



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

Our school planners this year are themed **"Press On!"** The publishers quote Philippians 3:13-14 *"Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus."* During this month of August, we **'press on' In His Image**. As creations in God's image and likeness, we are reminded to treat others with fairness, respect, and love. We realize that

- **ALL** - no matter nationality, ethnic background, family origin, or color of our skin.
- **ALL** - no matter if our families are 'perfect' or struggling, no matter if our parents are employed or not, no matter if we are anxious or calm, no matter if we are new to this school and parish community or have been here all our lives.
- **ALL are created lovingly in God's image** and we are called to see Jesus in one another. When we do so, we live out the Vision and Mission of our St. Charles Borromeo School. So remember this month **Press On In His Image!**

"God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

DATE CHANGE: PLEASE PLAN FOR THIS DAY OFF OF SCHOOL - NO SCHOOL, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

COVID-19 has pushed the Diocesan-wide Catholic School Mission Day to Friday, September 4th for all teachers. As teachers will be in meetings all day, there will be no school on this day. I apologize for the late notice. Mon., Sept. 7 is Labor Day! Enjoy time with family!

Dear Parents and Students - We are so thankful to finally be back together again! Praise the Lord!

Welcome back! On behalf of our Pastor, Father Tom Shoemaker, our Associate Pastors, Father James and Father Thomas, our Assistant Principals, Sr. Genevieve and Mr. Hoersten, and all of our Faculty and Staff, I am so thankful to have everyone back together after five months apart. Our Faculty, Staff, and Maintenance have worked hard to get the year started, and I thank them for doing a wonderful job of it. We have an exciting first month of school ahead of us, and I expect an excellent year of learning and spiritual growth.

We will be moving to electronic newsletters only this quarter! For the first weeks of school, we will continue to send a paper copy of the Parent Newsletter home every Friday. We always post an electronic copy to the school website. Please read through the newsletters, as we try to share as much information as possible with our students and their families.

COVID-19 protocols: I thank all for your cooperation over these first four days. Safety is a top priority and we are working to follow Governor Holcomb's orders and those of Bishop Rhoades and our Catholic Schools Office. We are also trying to find some balance in all of this with our students, faculty, and staff. We will continue to monitor and adjust as necessary. If you have any concerns, please let us know, as we appreciate your continued help in making all of this work. Remember, wear the cloth masks, wash/sanitize hands frequently, stay distanced, and stay home if feeling ill! Together we can **Press On** through this school year!

We had our first All-School Mass this morning! No, no! Don't worry! To comply with distancing guidelines, only two grade levels at a time are able to attend Mass together. This morning, our 7th and 8th grade students attended in person in the Church, and Mr. Hoersten, with help from Mr. Carroll was able to stream the Mass live to all of the classrooms. The whole process worked smoothly, and we found the whole reuniting at Mass to be a very powerful and prayerful experience. We are getting back to God and to normal!

Our Home And School Association, HASA, Back-to-School Night will be a little different this year! We will not be meeting in-person at school and in Church this year, but rather each teacher will be posting a short, recorded video of introduction for parents and students to watch together at home. On Wednesday evening, August 19th, at 6:00 p.m. parents and students will be able to access their teachers' recorded videos through the school website tab entitled "Back-to-School Night". Any classroom handouts will also be posted for parent access. PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st grade teachers and parents have already used this system to conduct their 'parent orientation' last week. The PreK, K, and 1st grade teachers will simply post those same videos and materials to the website link in case anyone missed them. New videos of introduction will be posted for all teachers grades 2 and up. If you cannot view the videos on Wednesday night, then please view them on Thursday. After viewing the videos, please fill out the Google form entitled "We Watched the Back-to-School Night Videos". Filling out this acknowledgement form will let us know that you participated in the evening and will allow your child to have an Out of Uniform Day next Friday. All students in PreK, K, and 1st automatically have an Out-of-Uniform Day that Friday, as they have already met the teacher! If you ever need to speak with or meet with your child's teacher simply call the school or email the teacher, and that personal contact can be made. We look forward to having you tune in! Thank you for choosing our school, and thank you, especially for your children. Sincerely - Rob S.

Great Job with Morning Arrivals and After School Dismissal! Keep it up! Almost all are dropping off by 7:47, and making into their classrooms by 7:50 a.m. Continue to leave home in plenty of time to drop off by 7:45 as it takes a few minutes for students to walk to their classrooms. We do count morning tardies, and five tardy arrivals do require students to serve an after-school detention, BUT you guys are doing such a great job, that I don't think we will have to worry about that this year. A few more gentle reminders:

1. Remember, no left turns when exiting the parking lot after morning drop off & afternoon dismissal. Doing so backs up traffic and creates some dangerous situations as people are gambling to pull out into heavy traffic.
2. Parents, at dismissal, please do not get in a hurry and pull out early. Saving two minutes or even 5 is not worth causing an accident, or even worse, unintentionally injuring a child. Follow the system in place, and if unsure ask a parent parked next to you for help. Also, please don't rush to pick up students at BD. They are older, can wait safely, and still will love you if late.
3. The cafeteria door #9 is open at 7:18 a.m. Teachers are in their classrooms at 7:20 a.m., which is earlier this year, to avoid gathering in the cafeteria (social distancing). Students may walk straight to their classrooms upon entrance.
4. I ask that students be prepared to get out of vehicles quickly when their turn comes to disembark. Parents, if students are having problems getting out of the car (upset, seat belt won't release, backpack problems, etc.) and the issue will take a while, please just pull into a parking spot so that you have the time you need and the line can keep flowing. We want to think like paratroopers and be unbuckled and ready to jump out when the car comes to a stop. Overall, great job so far! Thanks!

We are working to go paperless! To this end, we did not send a mailing this summer. Below you will find a combination of forms. Some may be completed online, and others need to be printed out, completed, and returned to school. We sent the following links out to families last week to fill out, but in case you were unable to do so, please complete all forms if you haven't already. Any forms you are filling out by hand may be emailed as an attachment, mailed, or dropped off to the school office:

Emergency Cards - Completed online this year! If you haven't already, complete the Google Form - [Emergency Card Online Form](#)

The Handbook & Picture Authorization Acknowledgement. Completed online this year! If you haven't already, we ask that parents read the Parent Handbook online at www.stcharlesschoolfw.org, and then [sign and submit Acknowledgment Form](#). Please note, the St. Charles Athletic and Child Care Handbooks have been incorporated into the Parent Handbook. Additionally, the Picture Authorization (On same page as handbooks form) is an authorization for use of student and parent pictures on websites, in yearbooks, and in all other school-related promotional materials.

Application for free/reduced lunch and textbook assistance: Even if you choose not to use our hot lunch service, you should still fill out a free/reduced form if any of the following three criteria apply. If you: 1) receive state or federal financial assistance 2) are a single parent, or; 3) are unemployed. You will find the form on the school website at [Summer Mailing Items](#) and look for Free/Reduced Lunch. You will need to print and fill out this form, sign in two places - lunch and textbook, and then once completed, the form can be scanned and emailed to schooloffice@stcharlesschoolfw.org, dropped off at school, or sent with your child.

2020-2021 Volunteer Online SignUp: We have moved to an online sign-up format for volunteering for events throughout the school year. These volunteer opportunities are open to parents and parishioners over the course of the school year. We seek and appreciate any volunteering you may be able to do. Please take a look! Go to the volunteer sign-up link at [St. Charles Volunteer Packet 2020-21](#). Contact the school office if you need a paper copy.

Calendar Update

August 15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Holy Day
(currently non-obligatory, Masses at 6:30 pm Friday, 8:15 am and 5:00 pm Saturday)

17 HASA Board meeting, via GoogleMeet invite, 7:00-7:45 pm

18 School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, rooms C/D

20 Cub Scout - Parent Informational Meeting, 6:30 pm, Shoaf Park *see article below*

25 Beginning Orchestra Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm, Hession Center rms C and D

28-29-30 Knights of Columbus sponsor *Men's Tool and Toys* garage sale

BAND ORCHESTRA CHOIR HAND CHIMES Students in grades 5-6-7-8 may sign up for band, choir, hand chimes, and orchestra. Please see the end of this newsletter for details and form. Grade 2-8 students may sign up for orchestra. Details about the beginning orchestra are at the end of this newsletter and a parent meeting is Tuesday, August 25.

A Note from the ART Teacher

Hello! This year I am asking that every child bring a paint shirt from home to use for art class. This can be an old t-shirt that can fit over a student's school uniform. These will be kept in the homeroom and worn to art class when needed. If you have an extra shirt you would like to donate, please have your student bring it to the art room to give to me. Donated shirts will be washed before being handed out. I really appreciate your help with this, as I want to be able to still do "messy" projects safely. Thank you! -Mrs. Kelly Knox

CUB SCOUTS Come join Cub Scouts! There is an informational meeting for the parents of any boy, 1st through 5th grade, who is interested in joining Cub Scouts. The meeting will be at Shoaff Park, the pavilion next to the splash pad, 6:30pm, Thursday August 20th. Masks are required. If anyone is interested and can not that come that day or has questions, please call, text or email Jen Prado, Cub Master at 260-416-7411, jennaprado@yahoo.com.

SCRIP NEWS

Welcome Back! – The SCRIP program welcomes all our families back to this unconventional school year. We normally miss all of you during the summer; but since “in person” classrooms closed last March, it seems like an eternity since we have had communication with our school families.

The SCRIP office has been open since early April and our weekend and Friday morning sales resumed when St. Charles began its public Masses at the end of May. We are being extremely careful as we operate to guarantee your health safety as well as our own. We have an immense respect for this serious pandemic.

Just as we have always done in the past, we will be collecting *orders from students on Mondays and Fridays*, filling them and sending them home at dismissal. The time changed for the *Friday morning sales* in the *Hession Center* this week; meaning we are there for the *8 am – 9 am* hour. *If you send an order in with a student, please be sure to include your student’s classroom information as well as a phone number* in case we have any questions.

In addition to sending an order in with your student, one of the easiest and safest ways to place a SCRIP order is to call our office. You can ask that we send the order home with your student, and send payment in with your student on the next school day or you can also choose to pick-up and pay for the order at the Parish Office – they are open during the week from *8:30 – 4:30*. We are usually in the SCRIP office during the week from *8:30 am – noon*. (*On Fridays we are not there until after the sales in the Hession Center*). Our number is *969-4027*. If you are not able to reach us when you call, you are welcome to leave your order on our answering machine. Again, a viable phone number is appreciated.

Because of the decrease in sales that we have seen since this pandemic began, we have found it necessary to carry a smaller inventory. This means we might not always have the gift cards you are looking for on the day you place your order. Great Lakes and most of our local merchants are wonderful and we should be able to completely fill your order within a week. Please keep this in mind and try to plan ahead. We place our orders on Monday mornings. If you have an item that you need, please call the office by 9 am.

During this uncertain time, we know that many families have experienced financial difficulty. This means you are looking for ways to save every dime possible. SCRIP can be of help. While this is a parish fundraising program, each participant shares in the profit. You can appreciate a rebate from your grocery shopping, fueling needs, dining out, home improvement needs and so many other household expenses. We like to call SCRIP, “*Free Money!*”

As we move forward, we know that things are subject to change on a weekly or even daily basis. SCRIP was started many years ago to support our parish and school and has reached some incredible goals. It is our sincere hope to see this continue; but, we need your help and cooperation to do so. Please feel free to contact the office with questions. Be safe and continue to pray for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Knights of Columbus

The St. Charles Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a “**Men’s Tools and Toys**” garage sale from the Parish Office Garage next to the football field. The sale is Friday, August 28, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Saturday, August 29, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and Sunday, August 30, noon - 4:00 pm. They are in need of donations of new or used shop or lawn tools and sports/recreation equipment. Donations can be dropped off at the St. Charles Parish Office Garage on Saturday, August 22, and Sunday, August 23, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Lunch Times for the 2020-2021 School Year

Pre-K	10:35-10:58 <i>recess follows</i>
Kdg	10:40-11:00 <i>recess follows</i>
Grade 1	11:10-11:30 <i>recess follows</i>
Grade 2	11:30-11:50 <i>recess follows</i>
Grade 3	10:50-11:10 <i>recess follows</i>
Grade 4	11:00-11:40 <i>recess before</i>
Grade 5	11:20-11:40 <i>recess before</i>
Grade 6	11:50-12:10 <i>recess before</i>
Grade 7	11:57-12:17 <i>recess before</i>
Grade 8	11:40-12:00 <i>recess follows</i>

August 2020 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

17 Chicken Patty Green Beans Fries Mixed Fruit Milk	18 Cheese Omelet w/Salsa Pancake w/Syrup Hash Browns Oranges Milk	19 Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Sun Chips Carrots & Dip Raisins Milk	20 Cheeseburger w/Lettuce, Pickle, Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Peaches Milk	21 Bread Stick w/Cheese Broccoli Go-Gurt Applesauce Milk
24 Hot Dog Tater Tots Raspberry Spinach Salad Pineapple Scooby Snacks Milk	25 Scoops w/Taco Meat, Cheese, Lettuce, & Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk	26 Chicken Nuggets Fries Green Beans Watermelon Milk	27 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Salad w/Ranch Garlic Cheese Toast Pears Milk	28 Cheese Pizza Carrots & Dip Pretzels Go-Gurt Banana Milk
31 Pork Patty Baked Beans Tater Tots Peaches Milk	Sept. 1 French Toast Sticks Sausage Hash Browns Dragon Juice Oranges Milk	Sept. 2 Ham & Turkey Sub Sun Chips Salad w/Ranch Grapes Milk	Sept. 3 Bosco Sticks w/marinara Broccoli Go-Gurt Applesauce Milk	Sept. 4 NO SCHOOL

Lunch Prices 2020-2021

Lunch/Milk \$2.90

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 MyPaymentPlus (formerly MyMealsPlus) online account at www.mypaymentplus.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
Payments are used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.90), Extra Entree (\$1.50), and Milk (\$0.45)				
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			Total Payment Enclosed	

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BAND CHIMES CHOIR ORCHESTRA

Students are invited to join the St. Charles Band, Chimes, Chorus, and Orchestra programs. Any student with an interest in enrichment opportunities in music is welcome! Participation is a full year commitment. Only with a commitment for the entire year can the student members become a "team", progress, and perform more involved pieces.

There is no additional cost or fee for any of these group lessons. This is included in the tuition. However, students must provide their own instrument(s) and also need to purchase a music book specific to their instrument and level. There are available for rent several band/string instruments from the St. Charles School Fine Arts Boosters. If you need more information on this rental, please contact Kevin Hoersten.

Intermediate Band

Grades 5-6 Days and times TBD
Miss Bassett

Grade 5 students will meet as a "Beginning Band" to start

Advanced Band

Grades 7-8 Days and times TBD
Miss Bassett

Band Books are required. Students will be given more information at their first class. The first day for band to meet will be Monday, August 26. There will be information available in December for grade 4 students joining the Beginning Band second semester.

Choir

Days and times TBD
Mrs. Till

Chimes

Monday 3:05-4:30 after school
Mrs. Till Grades 5-8

Chimes will begin Monday, August 31. Choir will not meet at this time. We will determine a date in the future when Choir will begin. Since choir and band meet at the same time, students should **not** choose both of these activities.

Orchestra

Beginning Orchestra Day and time TBD
Miss Basset Year 2 Orchestra Day and time TBD
Intermediate Orchestra Days and times TBD
Advanced Orchestra Days and times TBD

Orchestra classes are for violin, viola, and cello. Year 2 Orchestra, Intermediate Orchestra, and Advanced Orchestra begins August 31. Beginning Orchestra begins Tues., Sept. 10.

There is a Beginning Orchestra informational meeting on **Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Hession Center. If your child would like to learn one of the string instruments, please plan on attending this very important meeting. 3rd and 4th grade beginners are most welcomed. The class size will be limited. Grade 2 students will be accepted as beginners as space allows on the basis of the date the form below is returned to school in advance and attendance at the meeting. Parents and students will have the chance to meet with Miss Bassett, the instructor, as well as a representative from Quinlan & Fabish Music Company. Students should also be present so as to be sized for a rental instrument. Please plan to attend this meeting if there is an interest in Beginning Orchestra. The first day for Beginning Orchestra class will be the week of September 7.

***** Please return this bottom form to the school office by Friday, August 21, 2020 *****

2020-2021 Fine Arts Co-Curricular Participation & Commitment FORM

I agree to attend all practices/lessons as indicated at St. Charles School. I will do my best to participate with enthusiasm. I realize that I am making this commitment for the entire year and this requires the participation at two evening concerts scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2020 (**tentative**), and Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. There is also a school concert approx. 9:15 am on Friday, May 7, 2020. There will be an ISSMA Adv. Band and Choral Competition on March 14, 2020.

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Room _____

_____ **Band** _____ **Choir** _____ **Chimes** _____ **Orchestra**

New member _____ Returning member _____ Instrument _____ Years of Instruction _____

The instructor will place the student in the most appropriate level class.

_____ **Wish to join the new class of Beginning Orchestra (violin/viola/cello) & will attend meeting on August 25 at 6:30 pm.**

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

Phone

Parent e-mail