



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 March, we **Work from the Heart with Strength**. Again, this is not a virtue as we look at this word outside of our faith. But as we looked at working with success during February, we realized that this grew from the cardinal virtue of fortitude. Strength is a partner with success. Fortitude is symbolized by armor. Its very name is Latin for 'strength'. Fortitude enables a baptized person to stand firm when sufferings come. It is the armor that guards our soul's deep desire to love God and to serve Him. As we enter this Lenten season, we can realize how important this virtue is!

"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me." Philippians 4:13
"Rely on the mighty Lord; constantly seek his face." 1 Chronicles 16:11

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope the beginning of Lent finds you repentant, spiritually focused, hopeful, and energized to do good deeds for self, others, and for your love for God. I have three quick items to discuss with you this week: 1) Weather delays and closings; 2) A run of illness, and; 3) The new registration/enrollment process rolling out in a few weeks.

Weather Delays/Closings & Elevated Student & Staff Illness: Thank you for your patience with the past two snow days. We leaned toward closing for two reasons, the first being safety, and the second reason being recovery from illness. In hindsight, on Wednesday, yes we could have all made it in as the weather did not materialize as predicted, but about the time we would have pushed, then the commute and/or dismissal would have been risky as the stations were predicting. On Thursday, we mulled a 2-hour delay vs. closing, but decided to give everyone one more day to get healthy.

You see on Monday and Tuesday, our number of student and staff absences combined were quite high with 15-16% out with various illnesses. I stress 'various' because we had a mix of flu, strep, vomiting, fever, coughs, injuries, and so on. Standard precautions have been communicated within the building - cough & sneeze into elbows, daily disinfectant wipe down of high touch areas in rooms and throughout the building (desks, tops of chairs, drinking fountains, bathroom faucets, etc.), and wash hands and use hand sanitizer often throughout the day. I think the two days will help. We have one built-in snow day left, and of course we also have eLearning days as needed. In the end, I hope the two days were positive for students, staff, and families.

New Enrollment & Registration Process: As shared in the December 6th newsletter, we have partnered with FACTS Management Company to help us manage our tuition payment program. Sign up for this program has been pushed back into mid March as we just finalized tuition with the Diocese and now must await approval of our annual application to the State IDOE to again be a Choice Scholarship (Voucher) school. Additionally, the Catholic Schools Office is working hard to finalize a deal with PowerSchool to allow online registration for our Catholic Schools. We expect all to be verified and rolled out in mid March. I will be able to share tuition costs for 2020-2021 next week, but we won't ask for actual registration and FACTS enrollment for a few weeks. Thank you, again, for your patience, understanding, and cooperation.

Finally, as always, thank you for your children. The development of their minds and souls is the reason for our school's existence! Also, be encouraged that Ash Wednesday was just the beginning of our Lenten journey. Please consider taking part in some of the numerous faith opportunities our Parish offers - and may this Lent be your most loving, joyous, and holy Lent ever! :

- A. Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday evening of Lent at 7:00 pm
- B. Daily Mass (M-F) 6:15 am, 8:15 am, 6:30 pm
- C. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (M-F) after the 6:15 am Mass until 8:00 am
- D. Evening Events on the first three Lenten Thursdays in Hession Center, 7:00 pm
 1. Thursday, February 27: Jeannie Ewing and Anna Nuzzo present an evening focused on *God's Amazing Mercy*
 2. Thursday, March 5: Father Tom presents a talk, *Living in a Church with Warts*
 3. Thursday, March 12: Father Tom offers a repeat, *Pope on a Rope*
- E. Opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation including Tuesday, March 10, 6:00-8:00 pm at every parish in our diocese
- F. Parish penance service on Monday, March 23, 7:00 pm
- G. Stations of the Cross for school children on March 6 and March 26
- H. Sacrament of Reconciliation for school children on March 11 and March 12

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CALENDAR UPDATE

- March 2 Grade 2 celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday
5 Lenten Program in Hession Center, 7:00 pm, Father Tom presents reflection "Loving A Church with Warts"
6 3rd Quarter ends
6 Yearbook orders due
6 Stations of the Cross, 2:15 pm
6 Parish Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm,with Benediction
7 Regional Science Fair at PFW
11 Sacrament of Reconciliation - grades 5-6-7-8
11 Fine Arts Booster Meeting in Room A, 7:00 pm
12 Sacrament of Reconciliation - grades 2-3-4
13 Report Cards
13 Father - Daughter Dance, 7:00 - 9:00 pm in cafeteria
13 Parish Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm,with Benediction
14 ISSMA Middle School Band competition at Paulding Middle School
14 F.A.M.E. Festival at Grand Wayne Center, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
15 F.A.M.E. Festival at Grand Wayne Center, 12:00-5:00 pm
15-21 Indiana Severe Weather Preparedness Week
17 Grade 3 IREAD-3 Testing
18 Indiana State-wide Tornado Drill
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18 School Board meeting in room C, 7:00 pm
19 Spring Musical *Frozen Jr* in gym, 7:00 pm
20 Fish Fry, 4:30 - 7:00 pm
20 Parish Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm,with Benediction
23 Parish Reconciliation Service, 7:00 pm
25 Pueri Cantores' Mass at St. Pius X, Granger, 3:00 pm
26 Living Stations, 2:00 pm
27 Friday - No School
March 30 - April 3 Spring Break

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Edith Romero, Georgia Pycz, Gavin Wirt, Leon Peat, Enzo Escueta, Kyra Hartman, Anthony Tippmann, Victoria Kien, Emerson Coleman, Joseph Scherschel, John Ley, Leah Knipscheer, Grayson Peters, Michaela Voors, Teresa Cing, Alaina O'Keefe, Kavi Hartzog, Sophia Sanger, JP Meyer, Brooke Barton, Lincoln Sanger, Russell Knipscheer, Delaney Davis, Gus Garrett, Michael Anderson, Brooke Merrell, Alie Saleem, Dominic Hernandez.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

It is time to order your 2019-2020 St. Charles yearbook! All orders can be made through your child's homeroom teacher beginning Monday, March 2nd through Friday, March 6th. No late orders will be accepted. The yearbooks will cost ~~\$17.00~~ each, use the exact amount. Please put each individual child's order in their own classroom envelope, which they each received today. Please make checks payable to St. Charles.



Thanks for your cooperation and get those orders in by the 6th! ---Yearbook Staff

FATHER - DAUGHTER DANCE

The dance will be held on Friday, March 13, 7:00-9:00 pm in the cafeteria. This is a fun night for daughters and dads or grandpas or uncles or brothers or other special people in their lives. Girls Pre-K (age 4) and up are welcome! There will be lots of great raffle baskets and snacks and, of course, DANCING. Admission is \$15 for an adult and one daughter couple, \$5 for each additional daughter. Forms are available in the school office. Please pay in advance by March 11, to guarantee a flower for your daughter.

St. Charles Parish Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 20, 4:30-7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

Menu: Fish, Potato Wedges, Dinner roll, Applesauce, Coleslaw, Dessert, and Beverage

Cost: Adults (age 13+) \$10.00, Children (ages 5-12) \$5.00 Fish or \$4 Grilled Cheese

Carry Outs are available at door #8



The Spring Play Is Here!!

The St. Charles Borromeo School Production of
Music & Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez
Book by Jennifer Lee



is Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

The original Broadway production of *Frozen* was directed by Michael Grandage and produced by Disney Theatrical Productions.

All are invited to the St. Charles Borromeo School production of *Frozen, Jr.*, on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Hession Center gym. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. The cast and crew are comprised of students from our 6th, 7th, and 8th grades with some additional younger students. Though admission will be taken at the door, you are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance through the school office. Please use the form at the end of this newsletter to place your request for tickets. Adult tickets are \$5.00 and student tickets are \$2.00 (PreK and younger are free).

Disney's *Frozen Jr.* is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, 423 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019, Phone: (212) 541-4684, Fax: (212) 397-4684, www.MTIShows.com
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Mrs. J. Till, Ms. Hope, Ms. Bassett, Mrs. Pittenger, Mrs. Schipper

TRACK SEASON IS READY TO BEGIN

The 2020 Boys' and Girls' St. Charles Track Season is almost upon us. It is open to all 5th thru 8th grade students. We will have our 1st practice which will include an info meeting on March 16th starting at 5pm in the school cafeteria (The Parent/Athlete meeting will START the practice) At this meeting we will hand out Participation forms, discuss the practice/meet schedule as well as expectations for the season, which typically runs thru mid-May. All athletes must have a physical for the 2019-2020 school year completed in order to participate.

For the 1st two weeks prior to Spring Break, we will meet at St. Charles by the cafeteria entrance. The initial practice schedule will be as follows: 5PM-6PM on Monday 16th, Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th. The following week's practice will only be on Monday, 23rd and Wednesday, 25th. All athletes should come prepared to run outside during our practices. If anyone has any questions or would like to be added to a mailing list please contact Coach Chris Kaufman, ckboiler@comcast.net or 260-414-6730



TENNIS COACH(ES) NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING SPRING SEASON! SHARE YOUR TALENT!

The St. Charles Tennis Club is looking for a coach(es) for this upcoming spring season. Chris and Camy Rodenbeck, who had been leading our program, are unable to continue for this upcoming spring season. Mr. and Mrs. Nuerge, thankfully, began our St. Charles club program about 7-8 years ago, and since that time so many volunteer coaches and helpers have worked to ensure the program is fundamental, well organized, and fun for our boys and girls!



The tennis season is quickly approaching. Matches and court reservations are scheduled in early February. Last year the season started in April and ended in May. Practices are at Kreager Park most Fridays. The club had ten tennis matches and a pizza party at the end of the season. The cost for each player was \$40. The fees covered the cost of tennis balls, a team shirt, match fees, and court time.

All the contact information for the scheduling of matches with other clubs and reserving court time with the City of Fort Wayne is ready to be passed on. "We would be more than happy to forward this to someone and give any guidance. This is an extremely rewarding opportunity and the kids really had a great time. - The Rodenbecks"

If you have an interest in stepping forward to lead or assist with the program, or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact Chris Rodenbeck 260 760-3116, Camy Rodenbeck 260 760-8339, or the school office. Thank you!

JUNIOR HIGH GOLF TEAM

Calling all St. Charles 7th and 8th graders who have an interest and/or play golf! There will be sign-ups in the classrooms for anyone who is interested in playing golf, or you could email be about your interest at gustoandemily@gmail.com. The season will begin after spring break! I look forward to a successful season! *Cindy Miltner*



GIRLS ON THE RUN

Register now for the 2020 Spring Season of GIRLS ON THE RUN! This 10-week program encourages girls in 3rd-5th grade to establish healthy lifestyles, set goals, and build confidence. Practices will be at St. Charles every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm, starting March 9, and the season concludes with the Girls on the Run 5k on May 17. Cost of the program ranges from \$25 - \$115 per participant, based on household income. Please visit www.gotr-nei.org for more information and to register. Registration ends Sunday, March 8, and is limited to the first 20 participants - so go online today! If you have additional questions, please contact our coaches - Emily Parker (emilypfeiffer34@gmail.com) or Jeanette Rivera (justkobb@hotmail.com).



ILEARN/IREAD-3 2020- ILEARN is Indiana's new online computer adaptive assessment designed to measure your child's proficiency of the Indiana Academic Standards in Grades 3–8, Biology and U.S. Government. ILEARN fulfills both state and federal legislative requirements as the accountability assessment for Indiana students.

What resources are available to help prepare my child for ILEARN?

- Indiana's Released Items Repository allows students to interact with released items and try some of the tools and features at: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-sample-items-and-scoring>
- Indiana's ILEARN Portal provides information and resources for understanding the assessment at: <https://ilearn.portal.airast.org/https://ilearn.portal.airast.org/users/students-and-families.stml>
- The ILEARN for Families website answers questions about ILEARN at: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-families>

The State of Indiana has designated Monday, April 20 through Friday, May 15 as the ILEARN testing window. St. Charles plans to begin the tests on Monday, April 20, for students in grades 3 through 8. If students are not absent, testing should be completed by Friday, April 24. 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. All testing will be online this year. Gr. 3-8 students will be using their Chromebooks.

All students in grade 3 will take **IREAD-3** during the designated testing window of March 16-April 3. This test will be done online and should be completed, if students are not absent, on the mornings of March 17-18. Further information is available at <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/iread-3>.

Health Career Fair for Kids

Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance presents the 25th annual Doctor's Day, A Hands-on Health Career Fair for Kids, on Saturday, March 7, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Science Central. FREE admission for all to Science Central all day! Tour Parkview Samaritan and Lutheran Air medical helicopters, watch exciting medical and wellness demonstrations, practice first aid at the Teddy Bear Care Clinic, explore an ambulance, receive a free removable finger cast, and much, much more! See the flyer attached to this week's newsletter for more info!

Summer Youth Art Program

The University of Saint Francis' School of Creative Arts is hosting a Youth Art Program for summer 2020. Student fee is \$75 per week. Sessions are for grades 1-3, 4-5, and 6-8. Classes meet from 9 to 11 am, Monday through Friday. Students may participate in one, two or three weeks. All materials and supplies are provided.

Week One: July 6 - 10: *FOLLOW THE LINE*: Explore fun ways to create a variety of lines while using interesting materials and tools.

Week Two: July 13 - 17: *ENCHANTED WORLDS*: Create an imaginary world using a variety of materials.

Week Three: July 20 - 24: *CHARACTER CREATION*: Create your own character and an environment where they live.

Contact: Molly McGowan, Art Coordinator (260-399-8064) mmcgowan@sf.edu Register at bit.ly/youtharts20

SCRIP NEWS



First Sunday of Lent – The meatless Fridays of Lent are meant to be a sacrifice but they don't have to be a challenge. There are many meatless choices every place you look. You might consider a veggie or cheese pizza from any of the pizza places or meatless pasta from the Italian restaurants or **Noodles & Co. Subway** offers a tuna sub as their Friday "sandwich of the day," and many of the fast food chains run a deal on their fish sandwiches during Lent – *Arby's, Burger King, Culver's, McDonald's* and *Wendy's*. Spending less time on dinner gives you more time to share with the Lord.



Let's Take a Closer Look – Over the last several years we have watched the numbers for **SCRIP** trend down – sales, profit and participation. It's always hard to understand this trend. **SCRIP is free money!** The parish has used **SCRIP** profit to help build a home for our priest, the kindergarten wing in our school, and the Gathering Space in our church. It helped fund the purchase of our beautiful pipe organ, the extensive repairs on the church and school roofs and funded many projects for our school. Many of these projects might still be on the drawing board if it weren't for the profit from our **SCRIP** program. SO, why do the numbers continue to go down?

Common misconceptions:

It's a school fundraiser.

Not true. It's a **parish fundraiser** and the scope of the projects proves that. Many of our most frequent purchasers no longer have students at St. Charles.

Your portion of the profit can only be used for tuition.

Not true. While you CAN use your **SCRIP** credit for tuition at ANY school, pre-school through college, it can also be donated to any of the parish projects or ministries; OR you can receive a **family rebate check**.

The number that puzzles us the most is the number of school families and parishioners that use **SCRIP**. I've been involved with **SCRIP** for more than 15 years. When I first started we filled approximately 100 orders per sale date. Now that number is closer to 65-70. A quick look when the credit statements came out showed that **less than half** of our school families take advantage of the opportunities that are available with **SCRIP**. This is very hard to understand.

January numbers were better in 2020 than they were in 2019. That was exciting to see. Let's keep up the good effort and see if we can't make **2020** a great year.

VOLUNTEERS:

Mar. 2 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Stephanie Keefer

Mar. 6 – Mary Jo Amorini, Tom Neuhaus, Dorla Rice, Judy Smith

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Mar. 7 – Mary Jones, Jill Onion, Tom Ryan

Mar. 8 – Nancy Hartig, Arianne Davis, Lisa York

Mar. 9 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Jen Prada

Mar. 13 – Maryann Quinn, Jenny Perkins, Sue Rohling, Amy Copeland

Mar. 13 – CLASSROOM DELIVERY – Christine Sweigert

Mar. 14 – Jennifer Hogan, Tricia Lilly, Marlene McKinney

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

March 2020 Cafeteria Lunch Menu

2	3	4	5	6
Chili w/Cheese Baked Potato Oyster Crackers Mixed Fruit Milk	Pasta w/meat sauce Caesar Salad Garlic Cheese Toast Apricots Milk	Taco Salad w/beef Doritos Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk	Cheeseburger w/Lettuce, pickle, tomato Tater Tots Peaches Milk	Bosco Sticks w/marinara sauce Veggies & Dip Go-Gurt Oranges Milk
9	10	11	12	13
Chicken Patty Fries Broccoli Scooby Snacks Mixed Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Goldfish Crackers Green Beans Pears Milk	French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Hashbrowns Dragon Juice Banana Milk	Scoops w/Taco Meat Lettuce, Cheese Black Beans Corn Grapes Milk	Cheese Pizza Veggies & Dip Pretzels Go-Gurt Pineapple Milk
16	17	18	19	20
Corn Dog Oven Fries Baked Beans Peaches Cookie Milk	Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel Cheese Sauce Broccoli Oranges Milk	Soft Taco Cheese, Lettuce Refried Beans Corn Grapes Milk	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Dinner Roll Steamed Carrots Applesauce Milk	Cheese Omelette Pancake w/Syrup Hashbrowns Dragon Juice Banana Milk
23	24	25	26	27
Hot Dog Sweet Potato Fries Peas Mixed Fruit Scooby Snacks Milk	Taco Salad w/Cheese Black Beans Doritos Corn Grapes Milk	Cheeseburger w/Lettuce, pickle, Tomato Fries Pineapple Milk	Ham & Turkey Sub Sandwich Sun Chips Veggies & Dip Banana Milk	NO SCHOOL

Lunch Prices 2019-2020

Lunch/Milk \$2.80

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 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
Payments are used to pay for a Meal (regular price \$2.80), Extra Entree (\$1.50), and Milk (\$0.45)				
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TICKET REQUEST



Thursday, March 19, 2020 @7:00pm St. Charles Borromeo School Hession Parish Center Gym

_____ number of ADULT tickets @ \$5.00 = \$_____

_____ number of STUDENT tickets @ \$2.00 = \$_____

Total amount enclosed \$_____

Tickets should be sent home with _____, Room #_____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MARCH 13