



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

"In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

"Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one." 1 Corinthians 9:25

During the month of January the virtue we focus on is **SELF-CONTROL**. Temperance, represented by an olive wreath is the cardinal virtue that crowns our decisions and joys with a holy balance and right discipline. Another word for the olive wreath is the *kotinos*, with which winning athletes in ancient Greece were presented. By temperance we all win the "prize" of self-control and true peace. If we learn self-discipline we practice self-control and are using the Cardinal Virtue of Temperance. With another new year beginning, many of us make resolutions or promises. What a perfect time this is to learn to control our words or actions and practice this new virtue!

Upcoming Schedule Changes

Tuesday, January 9th -	One Hour Delay	Students report to school by 8:50 a.m. [ACE Inservice]
Monday, January 15th -	No School	for students, teachers' professional development day
Monday, February 5th -	One Hour Delay	Students report to school by 8:50 a.m. [ACE Inservice]

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2018! A new year with new possibilities! When shaping our New Year's Resolutions 2018, Fr. Tom shared in his homily this past Sunday that we should follow St. Paul's encouragement to the Colossians from the second reading at Mass - Colossians 3:12-21:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart.

There is enough good in that passage that if we choose and succeed at just one of those encouragements, we will grow as Christians!

On Thursday, January 11th, our school will welcome a team of eight Diocesan Principals and Teachers for an all-day AdvancED Accreditation Visit! As part of the ongoing school improvement process, the team will spend an entire day with us from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. meeting with representative stakeholders (students, teachers, staff, parents, administration, School Board, HASA, Parish Staff, etc.), visiting all classrooms, and reviewing all aspects of our school from finances to faith, and instruction to service. We are looking forward to a positive visit. In November I had the privilege of chairing the first local visit at St. Joseph School here in Fort Wayne. Our school will be the second Diocesan school to go through this new process, and over the course of the next three years the remaining 41 Catholic Schools of the Diocese will be visited. Please keep this day of visit in your prayers, as we will work to put our best foot forward and, with the guidance of the visiting team, openly assessing and ordering our school's Powerful Practices, Opportunities for Improvement, and our Improvement Priorities. As soon as we have the official report from this visit, we will be sure to share the results with all of you. Thank you.

Pre-Kindergarten at St. Charles for next year 2018-2019! We are committed to establishing a Pre-K 4-year-old program for the upcoming school year 2018-2019. We want to at least get our foot in the door pending future renovations and/or new construction. We will be offering a section of 4-5 day Pre-Kindergarten for 4-year-old students next year. This will be a half-day program. We will open one classroom of 15-18 morning students, and follow with an afternoon section of the same. All parishioners with children who are age-eligible (age 4 by August 1, 2018) will receive a letter next week explaining the program in more detail.

Kindergarten registration invitation arriving next week! Official registration day is Thursday, January 18th! We will offer two sign-up times on that day: 1:15-2:30 p.m. in Hession rooms C & D or 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Art room. Please park in the rear of the school and enter through Door #3. All families with age-eligible children (age 5 by August 1, 2018) will receive a mailing early next week containing more detailed registration information. If you do not receive a mailing by Thursday of next week, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Finally, temperature over the past week has been very cold! Please dress students accordingly for outdoor recess!

Winter is a long season our area and we do send the students outside if the temperature and/or the windchill is above zero degrees, so hats, gloves, winter coats (or layers), warm socks, and practical footwear are important. On a humorous note, our local WANE TV newscast this past Tuesday, when temperatures reached minus 13 degrees below zero, had a chart explaining the following, "For perspective, Fort Wayne was colder this morning (January 2nd) than it was in Fairbanks, Alaska and the South Pole (Antarctica). And you can officially say it's "colder than Hell" here in Fort Wayne, that is if you're talking about Hell, Michigan, which dropped to 10° this morning." Thank you for your children and let's work together for a very positive year! Sincerely - Rob S.

CALENDAR UPDATE

- January 7 Feast of the Epiphany
- 8 Yearbook group photos
- 8 Theology of the Body Parent Meeting (grade 8) in Parish Hall 6:45-7:45 pm
- 8 HASA Board meeting 7:00 pm
- 9 One-hour delay, school begins at 8:50 am, teacher curriculum planning meeting
- 10 Grade 4 Beginning Band Instrument Fitting by appointment 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- 12 Report Cards come home
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - no school for students, teacher staff development day
- 16 Beginning Band classes begin
- 16 School Board meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Kindergarten Registration 1:15 - 2:30 pm in Hession Center

BEGINNING BAND - A Beginning Band is being formed. Any grade 4 student, as well as older students, with an interest in music, is invited to learn a band instrument. A parent informational meeting was held in December. If a parent was unable to attend this meeting and the student wishes to be in Beginning Band, please call the school office. There will be instrument fitting on Wednesday, January 10, beginning at 4:00 pm. All students interested in joining the band must have an individual appointment for a fitting on this day. The students in the newly formed Beginning Band will meet on Tuesday, January 16.

Spring Musical - Fee, Fi, Fo Fum

We are looking for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who love to act, sing, create, and collaborate with other students. St. Charles will present *Fee, Fi, Fo Fum* by Vera Morris and Bill Francoeur on Thursday, March 22, 2018. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 9 and are scheduled every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:15-5:00. Sign-up sheets were posted at school in December. We hope to see you there!

Mrs. J. Till, Mrs. Pittenger, Mrs. K. Till, and Mrs. Schipper



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our students of the week December 15: Genevieve Cheever, Joe Eddy, Ning Hau, Nathan Lesh, Sergio Pizano, Ally Brown, Allyson Kelker, Riley Mathews, Tyson Hall, Jacob Cubellis-Lund, JohnLey, Madison Ostermeyer, Jack Bauer, Kain Starkey, Elizabeth Onion, Lucy Gray, Anna Steigmeyer, Cole Reed, Lucas Weber, Sammi Christle.

SCRIP NEWS

As we celebrate the arrival of *The Three Kings*, this Christmas season officially draws to an end. Most of the decorations have been packed away, school is back in session and resolutions have been made. Hopefully, one of your resolutions is to use SCRIP as often as possible. You can use SCRIP gift cards for groceries, gas, dining out options, home improvements, paying your *Kohl's* bill, for gift giving throughout the year and more. Think of using SCRIP as your "GIFT" to the parish as well as yourself.

A Few Final Words of Thanks – As I write this, I have yet to calculate the number of parishioners that purchased SCRIP in December, but we clearly doubled our average of total sales. Thank you to everyone who purchased SCRIP. Thanks for your patience and faith in the program. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, especially those who worked with us weekly or even several times each week. Thanks to the parish staff for their assistance. Finally, thanks to our very kind parishioners who not only placed orders but came bearing gifts. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated.

Merchant News - *Hall's* has changed their gift cards; they are no longer available in \$10 or \$25. They now offer \$15 and \$30 gift cards with the same 10% rebate. *Meijer* is still at 6%. *AMC* is available in \$25 but the \$10 cards are no longer available from *Great Lakes*. *Panda Express* is still temporarily unavailable. Please pick up a new order form to stay current on the changes.

VOLUNTEERS:

- Jan. 8 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Donna Kaiser
- Jan 12 – Theresa Cornewell, Kelly Tippmann, Christina Wulpi, Judy Smith
- Jan. 12 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Kate Sweigert
- Jan. 13 – Molly Elsass, Tom Neuhaus, Leslie Schamberg
- Jan. 14 – Nancy Hartig, Lisa York, Jill Onion

AmazonSmile

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and School is now on AmazonSmile.

What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

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USF Saturday Morning Art Program

The University of Saint Francis is offering a Spring 2018 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 1-8 and meets February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3. The classes meet on Saturdays, 9-11 am at USF Rolland Art and Visual Communication Center, Leesburg Rd., Southeast Entrance, Lower Level. Registrations are due by January 29 and include a \$50 fee for instruction and supplies. For more information please see <https://art.sf.edu/community-programs/> or phone 260.399.8064. A form is available in the St. Charles School office upon request.

Bishop Dwenger High School Updates

Grade 8 Students and Parents

It is imperative that students get their **registration** card with the \$100 fee, application, birth certificate and most recent report card to Bishop Dwenger by the January 15th deadline. (If a report card is not available, a copy of a current grade printout is acceptable.) Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on the 15th, **paperwork** will need to reach BDHS **by January 12** to meet the January 15 deadline. Registration packets were mailed out to all 8th graders in early December. Last year, Dwenger already had a waiting list on January 16th! The deadline is crucial for families to secure their place in the freshman class. We want to be sure that all of our students who wish to attend Bishop Dwenger are able to do so.

Tiffany Albertson / Assistant Principal / Curriculum Director talbertson@bishopdwenger.com

You are invited to **Tuffy's Trivia Night** on Saturday, January 20, at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$150 per team. Put your team of 10 together or we can place you on a team. 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!*

January 2018 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

8 Hot Dog Baked Beans Tater Tots Mixed Fruit Milk	9 Pasta w/Meat Sauce Salad w/Ranch Garlic Cheese Toast Applesauce Milk	10 Taco Salad w/Meat, Cheese, Lettuce/Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk	11 Cheeseburger w/Lettuce & Pickle Fries Broccoli Peaches Milk	12 Scoops w/Meat, Cheese, Salsa Lettuce Grapes Milk
15 No School	16 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Green Beans Goldfish Mixed Fruit Milk	17 Chicken Patty Tater Tots Raspberry Spinach Salad Pineapple Milk	18 Chicken Caesar Salad Broccoli Soft Pretzel Oranges Milk	19 Pizza Carrots & Dip Pretzels Go-Gurt Peaches Milk

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 entrée, 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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			Total Payment Enclosed	

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