



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

During the month of March the virtue on which we will focus is **PATIENCE**. Patience is quiet hope and trust expecting things to turn out all right. Patience is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes. Patience is doing something now so that later it will bear fruit, like planting a seed and waiting for it to grow. Patience is a commitment to the future.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL SAFETY, THE FLORIDA TRAGEDY, AND HOW WE CAN ALL HELP

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday evening, at our School Board meeting, we had an open discussion about school safety. Additionally, on Wednesday the Diocesan Principals met in Warsaw for our monthly meeting. We had an intense and wide-ranging discussion regarding school safety. Everyone is very concerned about the well-being of their school communities as the national conscience is heightened in light of another terrible school shooting. With all of this on our minds, I wanted to share a few items with all of you about school safety here at St. Charles.

There are times when we have threats of violence among our students. Not many, but even one is enough. Mostly these are verbal comments or social media postings that raise red flags. If there is even a chance of a credible threat, I involve law enforcement. A crisis situation is a 911 call and immediate police response. If we become aware of a possible danger, we call and an Officer comes to the school to meet, gather information, and file an official police report. From there the information is vetted by personnel in the juvenile department and they communicate very quickly with us. The information may warrant further police investigation, or be remanded to us for normal school procedural follow up. Sometimes we will communicate, in generalities, to you that we have had a police investigation. Other times, we do not publicize the situation. Each situation is different, and we have to weigh age, maturity, confidentiality, risk factor, causing alarm without a need, and so forth. Again, we take safety situations very seriously, involve law enforcement for any possible threats of violence, and vet situations thoroughly. Please know, all Diocesan schools are now instructed to involve local law enforcement if a threat arises.

Awareness and communication are vital to keeping a school community safe. **Students, parents, and school staff are the eyes and ears of the school.** We ask that you report any potential safety threats to the school. Please save, print out, or screenshot any social media posts that are threatening as we need evidence to effectively investigate the situation. Working together will help to maintain a safe environment.

From a physical building standpoint, we have a secure entranceway for visitors entering the building during the school day. We practice drills and procedures for worst-case scenarios (armed intruder), and we have a strong communication piece with all teachers, administration, playground, and childcare personnel having access to handheld radios. We use them daily to communicate. Additionally, we have installed three new push-button alarms stationed in three areas throughout the school for immediate signal of danger. These buttons are 1. Lockdown 2. Tornado & 3. Lockout. We will be practicing with our students in the days to come to familiarize everyone with the sounds and what they mean. On top of the signal will be a calm, repetitive voice recording providing procedural directions. We have solid protocols in place and we will continue to review and train throughout the school year. Also, we will be adding new security measures this summer - some physical upgrades - which I will explain later in the school year.

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that our community will ever be 100% safe. We have too many moving parts - drop off, recess, pickup, afterschool activities, moving to and from Mass, etc. - to stop someone bent on harming others. Just as our own movements at ballgames, grocery stores, or other public places cannot be ensured. However, we are always working to improve our safety measures, and we welcome ideas, funding, questions, concerns, and expertise wherever we may find it.

Preparing our school community: In our continued efforts to maintain safety in our schools, we will continue providing lessons to students that involve a protocol for responding during an emergency situation. The instruction that students will be receiving will focus on options (Run, Hide, Fight) that students and teachers have in the event of an active shooter emergency. The Run, Hide, Fight protocol is recommended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Justice, the International Chiefs of Police, the Indiana State Police, and others. Run, Hide, Fight protocol will be modified for students based on age and will be presented in an age appropriate manner. These lessons will take place over the course of the next few weeks.

In addition to the Run, Hide, Fight protocol students will be learning about the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). This is a national system of common vocabulary, which is used in the event of an emergency. The SRP is used in all schools in our Ft. Wayne - South Bend Diocese. A copy of the SRP is found at the end of this letter.

Preparing our students for real and present dangers is basic, fundamental education. Different times, different circumstances, and different dangers require that we prepare students in different ways. Nobody wants to contemplate something bad happening in our schools, but through responsible planning and training, we are able to respond to a crisis in order to better protect ourselves, and those around us.

Safer classrooms and work environments can only happen if we take action. Safety depends on our ability, our determination, and our commitment to make emergency preparedness a top priority. We encourage you to engage in discussions with your child about school and community safety in an effort to be prepared to act in the event of an emergency.

More information regarding the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) can be found on the school webpage at <http://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org/Standard.Response.Protocol.php>. Thank you for supporting our safety initiatives.

In closing, thank you for reading through this discussion. Please share any thoughts that you may have by email, phone, or in person. And, thank you for your children. Their emotional, spiritual, academic, and physical well being is our priority. Sincerely - Rob S.

**SCHOOL PLAYGROUND POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
These are paid positions. Please contact Lora Beier at 485-5590 if you are interested**

A Note from Amy O'Boyle, Director of Special Education, Regarding March - Disability Awareness Month
March is Disability Awareness Month so I thought I would share a word with you about people with disabilities and their inclusion into our community. We have taken big steps as a school community to welcome those students with more severe disabilities into our classrooms. Our teachers and staff have done some amazing work with the students. Mrs. Jansen has created a curriculum and an environment that fosters growth for our students, and they have made leaps and bounds academically! I am so grateful for Mrs. Jansen and our entire Resource Staff for all the great work they do with the students they see. We have worked hard to build an individualized program for each of our more needy students and we all are reaping the benefits! We want to 'include' our students in the daily culture of the school. A recent article on inclusion explains the hope this way:

"Inclusion" does not simply mean the placement of students with disabilities in general education classes. This process must incorporate fundamental change in the way a school community supports and addresses the individual needs of each child. As such, effective models of inclusive education not only benefit students with disabilities, but also create an environment in which every student, including those who do not have disabilities, has the opportunity to flourish."

Finally, if you have any questions about our Resource program offerings, or if you are interested in assisting in our department, please feel free to contact me. I can be contacted at amyoboyle@stcharlesschoolfw.org. I leave you with a few words from Pope Francis about people with disabilities. Thank you! -Amy O'Boyle

"The only path to happiness is love. How many disabled and suffering persons open their hearts to life again as soon as they realize they are loved?! How much love can well up in a heart simply with a smile?! We all have the same possibility of growing, moving forward, loving the Lord, doing good things." -Pope Francis

CALENDAR UPDATE

- February 26 Sacrament of Reconciliation grades 2-3-5-6 at 9:15 am
 ISTEP part 1, grades 3-8
- 27 ISTEP part 1, grades 3-8
- 28 ISTEP part 1, grades 3-8
- March 1 ISTEP make-ups
- 2 ISTEP make-ups
 Dr. Seuss' Day, celebrated by grade 2
- 5 Sacrament of Reconciliation grades 4-7-8
- 7 Pueri Cantores Mass with Bishop Rhoades at St. Pius X, Granger
- 8 Hank Fincken portrays Pizzaro for students in grades 5-6-7-8
- 9 3rd Quarter ends
 Fish Fry, 4:30-7:00 pm in cafeteria
- 10 ISSMA Middle School Band & Choir competitions at Garret H.S.
- 12 I-READ, grade 3
- 13 I-READ, grade 3
- 14 I-READ, grade 3
- 15 Grade 5 visits BizTown
 Fine Arts Boosters meeting 7:00 pm
- 16 Report Cards
- 17-18 F.A.M.E. Festival at Grand Wayne Center



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Stephen Rashevich, Brooke Barton, Sebastian Bacak, Lydia Tippmann, Richie Claycomb, Molly Rider, Stefano Cella, Aiden Elsass, Ben Smith, Isabelle Kirk, Kaylynn Kirk, Neely Danys, Olivia McGillicuddy, Evan Springer, Audrey Ellinger, Grant Pikel, Reid Smith, Enzo Escueta, TJ Tippmann, Marla Cornewell, Skylar O'Dell

ISTEP/IREAD - The State of Indiana has designated Monday, February 26 through Friday, March 9 as the ISTEP Part 1 testing window. St. Charles plans to begin the tests on Monday, February 26, for students in grades 3 through 8. If students are not absent, testing should be completed by Wednesday, February 28. Make-up tests will be given to students who have been absent, but these are not in the best testing environment, as testing space and test administrators are not as readily available. Please help the students to be in school and on time.

ISTEP part 2 testing window will be April 16 through May 4 for all students in grades 3 through 8 and will be online. Again, we ask that no appointments be scheduled for this time, ensuring that the students will not be absent during testing.

All testing will be online this year. Students will be using their Chromebooks (grades 6-8), Gr. 4 iPads (grades 4 & 5) or our school desktop and laptop computers (grade 3). You can check out the ISTEP online experience here:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/experience-online>

All students in grade 3 will take IREAD during the designated testing window of March 12-16. This test will be done online and should be completed, if students are not absent, in two days. Further information is available at

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/iread-3>

SCRIP NEWS

Hopefully, you are feeling good about your Lenten resolution. If you mess up, don't give up; just put it behind you and keep going. Taking one day at a time is the best way to stay on track and be successful. Cheese and veggie pizzas are a good way to help you abstain from meat on Fridays. SCRIP gift cards are available for many of the popular pizza locations. It's a great way to stay on track.

Spring Break – Are you planning to travel over spring break this year? It will be here before you know it. SCRIP gift cards for gas, fast food, hotels, airlines, car rentals, cruise lines even **Disney** can help you appreciate a nice credit for you and for the parish from your trip. Most of our "travel cards" need to be special ordered, so be sure to plan ahead. If you are not traveling, you can make your time at home a nice little "**stay-cation**" with gift cards to local movie theaters, **UltraZone** for laser tag, or dinner at your favorite local restaurant. Check with the SCRIP ladies if you need help utilizing these ideas.

SCRIP Now! – Have you ever found yourself in need of **SCRIP** after the SCRIP office closed? Whether it's grocery shopping, an urgent home improvement or a spontaneous dinner or movie, you never have to be without SCRIP again. With **SCRIP Now**, you order e-certificates that are emailed to you for you to print or save to your smart phone, and the merchant simply scans the bar code from your print-out or phone. Payment is completed through a **PayPal** account. If you think you might be interested, contact the SCRIP office – **969-4027**.

SCRIP Opportunity – After taking a closer look at the upcoming schedule for Easter and Spring Break, we would like to have SCRIP sales on Wednesday, March 28. This would be an added on day and therefore, we would need some of our faithful SCRIP volunteers to make this happen. If you are available and willing to help us, please contact the SCRIP office.

VOLUNTEERS:

Feb. 26 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Donna Kaiser

Mar. 2 – Kathy Johns, Val Lankenau, Gerry James, Amy Copeland

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Mar. 3 – Natalie Jackson, Bernadette Smith, Cindy Stults

Mar. 4 – Triva Screeton, Leslie Schamberg, Jennifer Hogan

Mar. 5 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Cindy Miltner

Mar. 9 – Emily Sylvester, Cindy Horter, Cheryl Morello, Judy Smith

Mar. 9 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Jenny Perkins

Mar. 10 – Bethany Gisslen, MaryAnne Quinn, Cindie Rosswurm

Mar. 11 – Sue Christle, Brenda Harter, Roberta Keefer

Use Amazon? With Each Purchase on Amazon, You Can Give St. Charles a No-Cost Donation through AmazonSmile

You can now support St. Charles Borromeo Church & School when you shop on Amazon! Go to

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0957942> when you shop Amazon. Each time you check out, at no cost to you, a donation will be made to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and School!

You Can Lend A Hand Burger King Coupon Books

All athletes who participated in fall or winter sports have Burger King coupon books for sale for \$3. These include: 10 coupons good at local BK restaurants (exp 9/30/18), 2 coupons good at local Chili restaurants (exp 9/30/18), a free child's admission for a Komets game (exp 4/08/18), a coupon for Headwaters Park Ice Arena (exp 3/04/18), Science Central coupon (exp 12/31/18), TinCaps Kids Zone coupon (exp 8/31/18). Coupon books may be purchased at the school office or from an athlete.



ATTN: spring athletes-you may pick up your packet of 10 coupon books to sell (\$30 fee) at the school office.

Join the St. Charles Cardinals' TRACK TEAM!

The 2018 boys and girls spring track seasons are fast approaching. The season will begin in Mid-March with more details to follow. We are also looking for potential full or part time assistant coaches to help during practices and at Meets. If you are interested please contact Chris Kaufman @ 260-414-6730 or ckboiler@comcast.net. The season will kickoff with a parent/Athlete meeting on the 1st night of the season. All kids will be expected to have an up-to-date physical (completed after May, 2017) to be allowed to participate in practices. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the team email list in advance of the season, please send an email to Coach Chris stating so.

Join the St. Charles Cardinals' TENNIS CLUB!

It is time to start thinking about spring sports! If you enjoy tennis or would like to learn to play tennis, consider joining Cardinal Tennis. Space is limited to the first 25 students. The list tends to fill up quickly. This club is open to boys and girls from 5th to 8th grade. Players of all abilities are welcome. The entire season will last approximately 6 weeks (middle of April through May). Practices will be held most Fridays from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm at Kreager Park. Most matches will be played at courts in Fort Wayne. Matches typically last about 2 hours. We will be playing about 5 or 6 middle schools on a few weeknights and most Saturdays. Please e-mail Camy at camyr@hotmail.com if you would like to sign up or have questions.

Join GIRLS ON THE RUN of Northeast Indiana!

It's time to register for the Spring 2018 season! Please visit our website – gotr-nei.org - for more information, and to register your daughter. **Registration is limited to 20 girls, so register early to guarantee your spot.** Registration is open to girls in 3rd through 5th grade. The 10-week spring season will begin on March 12th - practices will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. The season will conclude with the girls completing the Girls on the Run 5k on May 20th.

Program fee ranges from \$25-\$115/participant and is based on a sliding scale according to household income. For additional information on the program, please contact Coach Kori O'Rourke at 715-2252 or klynnor@gmail.com

Printer Cartridge/Toner Recycling Program

St. Charles has discontinued the printer cartridge recycling program. The company was not able to take the toner tubes and bottles and left these for the school to dispose of. Likewise, the company would not take any remanufactured toner or cartridges. The few that were left earned us a very small amount of money for our use for the environmental garden. Many of the toner cartridge boxes have a return label in them to return ship to the manufacturer for recycling, which is what we did. We realize that the individuals who were donating these could also just put the label on the box and drop it off at any UPS pick-up location. You are encouraged to do this. We do want to keep these out of the landfills and request your help it doing so. Ink cartridge recycling may also be available at some local retail stores. The toner and ink cartridges we use here at school, we are able to return to Quill recycling and will receive Quill cash for future purchases, so that is what we are doing with our supplies. The money we save will be used as needed for the garden. Thank you for supporting our efforts over the years. Thank you also for all your efforts to recycle!

IN AN EMERGENCY WHEN YOU HEAR IT. DO IT.

LOCKDOWN! LOCKS, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT.

STUDENTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

TEACHER

Lock interior doors
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Do not open the door
Maintain silence
Take attendance



LOCKOUT! SECURE THE PERIMETER.

STUDENTS

Return inside
Business as usual

TEACHER

Bring everyone indoors
Lock perimeter doors
Increase situational awareness
Business as usual
Take attendance



EVACUATE! TO ANNOUNCED LOCATION.

STUDENTS

Bring your phone
Leave your stuff behind
Follow instructions

TEACHER

Lead evacuation to location
Take attendance
Notify if missing, extra or injured students



SHELTER! HAZARD AND SAFETY STRATEGY.

STUDENTS

Hazard	Safety Strategy
Tornado	Evacuate to shelter area
Hazmat	Seal the room
Earthquake	Drop, cover and hold
Tsunami	Get to high ground

TEACHER

Lead safety strategy
Take attendance



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February/March 2018 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

26 Corn Dog Salad w/Ranch Fries Mixed Fruit Milk	27 Soft Taco Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans Corn Grapes Milk	28 Turkey Mashed Potatoes With Gravy Steamed Carrots Dinner Roll Applesauce Milk	March 1 Chicken Caesar Salad Broccoli Soft Pretzel Peaches Milk	March 2 Bread Stick With Cheese Celery with Peanut Butter Go-Gurt Pears Milk
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Lunch Prices 2017-2018

Lunch/Milk \$2.60

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 \$2.60)				
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