



St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School Newsletter

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Our Mission: To Teach, Love, Live and Learn as Jesus Did

Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge

As a school community, during the month of December we will **Set An Example in Faith**. The theological virtue of faith, usually represented by an eye, is the theological virtue by which one is able to "see" God in the spiritual sense. Through this virtue comes a conviction that all God has revealed through Sacred Scripture and Tradition is true.

If we look with the eyes of faith, things look different than they do in the natural realm. For example, if we see a child who is sick, we might only notice the suffering and be very sad. But with the eyes of faith, we see in the sick child an image of the suffering Christ.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

"But as it is written: 'What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him,' this God has revealed to us through the Spirit." 1 Corinthians 2:9-10a

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope that your Advent season will be full of prayer, fasting, reconciliation, kindness, peace, and hope! Some items:

1. The Christmas Concert Thursday evening was lovely! Thank you to Mrs. Till (choir and hand chimes), Ms. Bassett (band and orchestra), Mrs. Ensley (viola and cellos), and all who support our hard working and talented students! Well done! Your evening performances were melodic and uplifting! The concert was a great way to prepare for Advent!
2. **Please pray for our second grade students** who will be receiving the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, December Dec. 1st, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church**. The students have been studying diligently and praying like little saints. They are nervous, but excited to receive the sacrament for the first time. I thank their teachers and parents for encouraging and supporting them so well. What a wonderful **Faith example** you provide. May everyone have a Blessed Advent, and may we all remember to turn to God for hope and encouragement daily.
3. **St. Charles Athletic Association Pancake Breakfast with Santa!** - Pancakes & sausage will be served on Sunday, Dec. 9th from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm in the school cafeteria. All the pancakes you can eat and a chance to talk to Santa! The cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (grade school age), & free for preschool and younger, or \$25 max for the entire family. All proceeds go to the Athletic Association. Come & see Santa!
4. **Christmas Musical - St. Charles School students from grades 3-4-5 will perform a Christmas musical, *The Christmas Dream Team Parade*** "It's Christmas Eve at the Carter home, and everyone is excited about the Christmas parade. However, the Carter kids begin to lose sight of the true reason we celebrate Christmas. This musical combines fun songs and engaging drama to teach kids that Christmas is not simply about the gifts underneath the tree but about the gift of Christ's life." The performance of this show is **Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 pm** in the Hession Center gym. (If there is inclement weather, the show will be Friday at 7:00 pm) Admission is free. This is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and spirits for Jesus' birth in our lives each and every day! Please plan on spending some time supporting these budding thespians and enjoying an evening out!
5. **Coats, hats, and gloves!! Please send the children to school prepared for outdoor recess**. We go out when the temperatures and/or wind chills are above zero degrees. If you don't have a heavy coat, layers work well. If you need assistance (coats, hats, gloves), please contact Sr. Genevieve or me. We will be glad to help. Thank you for your children.
Sincerely - Rob S.

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SCHOOL STUDENTS ASSIST Catholic Charities THIS CHRISTMAS

In past years, St. Charles School has adopted families through Catholic Charities to assist at Christmas. The organization expresses gratitude for the generosity of our families during past Christmas seasons. Many families have been blessed by your kindness.

Catholic Charities has changed their program this year. In an effort to be good stewards of their resources, Catholic Charities is transitioning from offering the opportunity to "adopt" or "sponsor" a specific family to whom sponsors provided "gifts" to the practice of accepting donated gift cards and limited material items most requested by families in need.

Donated gift cards, in lieu of wrapped and unwrapped gifts, will be distributed to families served by Catholic Charities who are experiencing challenges in meeting basic needs such as food, warm clothing, rent or utilities. This way they can be assured that children and other vulnerable persons served are housed and warm during the Christmas season.

Also, due to limited capacity on staff and in volunteers this year, Catholic Charities will not be able to coordinate appointments for families and organizations to drop off items. Catholic Charities will accept the donations of gift cards to assist the many families with whom they work.

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SCHOOL STUDENTS ASSIST Catholic Charities THIS CHRISTMAS (continued)

Examples of most needed gift cards include:

- > Grocery or multi-purpose stores gift cards (e.g., Kroger, Wal-Mart, Meijer)
- > Gas cards (i.e., fuel for transportation)
- > Citilink bus passes

Our regular Friday collections at Mass on November 30, December 7, and December 14 will be used to purchase gift cards for Catholic Charities. Anything extra which you would like to donate to this cause, please send to the school office marked Catholic Charities. When you are purchasing SCRIP, please consider purchasing an extra gift card for these people in need. Christmastime is indeed a time of year to rejoice and celebrate. As a Catholic organization, Catholic Charities appreciates our desire to give to others reminiscent of the gifts the Wise Men brought to the baby Jesus. Thank you for your assistance.

CALENDAR UPDATE

December	1	First Reconciliation 10:30 am
	2	First Sunday of Advent
	3	Reconciliation for grades 6-7-8
	3-14	NWEA Middle of Year Test Window K-8
	6	Grade 2 attends the Nutcracker Confirmation practice at 7:00 pm
	8	Immaculate Conception Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Rhoades presiding 10:30 am in church
	9	Second Sunday of Advent
	9	Pancake Breakfast with Santa
	10	Reconciliation for grades 3-4-5
	11	Beginning Band Parent information meeting, sign-up for instrument fitting 5:30-6:00 PM Hession Center, Band Room
	13	Christmas musical, 7:00 pm in Hession Center, <i>free admission</i>
	14	weather make-up day for Christmas musical if needed
	16	Third Sunday of Advent
	19	End of 2nd Quarter
	19	Early dismissal at 1:30 pm
December 20 - January 2		NO SCHOOL
January	3	Classes resume

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Angel Salazar, Grace Finley, Brady Meyer, Ashton Skarie, Molly Pierson, Gavin Stauffer, Bryson Merrell, Savannah Copeland, Veronica Fuentes, Christian Litzenberg, Isaiah Ryan, Dominic Mayoralgo, Layla Mayoralgo, Annabelle Sweigert, Efen Fuentes, Scarlett Lesh, Veronica Lian, Parker Tone, Charlotte Pfeiffer.

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY POETRY CONTEST

Congratulations to Brooke Barton and Rose Henry selected as winners in the 2018 "This Makes Me Happy" poetry contest sponsored by the Children's Services and Teen Services Departments of the Allen County Public Library. Hundreds of children and young adults from public, private, parochial, and home schools entered this year's competition. Prizes will be awarded at the Poetry Awards Ceremony on Saturday, December 8th, at 10:30 am in the Main Library downtown. The winners will be invited to read their winning poems at the Awards Ceremony which will be taped for television by Access Fort Wayne to be aired in January.

BEGINNING BAND

Any grade 4 student, as well as older students, with an interest in music, is invited to join the beginning band. There is a parent informational meeting on **Tuesday, December 11**, in the school band room. The meeting is 5:30-6:00 pm. At this meeting parents will have the opportunity to schedule a specific time slot to have their student "fitted" for a band instrument and to make arrangements to rent a band instrument. There will be instrument fitting on Wednesday, January 9, beginning at 4:30 pm. The Band Room is located on the lower level of the Hession Center. Please enter the school at door #3 (near the gym) and the posted signs will direct you to the South Stairs and the Band Room. If you are unable to do stairs, please see the custodian for directions to the elevator. All students interested in joining the band must have an appointment for a fitting on this day. Students will have the opportunity to rent instruments at this January meeting so that they have them for the first day band class which is Tuesday, January 22.

INTERESTED IN JOINING 4-H

4-H is a youth development program that builds leadership, fellowship and education with children from first grade to grade twelve. New Haven Clover 4-H Club has a meeting December 5, at New Haven Library on Green Street. Contact Sharon at 493-3685.

CYO Saints Wrestling 2019 Season

The first conditioning practice for this season will be December 4th, 5:30-7pm at Bishop Dwenger Wrestling Room (Door #8) for Boys grades 5 thru 8. Come prepared to run, exercise and learn the basics of wrestling. Please make sure you have your school physical on file to participate, registration details will be provided. For more information contact Dan Delaney (email:dadelaney@frontier.com or (260) 443-6120).

WHO: 5th through 8th Grade students both big and small (75 to 275lb weight classes)

WHAT: Conditioning practices will begin 1st week of December (December 4th, 2018)

WHERE: Bishop Dwenger High School Wrestling Room (Door #8 behind main gym)

WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday practices from 5:30-7pm

SCRIP NEWS

The First Week of Advent – For many, the countdown to Christmas began last weekend. However, if you are keeping Christ in Christmas, the “real countdown” begins today. SCRIP can help simplify your holiday shopping, allowing you more time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. *Amazon, Target, Meijer, Wal-Mart, and Kohls* can be used online, in store or as gifts. They are available in denominations from \$10-\$250. Pick up an order form today to see the many options available for everyone on your list.

How Many SCRIP Days `til Christmas? – Here is the SCRIP schedule from now until Christmas:

Monday, Dec. 3 – School and phone orders filled, walk-in orders are welcome from 11 - 1.

Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 4 & 5 – SCRIP Office open 8:30 – noon.

Thursday, Dec. 6 – Inventory day, phone orders filled, walk-in order welcome from 10 – noon.

Friday, Dec. 7 – SCRIP sales in the Hession Center 8 – 9 am; phone orders filled; walk-in orders welcome from 11 – noon.

Saturday, Dec. 8 – SCRIP sales following the 5 pm Mass.

Sunday, Dec. 9 – SCRIP sales following the 7:30 & 9 am Masses and before the 11 am Mass.

Monday, Dec. 10 – School and phone orders filled, walk-in orders are welcome from 11 - 1.

(Last day for guaranteed Special Orders)

Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 11 & 12 – SCRIP Office open 8:30 – noon.

Thursday, Dec. 13 – Inventory day, phone orders filled, walk-in order welcome from 10 – noon.

Friday, Dec. 14 – SCRIP sales in the Hession Center 8 – 9 am; phone orders filled; walk-in orders welcome from 11 – noon.

Saturday, Dec. 15 – SCRIP sales following the 5 pm Mass.

Sunday, Dec. 16 – SCRIP sales following the 7:30 & 9 am Masses and before the 11 am Mass.

Monday, Dec. 17 – School and phone orders filled, walk-in orders are welcome from 11 - 1.

Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 18 & 19 – SCRIP office open 8:30 – noon.

*****Friday, Dec. 21 – FINAL DAY OF SCRIP SALES BEFORE CHRISTMAS – SCRIP sales in the Hession Center 8 – 9 am; phone orders filled; walk-in orders welcome from 11 – noon.**

*****Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 22 & 23 – NO SCRIP SALES – MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

VOLUNTEERS: We appreciate all of you at this time of year more than ever; thanks for all you do!

Dec. 3 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Beth Schneider

Dec. 7 – Carol McKinney, Lavonne Gerardot, Carolyn Tyndall, Judy Smith

Dec. 7 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Amanda Schershel

Dec. 8 – Natalie Jackson, Bernadette Smith, Cindy Stults

Dec. 9 – Sue Christle, Brenda Harter, Laurie Amstutz

Dec. 10 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Kara Straessle

Dec. 14 – Kara Straessle, Cindy Miltner, Kristina O’Neal, Amy Copeland

Dec. 14 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Audrey Stauffer

Dec. 15 – Angela Campbell, Mary Ann Quinn, Cindie Rosswurm

Dec. 16 – Angela Bauer, Molly Elsass, Sandy Franke

Impulse Control Groups

In the next several weeks, we will be offering groups specifically for kids struggling with difficulties related to impulse control. The groups will focus on impulse control, solving problems, thinking ahead, anger control, and handling feelings. The groups will run for approximately 8-10 weeks and will be facilitated by Mrs. Sarah Robinson, School Social Worker. The groups will meet during school hours for about 25 minutes each week. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Mrs. Robinson at 969-4036 or email her at sarahrobinson@stcharlesschoolfw.org. Thanks!

Social Skills Training

In the next several weeks, we will be offering social skills groups to our students. The groups will be based on a couple social skills curricula, including Skillstreaming .and Super Skills. Ideas from the Model Me curriculum may also be used. These curricula teach a wide variety of social skills including self-responsibility in the classroom, friendship skills, and skills for managing impulses. During the group, social skills are taught using modeling, role-playing, and discussion. In addition to the positive impact of learning social skills, students who participate in small groups often develop a stronger sense of belonging to a social group and a more positive attitude about school.

The groups will meet during school hours for approximately 10 weeks. Mrs. Sarah Robinson, School Social Worker, will facilitate them. The groups will meet once weekly and the meeting will last approximately 20-25 minutes. If you think these groups may benefit your child, please contact Mrs. Robinson at 969-4036 or e-mail her at: sarahrobinson@stcharlesschoolfw.org. Thanks!

Children of Divorce Support Groups

St. Charles will again be offering support groups for children who have experienced a loss through parent divorce or separation. The groups will be for grades 1 through 5. Material from A Catholic Guide For Kids: When Parents Divorce or Separate, by Lynn Cassella-Kapunisinski. and from Complete Group Counseling Program for Children of Divorce by Sylvia Margolin.

Our groups will run for approximately 8 -10 weeks beginning in December or early January. In order to plan for the groups, we are requesting that the registration be returned by Friday, December 14th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Sarah Robinson at 969-4036 or by e-mail at sarahrobinson@stcharlesschoolfw.org

Children of Divorce Support Group Registration Return by 12-14-18 (Mrs. Sarah Robinson)

Name: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____ Phone #: _____
Parent Signature: _____
Child Signature: _____
Reason for participation: _____

December 2018 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

3 Chicken Patty Fries Green Beans Pineapple Milk	4 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Raspberry Spinach Salad Garlic Cheese Toast Pears Milk	5 Soft Taco w/Cheese & lettuce Refried Beans Corn Grapes Milk	6 Cheeseburger Lettuce/Tomato And pickle Tater Tots Peaches Milk	7 Bosco Sticks w/Marinara Sauce Broccoli Go-Gurt Oranges Milk
10 Pork Patty Baked Beans Fries Mixed Fruit Milk	11 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Goldfish Green Beans Pears Milk	12 Chicken Caesar Salad Broccoli Soft Pretzel Pineapple Milk	13 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Dinner roll Steamed Carrots Applesauce Milk	14 Pizza Veggies & Dip Pretzels Go-Gurt Grapes Milk
17 Hot Dog Fries Salad w/Ranch Peaches Milk	18 Taco Salad w/Cheese & Lettuce Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk Milk	19 Turkey Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Dinner roll Green Beans Jell-O Pears Milk	20 No School	21 No School

Lunch/Milk \$2.75

Milk Only \$0.45

Extra Entrée \$1.50

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTING 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 \$13.00 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 \$6.00 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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Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Lunch ID	Payment
General-Payments to the General account may be used for Meals, Extra entrée (\$1.50), and milk (45¢)				
Meal-Payments to the Meal account may only be used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.75)				
Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Lunch ID	Payment
General-Payments to the General account may be used for Meals, Extra entrée (\$1.50), and milk (45¢)				
Meal-Payments to the Meal account may only be used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.75)				
Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Lunch ID	Payment
General-Payments to the General account may be used for Meals, Extra entrée (\$1.50), and milk (45¢)				
Meal-Payments to the Meal account may only be used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.75)				
			Total Payment Enclosed	

"The USDA and the State of Indiana are equal opportunity providers and employers."



Dear Friend of St. Charles Borrromeo School,

We are excited to be planning the first annual Borrromeo Bash dinner and auction fundraiser to be held February 2, 2019 at Ceruti's. This year's theme, Monte Cardinal Night, will deliver lots of casino excitement and we hope that you will be a part of this fun-filled and historic night.

This year, we hope to raise \$32,000 for a complete technology upgrade of the school's computer lab. St. Charles Borrromeo School's investment in classroom and student resources increases every year which is necessary to continue offering our students a high quality education. Through your support, you will impact over 700 students and their 21st century learning experience at St. Charles Borrromeo School.

The planning committee is seeking individual and corporate sponsorships, and collecting items for both Silent and Live Auctions. As a Borrromeo Bash donor, you will not only help to raise money for the school but with 2000 families in the school and parish, you will gain visibility within our community and receive recognition in multiple ways.

Opportunities for Borrromeo Bash sponsorships are:

-  **Royal Flush Sponsor** \$5000 Full page ad in program, Individual signage at event, Logo on event website, and reserved table for 8.
-  **Straight Flush Sponsor** \$2500 Half page ad in program, Signage at event, Logo on event website, and reserved table for 8.
-  **Four of a Kind Sponsor** \$1500 Half page ad in program, Logo on event website, and reserved table for 8.
-  **Full House Sponsor** \$1000 Half page ad in program, Logo on event website, and 4 dinner tickets.
-  **Casino Table Sponsor** \$500 Logo in program, on event website, and on casino table.
-  **Teacher Table Sponsor** \$400 Sponsor a table for 8 St. Charles teachers. Includes logo in program, on event website, and on teacher table.
-  **Two of A Kind Sponsor** \$250 Logo in program and on event website

To set up a sponsorship online, visit our website at bidpal.net/BorrromeoBash. You can request an invoice by sending email to BorrromeoBash@gmail.com.

You can also support Borrromeo Bash by donating items from our auction wish list (or other items you consider interesting and valuable). All auction donations will be acknowledged in the event's program and website.



Condo or Lake Accommodations, Weekend or Vacation Packages, Hotel, Airfare
 Unique Experiences – Dining Packages, Classes, Lessons, Tours
 Theatre, Party, or Sports Tickets and Packages
 Fine Art, Jewelry, Religious Items
 Sporting, Golf, and Fitness Equipment
 Electronics and Appliances
 Liquor, Spa/Beauty, Household, Kids Items
 Gift certificates or Gift Cards, Restaurant Gift Cards/SCRIP Cards



We greatly appreciate any sponsorship or donations you can provide. **For sponsorships and donations to be acknowledged in printed event materials, the transaction or a commitment for a January 2019 transaction must be made by December 15, 2018.** Because St. Charles is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, your donation may be tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to St. Charles Borrromeo School, c/o Borrromeo Bash, 4910 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815; or a committee member will gladly pick up donations. You can arrange pick-up by sending email to BorrromeoBash@gmail.com or calling (260) 485-5287.

On behalf of the Borrromeo Bash committee, thank you for your support and may God Bless you.

Father Tom Shoemaker
Parish Priest

Rob Sordelet
School Principal

Matt & Kari Smith
2019 co-chairs

Chris & Roby Kaufman
2019 co-chairs

Casino tables are for entertainment purposes only. Casino entertainment is free and open to the public.