



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 **Work from the Heart as Delivered**. This is a little different than the virtues we have highlighted in the past. We have been delivered because Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth to dwell, to live among us. Our Faith in God gives us the strength we need to fight Satan and the evil in the world. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift we have to keep us close to God and our Faith strong.

"... for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who [indeed] is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" *1 John 5:4-5*

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 wonderful!** 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! It is always a pleasure to hear and see our young people who work so hard, perform so well. What 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. 7th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church**. The students have been studying diligently and praying like little angels in preparation for this big day. 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. 8th 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 \$30 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 Loaned Manger* "In the small western town of Incarnation, Christmas is celebrated with grit, giddy-up, and gusto! They like to think of themselves as 'the most Christmassy town in the west.' But 1891 is the year that two big 'signs of progress' could spell either trouble or opportunity. Some see the chance to spread even wider the Good News of the birth of Jesus." The performance of this show is **Thursday, December 12, at 7:00 pm** in the Hession Center gym. The doors will open at 6:30 pm. (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. **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 **Wednesday, December 11**, in the school band room. The meeting is 6:00-6:30 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 an instrument fitting on Tuesday, January 7, 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 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 14.

In closing, please read on page 2 the tuition collection changes coming for next year, 2020-2021. I expect a smooth transition to the FACTS Management system, but take a moment to read over this first explanation of the coming rollout. Thank you for sending your children to our St. Charles Borromeo School. We appreciate your involvement, kindness, prayers, and overall support. May this Advent time of waiting be a time of peace and clarity for you and your families. Thank you. Sincerely - Rob Sordelet



Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are well. As the coming New Year will bring a new round of registration for the 2020-2021 school year, I want to share that there will be changes in the way tuition and fees are collected next year. We have partnered with FACTS Management Company to help us manage our tuition payment program in 2020-2021. FACTS is used by 95% of our schools in the Diocese and over 7,000 schools nationally. We are excited and confident that the FACTS program will be an efficient and convenient experience for all of our families.

You will realize these benefits by using FACTS for your tuition payment plan:

1. **Payment Dates:** You may still choose either the 5th or 20th of each month as your payment date. Automatic payments can be made from a checking or savings account or from a variety of credit cards, if applicable
2. **Convenience & Security:** Along with multiple payment plan options, your payments are processed securely through a bank to bank transaction.
3. **Consumer Account:** You may check your personal account or make payments online from the convenience of your home or office anytime.

Please know that with FACTS, the school maintains decision-making control. As always, we will continue to work with families should special circumstances or hardship cases arise during the school year.

Beginning in late January through February, every family will be required to sign up online through the St. Charles Borromeo School FACTS portal. Further details regarding the new online sign-up will be shared after the New Year.

Thank you for your continued loyalty and support for St. Charles Borromeo School. We depend on your support in our efforts to provide the highest quality of education for your children. Your continued support and cooperation is appreciated, as we remain committed to our mission.

Sincerely - Rob Sordelet

CALENDAR UPDATE

December 7	First Reconciliation, 10:30 am
8	Second Sunday of Advent Pancake & Sausage Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm in cafeteria
9	Feast of the Immaculate Conception, all-school Mass
11	Beginning Band Parent Meeting, Band Room, 6-6:30 pm
12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Christmas Musical in gym, 7:00 pm
15	Third Sunday of Advent
18	Parish Advent Reconciliation Service, 7:00 pm
20	2nd Quarter ends Dismissal 1:30 pm

CALENDAR UPDATE Continued

22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21 - January 5 Christmas Vacation

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Alanah Claycomb, Jason Kramer, Evie Fink, Cooper Eisaman, Ally Brown, Jacklyn Johnson, Stella Gabet, Phoebe Lin, Lily Hilger, Maggie Steigmeyer, Jane Sweigert, Dominick Wallace, Emma Cagnet, Allison Guzhnay, Lacey Johnson, Gabriel Cucueco, Javiera Gonzalez, Sarah Kaufman, Allison Swager, Gabe Hughes, Norah Downey, Meadow Tippmann, Lauren Campbell.

News Notes from your School Nurse

Health screenings were completed in early October and Vision Referral letters were mailed home for students failing or on the borderline of failing the vision screenings. Students with vision trouble need help soon. Many completed referral letters have not been returned. Kindly, in your very busy schedules, please make that appointment with your provider now. Send the appointment dates to school, on a separate note, if they will be after December 20th.

Also, it is not too late to get the Flu Vaccine for you and your family. The flu doesn't just make sick people. It can be very devastating. It is recommended for pregnant mothers, those with chronic illnesses, and all of us. Thank you, Mrs. Christa Thrower, RN

St. Charles Borromeo School Students Assist Catholic Charities this Christmas! - Gift Cards please!

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. May families have been blessed by your kindness.

Catholic Charities has changed their program in recent years. 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, Catholic Charities will not be able to coordinate appointments for families & organizations to drop off items, but will accept the donations of gift cards to assist the many families with whom they work.

Examples of most needed gift cards include:

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

Our regular Friday collections at Mass on November 8, December 6, and December 13 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!

Gift the Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) - Help Students & Receive a 50% Tax Credit!

Giving a gift to the SGO is a wonderful way to support St. Charles Borromeo School and receive some great tax benefits. If you are considering a donation to the SGO for this tax year, please process your gift well in advance of the year-end deadline. The tax credit certification number, which takes some time to process, must be established prior to end of day December 31. Any requests received after December 31st will be applied to the 2020 tax year, even if the donation was made in 2019. For more information about the SGO, please contact our Business Mgr., Mr. Robert Carroll rpcarroll@scbfw.org or phone at 482-2186, or Rob Sordelet at school, 484-3392, or visit our website link [SGO SCBS](#).

BDHS Registration

Bishop Dwenger High School is currently accepting 2020-2021 applications for incoming 9th graders. The online application may be found at <https://www.bishopdwenger.com/New-Student-Application>. The application deadline is January 15. Questions? Please contact Cindy Johnson, Admissions Coordinator, cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com or 260.496.4703.

SPIRIT SHOP

Blessed Christmas!! Let the St. Charles Spirit Shop help you with your Christmas shopping. Most colors and sizes of fleece and uniform approved sweatshirts are in stock. We also have St. Charles bracelets available from Totus Tuus Rosaries. Order forms for all items are available in the office. If ordering uniform shirts and pants online do not forget to use our school codes. LANDS END 900030453, SCHOOLBELLES S2353, FRENCH TOAST QS5VZTE. If you have any questions please contact Mandy Thurber at (260)341-9116. Thank you.

Borromeo Bash

Borromeo Bash is holding a contest for a chance to win two free tickets to Borromeo Bash! There is a special Blue SCRIP form that you can use until December 14th, if you donate \$100 worth of gift cards to BB you will be entered to win 2 tickets to attend the Bash on February 2, 2020! The special form is available at the SCRIP office and in their space in the gathering space in the back of church.

We are blessed to have a wonderful group of teachers at St. Charles. We would like to provide free tickets to our teachers to attend Borromeo Bash. If you would like to help us achieve this goal, you can sponsor a teacher table for \$600. If you would like to do this please contact a Borromeo Bash committee person or send an email to borromeobash@gmail.com.

SCRIP NEWS

2ND Week of Advent – We are one week closer to Christmas and if you still have a list of shopping to do, let SCRIP be your “one-stop shopping” spot. We have gift cards for many of the popular gifting items. We have \$5 cards for *Panera* and *Starbucks*; \$10 or \$25 cards for *Amazon*, *Meijer*, *Target*, *Wal-Mart*, *Kohl’s*, *Macy’s Barnes & Noble* and *Bath & Body*; and \$25 and \$100 cards are available for *Bed, Bath & Beyond*, *Dicks Sporting Goods*, *Walgreens* and others.



In keeping with the spirit of giving, be sure to check out the *Giving Tree*. Many of the ornaments on the tree ask for SCRIP gift cards. We are here to help everyone embrace the spirit of this holiday.



Monday Morning 9 AM! – That is the deadline for calling in items for special order. We make calls to replace our inventory on Monday mornings and can order whatever you need; but, we need to know no later than 9 am on Monday in order to guarantee that you have it by the following Thursday. With a short shopping season, you only have this week and next week to order special order items. We will be selling SCRIP through December 22, but may not be able to guarantee items after Monday, December 16.

Help Us Help You – Please take extra care in filling out the SCRIP order form. Make sure all the information at the top of the form is correct and legible including a phone number where you can be reached. (*If you are not certain of your envelope number, it is better to leave it blank.*) The white boxes on the order form mean that the item **IS** available in that denomination, gray means it is **NOT**. The boxes under each item are intended for you to designate the quantity of cards desired and the line at the end is for the total value – *i.e. Meijer \$25 – 2, Meijer \$100 – 1, total Meijer is \$150*. Totaling the front and the back of the order form helps us have something to balance to when inputting your order. Last but not least, please be careful when writing your check. Use black or blue ink, make sure that the amount on the numeric line matches the amount on the script line, and finally, that you sign your check. Taking a little extra time in the beginning helps us fill your order in a timely way.



December 14 Deadline – Don’t forget, you could win 2 tickets (*worth \$120*) to the *Borromeo Bash* with a donation of *\$100 or more* in SCRIP gift cards for the committee to use as prizes. Be sure to check out the special blue order form.

VOLUNTEERS – We always appreciate your commitment to our SCRIP program but especially at this time of year. Be sure to find a sub or let us know if you are not able to work on your designated day.

Dec. 13 – Sue Christle, Angela Bauer, Peggy Keefer, Judy Smith

Dec. 13 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Jennifer Eisaman

Dec. 14 – Molly Elsass, Tom Neuhaus, Angela Bauer

Dec. 15 – Cathy Yaggy, Jennifer Hogan, Roberta Keefer

Dec. 16 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Stephanie Keefer

Dec. 20 – Jane Cavacini, Cathy Jacob, Berniece Williams, Amy Copeland

***Dec. 20 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Sue Christle – Early dismissal*

Dec. 21 – Natalie Jackson, Bernadette Smith, Cindy Stults

Dec. 22 – Sue Christle, Brenda Harter, Laurie Amstutz

December 2019 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

9 Chicken Patty Tater Tots Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	10 Chili w/cheese Baked Potato Oyster Crackers Peaches Milk	11 Chicken Caesar Salad Broccoli Soft Pretzel w/cheese Grapes Milk	12 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Steamed Carrots Dinner Roll Pineapple Milk	13 Cheese Omelette w/salsa Hashbrowns Pancake w/Syrup Dragon Juice Banana Milk
16 Hot Dog Raspberry Spinach Salad Tater Tots Pears Milk	17 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Goldfish Crackers Green Beans Milk	18 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Hashbrowns Dragon Juice Oranges Milk	19 Cheeseburger Lettuce, Pickle, Tomato Baked Beans Fries Mixed Fruit Milk	20 Cheese Pizza Veggies & Dip Pretzels 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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