Reminder: NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. As listed in the school pocket calendar, students do not have school on September 24, 2013. On this day, all teachers from the Fort Wayne area of the Diocese are required to attend Catechetical training at Bishop Dwenger High School. Thank you.

**ISTEP+ results** for students currently in grades 4-9 from this past Spring’s assessments are now available. Parents use the Invitation Code contained on the Parent Network letter to view the *Individual Student Report* and Applied Skills Images for the student. A guidance to assist parents in reviewing the *Individual Student Report* is presented in the Parent Network by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). A URL with helpful resources is provided to assist parents in reviewing the Applied Skills images. This is: [http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/assessment/istep-released-items-and-scoring-notes](http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/assessment/istep-released-items-and-scoring-notes)

Parents are able to view each Applied Skills item, along with the scoring rubric and any pertinent notes. The IDOE has a brief **Rescore Window** open. Parents may request specific items from the Applied Skills portion of the ISTEP+ assessment to be scored if you do not agree with what you have read. If you find this is the case, the parent must contact Sister Genevieve by **September 30**. Sister will document the date/time/item(s) of the parent request and submit the rescore request online to the IDOE assessment office no later than September 30.

The Parent Network letter was mailed to parents with the students’ report cards at the end of the school year (early June). Please check the envelope with the report cards from June if you have filed it in a secure space. If a parent really cannot locate this parent letter with code, please let Sister Genevieve know and she can access the secure site and email another letter to you. For students who attended a different school last year, we do not have access to the parent code letters nor the student scores at this time. Parents would need to contact the school from last year. There is a Parent Network Tutorial available for parents at [www.inparentnetwork.com](http://www.inparentnetwork.com).

ISTEP+ results are just beginning to be analyzed by teachers and administrators. Knowing of the difficulty with the online testing situation in the spring, we have questioned the validity of some scores. However, there is still data which we can and will use to improve instruction and to assist students in areas of need. Overall, results do show positive academic growth.

Dear Parents and Students,

**This Saturday** the **CardinalFest** Committee invites all to come out and enjoy our 13th annual Parish festival. We will have great food, bingo, exciting games, music, and fun for everyone. I am sure that there is an elephant ear or chicken dinner with your name on it. All are welcome!

I have included some links below for parents to learn more about the **Common Core**. This is a hot topic currently, and I would encourage those who have questions or concerns to read up on the subject. There is a great deal of misunderstanding among the public at this time and some misinformation being circulated. The links cited below are fair places to begin reading about the topic.

To better answer questions regarding the **Common Core**, on October 15th, at 7:00 p.m., our School Board meeting time will be used as an informal question and answer session for any of our St. Charles Borromeo School parents who may have questions about the Common Core Standards. This discussion session will be held from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Hession Center Rooms C & D. I will try to answer questions you may have and give a better understanding of the issue for those who may be interested. In the meantime, please have confidence that we will continue to take good care of your children, just as we have for the past 55 years. – Rob S.

**Need More Information on the Common Core?**
Please continue reading on the next page.
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While there has been a great deal of talk surrounding the Common Core in educational circles, recent surveys are indicating that most people in the public are still unaware exactly what the CCSS is and why it is different from the curriculum currently being utilized. While there is not enough room to go into an extended conversation about CCSS, below are some links to sites that can help inform you or to share with others. With organizations like ACT, SAT, NWEA, and even the GED aligned to the CCSS, it will be important for our students and parents be best prepared for the future. Below are some resources that parents and educators can access to better understand the Common Core. [The following links are active when accessed through the copy of this newsletter as posted on our school website at http://www.stcfw.org/ or simply type the addresses into your browser.]

http://indianapublicmedia.org/stateimpact/2013/08/05/common-core-right-for-indiana-or-less-rigorous-than-old-standards/


http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/curriculum/resources-implementing-indianas-common-core-standards

http://www.corestandards.org/

1st Quarter Interim Reports go home today. Please look over you child’s report and after an encouraging discussion with your child, sign and return the report to school. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact your child’s teacher.

In closing, we keep in prayer the soul of John Patrick Porter, St. Charles Borromeo School Class of 2007, who passed away last Friday evening. We also pray for his father, John, and all of his siblings and their families as they mourn John Patrick’s death. Although we rejoice at the knowledge that we will one day be with God in heaven, we still miss those whom we love when they are taken from us. May John Patrick know the Lord’s peace and may all of your loved ones who have passed welcome him home. Thank you for you children – Rob S.

Brickworld LEGO Expositions at the Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana – September 28-29, 2013
25,000 square feet of spectacular LEGO creations, interactive activities, and vendors await you at the greatest LEGO show ever! The show is open on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Daily admission is $6 for kids under 10, military, seniors, and 1st responders & $9 for adults. Purchase tickets online at www.brickworld.us/fort/ and receive $1 off each admission for you and your family. Use coupon code FFBW13. Come out and have some fun!

CALENDAR UPDATE

SEPTEMBER
20 Cardinal Fest Dance grades 6-7-8 6:30-9:00 pm
21 Cardinal Fest 3:00-11:00 pm
   Indoor children’s games 3:00-5:00 pm
   Outdoor games 3:00-7:00 pm
   BINGO 5:00-7:00 pm
   Visit the ‘Birdhouse’ 3:00-6:00 pm
   Corn Hole Tournament 4:00-7:00 pm
   Food & Beverages 4:00-7:00 pm
   Adult music tent 7:00-11:00 pm
23 Grade 4 field trip to Forks of the Wabash
24 NO SCHOOL (Teachers attend Institute for Catechetical Formation)
26 7-4 prays rosary at the abortion clinic
    Fine Arts Boosters Meeting this month is cancelled
27 Food Collection for Associated Churches Food Banks

OCTOBER
2 Grades 1-2-3 Focus On Health Health Fair
3 7-3 prays rosary at the abortion clinic
4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, all-school Mass
7 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Living Rosary in church 2:00 pm, grades 1-8, All are invited to pray with us!
Food Collection to Honor St. Vincent de Paul
On Friday, September 27, we will honor St. Vincent De Paul, the patron saint of charitable organizations. In order to help fill the shelves at the Food Bank sites of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, we are holding a school-wide collection during our Friday Mass on the 27th. Each student is asked to bring in at least one item from the list for his/her grade. Items may be brought in early and kept in the classroom. Each child will then bring the item forward during the collection time before Mass on the 27th. We appreciate your participation in carrying on the good works of St. Vincent de Paul.

Grade K: canned fruit
Grade 1: canned fruit
Grade 2: canned meat (tuna, chicken)
Grade 3: canned soup
Grade 4: peanut butter
Grade 5: canned soup
Grade 6: canned meat (chicken, tuna)
Grade 7: canned fruit
Grade 8: peanut butter

PLANT AND FLOWER SHOW BLUE RIBBON WINNERS
Congratulations to our students who participated in our school plant and vegetable show last week. Special recognition to our Blue Ribbon winners who also displayed their plants, vegetables, and flowers at the City Show last weekend: Brennan Hensler, Gianna Caccamo, Nathan Wolf, Madeline Freiburger, Dominic Hughes, Zach Schubert, Claire Frazier, Tori Rodenbeck, Zoe Kovach, Makayla Sturm, Alli Sullivan, Carly Majewski, Austin Linn, Natalya Voelker, Brooke O'Neill, Molly Lothamer, and Avery Bailey.

Support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Indiana
On October 4th and October 11th, at our Friday ALL SCHOOL Masses, the money collected will go for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Indiana. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services. Our own Gianna Caccamo, a fourth grade student at St. Charles, is fighting leukemia. Let’s show our support and love to Gianna and her family by letting them know we care. We encourage you to be generous!

NEWSLETTER STAPLING SCHEDULE
September 27: Elaine Bundy, Molly Tippmann, Kelleigh Lauer

ALTAR SERVERS
September 21, 5:00pm: Taylor Russell, Alex Schneider, Isaiah Sordelet
September 22, 7:30am: Kaden Beck, Marie Lothamer, Lyle Yaggy
September 22, 9:00am: Sydney Conn, Peyton Davis, Reece Hoffman, Tom Lonsway
September 22, 11:00am: Isaac Blume, Sarah Frazier, Tristine Krohn, Colton Shutt
September 22, 5:00pm: Alex Henry, Nathan Niese, Andrew Reiling

CAFETERIA SCHEDULE
September 23: Stephanie Eddy, Carmen Crabill, Jean Neuhaus, Beth Reiling, Jen Eisaman
September 24: NO SCHOOL
September 25: Paul Oberhausen, Tom Neuhaus, Jennifer Steigmeyer, Marsha Gibson, Katie Steigmeyer
September 26: Jason Linn, Melissa Thompson, Becky Campbell, Suzanne Tippmann, Mary Cahill
September 27: Stephanie Schubert, Julie Ostermeyer, Chris Pieper, Jason Fabini, Jean Franz

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to our students of the week: Tom Hennegan, Lexa Zimmerman, Nicole Robinson, Ronnie Buskirk, Andrew Jacob, Elizabeth Bundy, Eve Miller, Hadley Tippmann, Jon Knepper, Maria Cavacini, Danielle Bundy, Calvin Wampler, Sam Andonian, Maddie Freiburger, Kristin Bobay, DJ Meier, Adrianne Cerutl, Hope Screeton, Wyatt Tippmann, Jake Tippmann.

FOOTBALL
Saturday, September 21, 9:00am at St. Charles, St. Charles vs St. Vincent 5th
Sunday, September 22, 1:00pm at St. Francis, St. Charles vs St. Jude, 7th & 8th
Thursday, September 26, 5:30pm at St. Elizabeth, St. Charles vs JAT, 5th & 6th

CARDEGLE CROSS COUNTRY
September 21 at West Noble High School/Middle School Campus. Varsity runners only. Girls at 9:30, Boys at 9:50. Awards at 1:00.
September 21, 11:00am at Huntington Memorial Park. Reserve runners only. 3K varsity race and 2K reserve race.

4TH GRADE CHEER INTRAMURALS
On Friday, September 27, immediately after school, the St. Charles 4th grade cheer program will begin. All 4th grade girls are welcome. At 4:45p.m., parents are asked to attend a brief informational meeting. All future practices will be held on Fridays after school until 5:00p.m. If you have questions call or text Jennifer Vetter 260-385-2866.
MARKET DAY

**Would you like to win free groceries for a year?** Just enter at Market Day for your chance! Introducing The Great Grocery Giveaway sponsored by Market Day - **the Grand Prize:** Free Groceries For A Year; **First:** Free Groceries For 6 Months; **Second:** Free Groceries For 3 Months; **Third:** $25 Market Day Gift Certificates. See Official Rules and enter today at MarketDay.com/giveaway. Order through Thursday, October 3rd; pick up is Tuesday, October 8th. Thanks from Market Day!

SCRIP

**Schedule Reminder** – Due to Cardinal Fest, there are no SCRIP sales following the Saturday evening Mass this week. Sunday sales will take place as normal.

**SCRIP Tips** – Christmas is just 3 months away! Without trying to rush the season, it is never too early to start purchasing SCRIP for this busy season. Whether you plan to use SCRIP gift certificates to pay for your holiday purchases or to give them as gifts, why not avoid the rush and start stocking up now. If you are planning a Christmas party for your business, there are many wonderful locations that participate in our SCRIP program. Hopefully, you will plan early and consider using one of them.

Do you grocery shop at Kroger? Did you know that you can purchase a reloadable card from the SCRIP office with an initial value of $50. After the initial purchase you can add funds, as much as you want up to $500, at the Kroger Customer Service desk. We receive a statement from Kroger every 4 weeks showing how much has been loaded to each card. The number of your card has been recorded, so when we receive the statement, the total amount you loaded during that 4-week period of time gets posted to your account. It takes about 1 month to get the statement so we run approximately one month behind in posting your Kroger credit to your account. What an easy way to earn SCRIP credit!

**Welcome** – Again this week, we saw orders from new families. We are very excited to have so many new parishioners giving SCRIP a try. Please don't hesitate to contact the SCRIP office at anytime if you have questions. **969-4027**

**Volunteers:** We are currently working on the schedules and hope to have them out to you soon. In the mean time, please refer to the bulletin and school newsletter for your next workday and if you have a conflict, contact the SCRIP office.

- Sept. 27 - Monica DeJong, Sue Snyder, Berniece Williams, Judy Smith
- Sept. 28 - Amy Lin, Brian McLaughlin, Audrey Stauffer
- Sept. 29 - Arianne Davis, Nancy Hartig, Lisa York
- Oct. 4 - Mary Jo Amorini, Tom Neuhaus, Dorla Rice, Amy Copeland
- Oct. 5 - Jennifer Perkins, Trisha Lilly, Cheryl Haines
- Oct. 6 - Leslie Schamberg, Triva Screeton, Nancy Vinson

ST. CHARLES BOY SCOUT TROOP 1—SELLING POPCORN
Troop 1 is selling Boy Scout popcorn as a fund raiser for the troop. Over 70% of the sale price of the popcorn is returned back to Scouting. The sale runs from October. If you need help finding a scout to fill your popcorn needs, please contact Dave Huhn, Scoutmaster Troop 1, 438-2101.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION CONTEST
Beginning Monday, September 23, we will be collecting Box Tops for Education for our first contest this school year. The turn-in dates will be on Thursdays, September 26, October 3, October 10, and October 17. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded to the classrooms with the top turn-ins at the end of the contest. Please clip box tops and send them in to the classroom in plastic ziplock bags in quantities of 50, with 50 marked clearly on the bag. If you do not have 50 box tops, make sure the quantity is clearly marked, and they will be combined with other turn-ins from the same classroom. Please check the expiration dates on your box tops. We cannot include those that have expired. Also, please do not include Betty Crocker or Campbell Soup labels. Those may be turned in separately to the office. We are hoping to surpass our school total from last year. Last year we received just over $6,000.00 for our school from General Mills. Please send in your box tops and help us! Contact Susan Maskal at 493-0801 with any questions.
**Lunch Payment Form**

Parents can put money into the student’s account through your MealpayPlus online account at www.mealpayplus.com or by calling 866-662-3382 for a small fee. Or, you may send a check with the Lunch Accounting Form below to the school cafeteria. For example, if you have 3 children, send a check for $90 payable to St. Charles Cafeteria and designate $30 to each child’s account. Each child who will eat hot lunch needs to have money in their meal account. It is recommended to have a minimum of $10.00 in this account which will pay for five meals. If the student may want additional portions of the main entree, then it is recommended to have a minimum of $6.25 in the general account as well. If you have questions regarding this, you may call the school cafeteria at 969-4028 on school days 8:00-12:30 or the school office at 484-3392.

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