMILY NIGHT

♥ A COMMUNITY EVENT & FUNDRAISER ♥

NONALCOHOLIC BAR
Nonalcoholic beer & mocktails

RAFFLE 50-50 DRAW
RAFFLES & DRAWS + LOTTERY TREE

MUSIC MAN & DANCING

PHOTO BOOTH
Capture the fun!

Saturday, November 7, 2026

St. Charles Parish Hall
320 St. Charles Street, Winnipeg

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Dinner at 6 p.m.

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY		
Adults (14+)	Children (5 to 13)	Children (4 and under)
\$40	\$15	FREE

Tickets available after Masses or at the Parish Office
204-889-3248

All Are Welcome!

Halloween HOWL

FRIDAY **30** OCTOBER

7:00PM – 10:00 PM

ST CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GRADE 7 & 8

Music. Pizza. Snacks. Drinks. Costume Prizes

Have a great long weekend.

Aneta Prettie **PRINCIPAL**



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