



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

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. -Is 9:5-6

LOOKING AHEAD - ST. CHARLES SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021

First Day of School Grades PreK-8:	Tuesday, August 11
Labor Day (No School):	September 7
INPEA Conference (No School - Teachers attend conference)	November 5 & 6
8th Grade Mass of Confirmation w/Bishop Rhoades	November 21
Thanksgiving Vacation:	Wed, Nov. 25-Fri., Nov. 27
Christmas Vacation:	December 21 - January 1
Spring Break:	April 2 - 9
Good Friday (No School)	April 2
Easter Sunday	April 4
Grade 8 Graduation (tentative):	Tuesday, May 25
School Ends Grades K-8 (tentative):	Friday, May 28

Join Us for Christmas Mass! Peace & Joy to your Families! Mass times are:

Christmas Eve Masses on Tuesday, December 24:	4:00 pm	6:30 pm	12:00 midnight
Christmas Masses on Wednesday, December 25:	9:00 am	11:00 am	

BORROMEIO BASH - MONTE CARDINAL NIGHT!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2020

BORROMEIO BASH - Congratulations to Emily Walden who won two tickets to Borromeio Bash from the SCRIP contest!!! Thanks to everyone who entered the contest, those gift cards will be used for some games and added to donations for auction items.



Thanks to the people who signed up after masses last weekend to volunteer at Borromeio Bash on February 1, 2020. Our website is bidpal.net/Borromeobash. We are still looking for some fun auction items, if you have something you would like to donate please let us know! If you get a gift card for Christmas you don't think you will use... send it to us, we will use it for games and auction items. We are still in need of auction items, and casino sponsors. The deadline is by Christmas to get your name in the program. Watch your mailbox after Christmas for you invitation to this epic event!

TICKETS go on sale December 30th!! You can register online at bidpal.net/Borromeobash. Tickets are \$60 each, tables are of 10 this year. By setting up an account online with a credit card you will automatically be set up for the auction bidding! We are so excited and hope to see many of you there! Last year this event sold out in a few short days!

Reminder: Arrivals, Tardies, Calling in Sick Children, and Updating Parent Contact Information Parents, just a reminder to please have the children here on time for school. We ask that students be in their classrooms by 7:50 a.m. With the long walk from the car and our main hallway that is 130 yards long, you are going to have to arrive, at the latest, by 7:45-7:47 for drop off to give your loved ones time to make it to their classrooms. As I write this on Wednesday morning, we had 65 students arrive at least 5 minutes late, which is not good. And, yes, the roads were clear this morning.

Also, if your children are ill, please email or call and leave a message so that we can make sure they are safe! I understand you might forget to call in during the bustle of the morning, as I have been guilty of that myself and I can shout it out from my desk, but please put our school number in your 'favorites' or 'speed dial' and call (260) 484-3392, or bookmark our attendance email attendance@stcharlesschoolfw.org and send us a message. Every morning, for those who have not called in, we work to make contact with parents to confirm the child in question is safe. We have been working very hard to reduce our contact time in the office, meaning that we want to confirm as soon as possible each morning that all absent children are accounted for within the first 60 minutes of the school day. An hour may seem like a long time, but if we are calling twenty children's parents and if no one answers the first number or the second number, or . . . (you get the drift) then an hour is fairly efficient.

Finally, if your primary or secondary phone numbers or emails have changed, let the school office know so that we can update our records and reach you for absences, emergencies, and even good stuff when we need to do so. Thanks everyone. -Rob S.

Upcoming Schedule Changes

Tuesday, January 14th -
Monday, February 3rd -

One Hour Delay
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Students report to school by 8:50 a.m. [Diocesan Curriculum Time]
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CALENDAR UPDATE

December 21 - January 5 Christmas Vacation

January 6	School Resumes - Full Day of School
7	Beginning Band Instrument fitting in band room, by appointment, 4:30 - 6:30 pm HASA Board meeting, Art Room, 7:00 pm
10	Report Cards
13	Yearbook group pictures (scouts, robotics, bands, orchestras, etc.) Theology of the Body parent meeting in Parish Hall, 6:45-7:45 pm
14	1-hour delay, teacher curriculum work
19	Knights of Columbus sponsored <i>Free Throw Contest</i>
21	Pre-K and Kindergarten registration for 2020-2021 school year [1:15-2:30 and 6:00-7:00 pm] School Board meeting, room C, 7:00 pm
23	Science Fair projects judged
24	Science Fair open to visitors, 9:00-3:00

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Lucia Tippmann (3-9), Wyatt Tippmann, Madeline Turk, Noah Crismore, Georgia Heaton, Gracie Thurber, Lilly Fink, Jeremy Davidson, Giselle Carrillo, Leif Moilanen, Lian Sang, Gabby Ghristle, Lena Pfeiffer, Lydia Tippmann, Zach Lehrman, Jensen Miguel, Noah Digan, Nick O'Keefe, Hilary Tippmann, Sophie Sanchez.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to the following students in grades 5-8 who competed in the school Geography Bee after winning their grade level competitions: Grade 5 – Parker Tone and Ella Redman; Grade 6 – PJ Ledo and Ava Schortgen; Grade 7 – David Thurber, Catherine Krouse, and Drew Stauffer; and Grade 8 –Theresa Bulanda, Reid Smith, and Brady Geradot. These students competed in the school bee on Tuesday morning. The school winner was Brady Geradot! Brady will take a qualifying exam in January to determine if he will be one of a hundred participants at the state level Geography Bee to be held in April in Indianapolis. The state champions compete in the National Geography Bee in May in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to David Thurber for second place!

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to sixth grader, Rafael Cucueco, our St. Charles Borromeo Spelling Bee Champion! Twenty-four students from grades fifth through eighth rigorously competed on Tuesday afternoon in the school spelling bee. Rafael held off a tough challenge from runner-up sixth grader, Lauren Galbraith. His winning word was verandas. [This word is partly from Hindi and partly from Portuguese and is a plural noun meaning porches. *The Morgans prefer to sit outside on one of their verandas in the fall and spring, when the weather is just right.*] Ravael will represent our school in the Allen County Spelling Bee on Thursday evening, February 13, 2020 starting at 6:00pm at Purdue Fort Wayne in the Auer Performance Hall.

BEGINNING BAND - Any grade 4 student, as well as older students, with an interest in music, is invited to join the beginning band. There was a parent informational meeting held last week. If you were unable to attend and your child is interested in band, please contact Mr. Hoersten at the school office to schedule a specific time slot to have your child "fitted" for a band instrument and to make arrangements to rent a band instrument. The instrument fitting will be on Tuesday, January 7, beginning at 4:00 pm. 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 meeting so that they have them for the first day band class which is Tuesday, January 14.

SPRING MUSICAL

St. Charles will present *Frozen Jr.* Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 P.M. All interested sixth-eighth graders are welcome to join us in performing the Broadway version of the hit Disney movie.

Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, January 7 and Wednesday, January 8, 2020 after school and end promptly at 5:00. Please pick up students at Door 13 in the Primary Lot. Practices are scheduled Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 5:00, with try-outs for solos on January 14th and/or 15th. All students who love theater arts are welcome to join us!

-Mrs. Schipper, Mrs. J. Till, Miss Bassett, Ms. Hope, Mrs. Pittenger

Pre-K4 & Kindergarten Registration Coming Soon! January 21, 2020!

I wish to invite you to our Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten registration day on Wednesday, January 21st. Registration will be held in the afternoon from 1:15-2:30 p.m. in Rooms C & D of the Hession Center, or you may attend the evening session from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Art Room. All parents are asked to park in the rear of the school and enter through door # 3.

Kindergarten: For this coming school year 2020-2021, we will be offering full-day Kindergarten with a class size limit of 27 students per class. Our school day runs from 7:50 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have need, for an additional fee, we will offer our Beforecare and Aftercare service for all students.

Initial tuition costs are projected to be \$3,804 (\$317 per month over 12 months) for the full-day program - plus a one-time \$40 registration fee.

Pre-Kindergarten four-year-old Program: We will be offering two sections of five-day Pre-Kindergarten classes (A.M., P.M., or Full-day). Our morning program will run from 7:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and our afternoon program will run from 11:50 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Initial tuition costs are projected to be \$3,804 (\$317 per month over 12 months) for the full-day program, or \$1,902 (\$159 per month over 12 months) - plus a one-time \$40 registration fee.

Our January registration for our Kindergarten and Pre-K 4 Programs is early enough to ensure that parish families of St. Charles Borromeo have a first opportunity to register their children. Please bring to registration:

1. A copy of your child's Social Security card, birth certificate and baptismal certificate.
2. We will also need a copy of your child's immunization record.
3. The registration fee is \$40.00 and is nonrefundable.

This is a very exciting time for our parents and young people. We want to ensure your child's school experience is a faith-filled, engaging, and supportive experience. I thank you for your time, and I look forward to seeing you at registration. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at the school office (260) 484-3392 or email schooloffice@stcharlesschoolfw.org.

Sincerely - Robert Sordelet, Principal

Order of registration priority will follow the established admissions guidelines as listed below:

ADMISSIONS - SCP 1023

St. Charles School shall follow and promote an open enrollment policy, accepting students according to Diocesan Policy (4010) and Parish guidelines. (Before acceptance all registration requirements and deadlines must be met.)

SPC1023 - Admissions Procedures

Per Diocesan Policy 4010, all students new to St. Charles Borromeo School must be administered a placement test before beginning school. Diocesan policy allows the use of ILearn test results and various standardized and local assessments to fulfill the placement testing requirements.

Classification A:

Families who are registered and actively involved at St. Charles or Our Lady of Good Hope parishes who presently have their baptized Catholic children attending St. Charles School.

Classification B:

Families who are registered and actively involved at St. Charles in order of parish registration date, who do not currently have children enrolled at St. Charles School. Parents from St. Charles parish would have priority for admittance to St. Charles depending upon their date of parish registration and their active and/or contributing support of their parish church.

Every registered family has a moral obligation to support their parish through the weekly offertory envelopes by donating to the Sunday collection as much as they can afford to cover the actual cost of educating a child. Tuition for St. Charles does not cover the full cost, the balance is subsidized by the parish of St. Charles. In addition, regular Sunday church attendance is required. Families must not only be registered in their parish, but be active members as well as participating in some of the programs of parish life.

Classification C:

If room permits, students whose parents are actively involved in other parishes may be admitted after March 1st. If a family is utilizing an Indiana Choice Scholarship (voucher), the student will be enrolled on the day of the annual voucher lottery if room permits. In the event of a voucher lottery, if there are more students applying than there are available enrollment spaces, then applying students must be enrolled in the order in which they are chosen in the lottery. This is a first-come first-serve system as required by State law.

Classification D:

If room permits, non-Catholic students may be admitted after March 1st. If a family is utilizing an Indiana Choice Scholarship (voucher), the student will be enrolled on the day of the annual voucher lottery if room permits. In the event of a voucher lottery, if there are more students applying than there are available enrollment spaces, then applying students must be enrolled in the order in which they are chosen in the lottery. This is a first-come first-serve system as required by State law. Character references from a minister or a school administrator may be required. If a student in this category is accepted into St. Charles, he/she may continue through graduation. Siblings, however, will be placed in Classification C.

Waiting Lists:

In the event that there is a waiting list for any grade, the following criteria will determine your placement on the list:

- A. Criteria are the same as the Admissions Guidelines.
 - 1. Regular attendance at Mass.
 - 2. Active participation in the parish.
 - 3. Dedication to Catholic education.
 - 4. Consistent financial support of the parish.

- B. When a family is offered an opening for a student and refuses, that student moves to the bottom of the list regardless of whether or not they have siblings.

Registration requirements are:

- A. Incoming students' records must be obtained before grade placement is finalized.
- B. Parents must complete and provide the registration form, immunization form, birth and baptismal certificate, payment of registration fee, & copy of current report card for grades K-8.

TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

The Teacher and Staff Appreciation Christmas Breakfast on Monday, December 16th was a huge success. It could not have been accomplished without the generous volunteers who donated their time, money and yummy food. A special thank you to Cosmos and the Bourounis family who donated delicious casseroles that were certainly a hit! Thank you to Angela Bauer, Heather Bokhart, Leeandra Camos, Sarah Cheever, Stephanie Eddy, Jen Eisaman, Lisa Groves, Jill Harkless, Kim Hoffman, Stacey Isenbarger, Kelly Krouse, Danielle Meyer, Cindy Miltner, Emily Parker, Jennifer Prado, Margaret Ryan, Katie Schindler, Judy Smith, Katie Steigmeyer, Christine Sweigert, Kate Sweigert, Joy Tippmann, Kelly Tippmann, Shelley Tippmann, Emily Walden, and Christina Wulpi. Also a big thank you to the maintenance staff and office staff for their logistics assistance. Couldn't have done it without you! Stephanie Keefer

USF SATURDAY MORNING ART PROGRAM

The University of Saint Francis is offering a Spring 2020 Saturday Morning Art Program. This program will provide children with an introduction to both 2-D and 3-D media. This safe, supportive environment for participants will expose them to a variety of materials and creative projects with positive role models and opportunities to interact with community arts organizations. **2D/3D Introduction** is for students in grades 1-3, 4-5 and 6-8. Make sure when registering to choose the correct class based on the participant's current grade level. The classes meet on Saturdays, 9-11 am Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at USF Rolland Art and Visual Communication Center, Leesburg Rd., Southeast Entrance, Lower Level. Online registration only: bit.ly/socayouthart2020. Fee for instruction and supplies is \$60. For more information, please contact Molly McGowan at 260-339-8064 or mmcgowan@sf.edu.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

Save the date! The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 19 in the St. Charles Cafeteria for students ages 9-14 as of January 1. More information coming soon!

BDHS TRIVIA NIGHT

You are invited to Tuffy's Trivia Night on Saturday, January 18, at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$150 per team of 10 players. You can carry in food; cash bar will be available. Must be 21 or older to attend. Register online at www.bishopdwenger.com/trivianight or call Molly Schreck at 496-4775. *Sponsorship opportunities available!*

SCRIP NEWS

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Thank you to everyone who placed a SCRIP order during December. Whether you used it for your Christmas shopping and gifting or your regular household expenses, we hope you found the process a simple one. It was a very busy December for SCRIP and we are grateful.



If your order contained any "Back Ordered" items, they should have come home with your student by Thursday at the latest. Make sure to check their bookbags and backpacks. We will still be available after the regular Masses this weekend as well as until noon on Monday, December 23 for any last minute questions or needs.

Last but not least, we hope that if you have not been a regular SCRIP customer in the past, that you will consider making it a New Year's resolution. It is a win-win fundraiser for the parish and for you.

As we all take time to join with family and friends, the **SCRIP** office will be closed. ***There are no sales the weekend of December 28 & 29***, and the office will be closed during that time as well. **SCRIP** sales will resume the weekend of ***January 4 & 5*** and we will be back in the office and ready to fill school orders on ***Monday, January 6***. Enjoy your Christmas break – we will!



SCRIP NEWS *continued*

Saturday, February 1! - It's a night of good food, good friends and fun gaming. We hope you will consider attending. The committee is accepting donations of gift cards purchased through **SCRIP** to be used as prizes. Simply fill out the special order form with the **Borromeo Bash** logo and send it In with your payment. We will fill the order, give you the SCRIP credit and give the gift cards directly to the Borromeo Bash committee.

VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who shared their time during this busy time of year. Increased sales meant more buying and our amazing drivers definitely worked overtime picking up inventory from our participating. Our volunteers who help at the sales tables on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays were there to help fill our holiday orders and our Classroom delivery people were there to make sure you got your order sent home with your student. Our **SCRIP** program's success is because of all our YOU!!!

Jan. 4 – Lois Ewald, Maryann Quinn, Cindie Rosswurm

Jan. 5 – Angela Bauer, Molly Elsass, Sandy Franke

Jan. 6 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Jen Prado

Jan. 10 – Mary Jo Amorini, Tom Neuhaus, Dorla Rice, Judy Smith

Jan. 10 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Donna Kaiser

VARIOUS SUPPORT GROUPS offered for St. Charles students

Self-Control/Impulse Control Groups

Beginning in January, we will be offering groups specifically for kids struggling with difficulties related to impulse control. The groups will focus on positive skills for self-control, including following directions, taking turns, controlling their bodies, filtering their thoughts, thinking ahead, and handling feelings. The groups will run for 8 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

Beginning in January, we will be offering social skills groups for our students. The groups will be based on several 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 meetings will last approximately 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. Thank you.

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 students in grades 1 through 4. Our workbook is entitled, *A Catholic Guide For Kids: When Parents Divorce or Separate*, by Lynn Cassella-Kapunisinski. Our groups will run for 6-8 weeks beginning in January. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Sarah Robinson at 969-4036 or by e-mail at sarahrobinson@stcharlesschoolfw.org

Please return to Mrs. Robinson by 1/8/20.

Children of Divorce Support Group Registration

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Child Signature: _____

Reason for participation: _____

January 2020 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

6	Pork Patty Tater Tots Green Beans Peaches Milk	7	Pasta w/Meat Sauce Salad w/Ranch Garlic Cheese Toast Pineapple Milk	8	Chicken Taco Salad Doritos Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk	9	Chili w/Shredded Cheese Oyster Crackers Baked Potato Cherries Milk	10	Bosco Sticks w/Marinara Veggies & Dip Go Gurt Oranges Milk
13	Corn Dog Oven Fries Baked Beans Applesauce Milk	14	Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel Broccoli Pears Milk	15	Soft Taco w/Grd Beef Cheese, Lettuce Refried Beans Corn Milk	16	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Dinner Roll Steamed Carrots Pineapple Milk	17	Cheese Omelette w/Salsa Pancake w/Syrup Hashbrowns Dragon Juice Banana Milk
20	Chicken Patty Tater Tots Baked Beans Peaches Milk	21	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Goldfish Crackers Pineapple Milk	22	French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Hashbrowns Dragon Juices Oranges Milk	23	Cheeseburger Tomato, Pickle, Lettuce Fries Broccoli Applesauce Milk	24	Cheese Pizza Veggies & Dip Pretzels Go Gurt Grapes Milk
27	Hot Dog Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli Pears Milk	28	Pulled Pork Sandwich Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	29	Scoops w/Taco Meat Lettuce, Cheese Black Beans Cherries Milk	30	Sub Sandwich Sun Chips Veggies & Dip Banana Milk	31	Bread Stick w/Cheese Celery w/Peanut Butter Go Gurt Grapes Milk

Lunch Prices 2019-2020

Lunch/Milk \$2.80

Milk Only \$0.45

Extra Entrée \$1.50

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTING FORM

Parents can put money into the student's account through your MyPaymentsPlus (formerly MyMealsPlus) online account at www.mypaymentsplus.com or by calling 1-877-237-0946 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 \$14.00 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 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
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			Total Payment Enclosed	

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